

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

# Graduate School Hooding Ceremony

Summer & Fall 2021 Graduates

*December 9, 2021 - 6:00 PM*

*Maxwell Theatre*



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**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

# GRADUATE OATH

As I embark on my career, now an alumnus of The Graduate School at Augusta University, I pledge that I will represent my discipline honorably by conducting myself and my professional endeavors in a manner that is always above reproach. I will strive to show compassion, embrace diversity, and above all, uphold excellence that I should become a worthy role model and ambassador of Augusta University.

With this affirmation, I acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me, while seeking truth and the advancement of knowledge in all my actions. I will always remember to act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and incorporate both the art and science of my profession in the products of my labor. I will incorporate ethical and moral principles that constitute integrity in all that I do, and faithfully ensure that the results of my professional activities ultimately benefit our world.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D.



I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate this important milestone in the career progression of our graduate students. Take time to enjoy this moment, reflect on all of your accomplishments, and thank the people that helped to get you here.

I would like to thank the Graduate School team who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to create what we hope has been a memorable acknowledgement of our graduates' impressive achievements. I would also like to thank the faculty, Program Directors, Deans, and the upper administration at Augusta University for their sustained commitment to graduate education. The commitment of our AU community to graduate education is unparalleled. I thank you for your efforts to respond to the ever-changing needs of our graduate student community by offering new and exciting opportunities in education, research and scholarship.

The Graduate School, founded in 1965, awards masters, specialist and doctoral degrees in more than forty-five programs. We have a vibrant and diverse graduate community that includes over 1200 students enrolled across the nine colleges and schools that comprise Augusta University. Our Graduate School faculty members hold primary appointments in the Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Business, Dentistry, Education, Medicine, Nursing, Science & Mathematics, and the School of Computer and Cyber Sciences. As a result, the Graduate School is unique among all of the Augusta University stakeholders, serving as a point of connection and collaboration among our schools and programs with the single mission of providing an outstanding and supportive graduate educational experience.

Graduation is not necessarily the culmination of your academic journey, but regardless of your long term goals this is an important step in the process of life-long learning. Thank you for making the decision to pursue your graduate education at Augusta University and allowing us to be a part of your journey. I sincerely hope that you look back on your time at Augusta University with a sense of pride. It is my extreme pleasure to offer my most heartfelt congratulations to each of our graduates!

*Best wishes and continued success to all of our graduates!*



# ORDER OF CEREMONY

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Maxwell Theatre, Augusta, Georgia

## GRADUATE & FACULTY PROCESSIONAL

### WELCOME

Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D.  
Dean, The Graduate School

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Patrice Jackson, Ed.D.  
AVP, Student Affairs

### INTRODUCTION TO HOODING

Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D.  
Dean, The Graduate School

### PRESENTATION OF HOODS

College Deans & Graduate Faculty

### INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATE OATH

Patricia Cameron, Ph.D.  
Vice Dean, The Graduate School

### GRADUATE OATH

Henry Claussen, Ph.D.  
Summer 2021 Graduate, Biostatistics

### CLOSING REMARKS

Patricia Cameron, Ph.D.  
Vice Dean, The Graduate School



# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE & SCHOOL DEANS

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**Lester Pretlow, Ph.D.**  
COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

**Kim Davies, Ph.D.**  
PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Richard Franza, Ph.D.**  
HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Carol Lefebvre, DDS**  
DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

**Judi Wilson, Ed.D.**  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**John Sutherland, Ph.D.**  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

**Tanya Sudia, Ph.D.**  
COLLEGE OF NURSING

**David Hess, M.D.**  
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

**Alexander Schwarzmann, Ph.D.**  
SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & CYBER SCIENCES





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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
GRADUATES





## NADA SAMIR MOHAMED ABOELELLA

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Molecular Medicine

Dissertation:

Indomethacin-Induced Oxidative Stress Sensitizes Tumor Cells to T-Cell Cytotoxicity Through the Trail-DR5 Axis

*"Nada is the most ambitious student I ever mentored. I have no doubt her passion for research and desire for success will lead her to where she wants to be. Good luck!"*

*~Gang Zhou, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## KASEY MARIE BELANGER-MAYER

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Physiology

Dissertation:

Immune Cell Activation in DOCA-Salt Hypertensive Males and Females

*"It has been a privilege to take this journey with you. It has not always been easy, but you have persisted and persevered and for that I will always be thankful and proud.*

*Congratulations on all you have accomplished!"*

*~Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## KARIS TERESE CASSEUS

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing

Dissertation:

A Systematic Review & Meta-Analysis: The Role of Cytokines in Adult Women 18 Years or Older with Fibromyalgia

*"Dr. Casseus, many congrats on your PhD degree. Not many have achieved what you have done. But I hate to tell you: this is just the beginning of your successful journey. Perseverance is one key that has landed you in such a remarkable position of attaining your PhD degree. Have a wonderful trip with Khloe. "*

*~Lufei Young, Ph.D., Major Advisor*





## HENRY HERMAN CLAUSSEN

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Biostatistics



Dissertation:

Modeling the Simultaneous Effects of Copy Number Variation and Methylation on Gene Expression Using Next Generation Sequencing Data

*"Congratulations, Henry! It has been truly a pleasure to work with you and watch your development and success in biostatistical research. Your hard work paid off and I am sure that you will continue to excel in your future research and career."*

*~Jie Chen, Ph.D., Major Advisor*

## BRANDON DAVID GRAMAZIO

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Genomic Medicine



Dissertation:

Method Development of an Early Detection Biomarker Panel for Bladder Cancer

*"Brandon is a capable and dedicated scientist that works hard to develop innovative strategies to understand complex biological problems."*

*~Richard McIndoe, Ph.D., Major Advisor*

## MELISSA J. HOWIE

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Biostatistics



Dissertation:

Predictive Inference for Linear and Circular Concomitants with Biomedical Applications

*"Melissa was focused, hardworking and exploratory in her dissertation research, making it a pleasant task to guide her to the finish line. She always puts forth her best effort."*

*~Varghese George, Ph.D., Major Advisor*





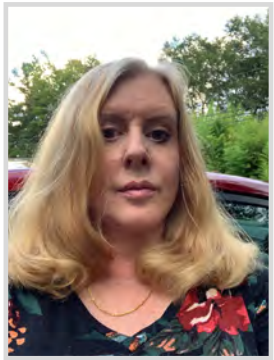
## SAI KARTHIK KODEBOYINA

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Genomic Medicine

Dissertation:  
Defining the Role of Aqueous Humor Proteome in Glaucomatous Optic Neuropathy

*"Sai has a positive and charming personality with values like responsibility, honesty, generosity and respect for others. Proud of him always!!"*

*~Ashok Sharma, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## DEBORAH JO LASSITER

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing

Dissertation:  
Associations Between Social Determinants of Health and Net Stress

*"Debbie is centered on excellence in patient care; passionate in meeting ambitious research goals; driven to advance measurement of patient stress for clinical practice."*

*~Lucy Marion, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## SETH ALLAN LEE

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing

Dissertation:  
Social Determinants of Health Associated with Parental Hesitancy and Teen Human Papillomavirus Immunization

*"From GED to PhD! A long, deliberative, and unrelenting journey to learn and achieve excellence in nursing practice, teaching, and research. Congratulations, Seth!"*

*~Lucy Marion, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## JIAQI LI

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Genomic Medicine

Dissertation:

A Novel Network-Based Linear Model for Prioritization of Synergistic Drug Combinations

*"Jiaqi is a hard working individual that is both meticulous and efficient. His science is innovative, deliberate and carefully thought out."*

*~Richard McIndoe, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## SARAH RAY MCLARNON

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Physiology

Dissertation:

Pathogenesis of Vascular Congestion Following Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in WKY Rats

*"I feel privileged to be able to be a part of Sarah's training and look forward to seeing what great things she will go on to accomplish in future!"*

*~Paul O'Connor, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## BHAUMIK DINESCHCHANDRA PANDYA

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Biochemistry and Cancer Biology

Dissertation:

Unraveling the Complex Interplay between Heat Shock Transcription Factor 1 (HSF1) Networks and T-cell Metabolic Reprogramming in Anti-tumor Immunity

*"Bhaumik's strength is his excitement about his research and how he can solve complex problems. Additionally, Bhaumik had a pleasant impact on our research environment."*

*~Nahid Mivechi, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## MARJORIE ELIZABETH PETTY

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing

Dissertation:

Belief in Research, Religious Coping, and Willingness to Participate in Clinical Trials Among African American with Hematologic Malignancies: A Pilot Study

*"Marjorie's research on disparities will add significantly to clinical trials."*

*~Cynthia Chernecky, Ph.D., Major Advisor*

## MARISSA ANN SEAMON

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Neuroscience

Dissertation:

The Effects of Daily Niacin Supplements for Parkinson's Disease Patients

*"It has been a pleasure to watch Dr. Marissa Seamon grow in the field of Neuroscience. Her sincerity, perseverance, and dedication are exemplary. I am proud of her significant contributions to the field.*

*I wish her all the best for every step in her future journey."*

*~Chandramohan Wakade, MBBS, Major Advisor*

## RACHEAL LEE WOOD

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Nursing

Dissertation:

Multimorbidity and Physical Activity in Adults with Heart Failure

*"Congratulations, Dr Wood, on your success. I knew from first day you walked in my office you are going to make it to the top. You are truly inspirational. The hard work and efforts you put into your endeavors are beyond excellent. Congratulations on another success to you! I can wait to see your next extraordinary achievement."*

*~Lufei Young, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## LUODAN YANG

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Neuroscience

Dissertation:

Photobiomodulation Attenuates Alzheimer's-Associated Pathology and Improves Cognition

*"Luodan Yang's extraordinary work ethic has advanced pre-clinical treatments for Alzheimer's disease. He has set a high bar for publications and awards in the Graduate Program in Neuroscience!"*

*~Lynnette McCluskey, Ph.D., Program Director*

## SUNITHA ZECHARIAH

Doctor of Philosophy with a Major in Applied Health Sciences

Dissertation:

Development, Reliability, Validity and Item-Level Psychometric Measurements of the Interactive Nutrition Specific Physical Exam Competency Tool (INSPECT) to Evaluate Registered Dietitians' Competence in Performing Nutrition Focused Physical Exam on Adult Patients

*"I have never seen a student so passionate and dedicated to her work as Sunitha! This zeal combined with her faith and perseverance will take her far! Working with Sunitha inspired me and I hope has formed a friendship that will last a lifetime."*

*~Leigh Lehman, Ph.D., Major Advisor*





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DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE  
GRADUATES



## CHIMA DERRICK ANUKAM

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluation of Post-Anesthesia Hand-Off Checklist on Patient Outcomes in an Adult Post-Anesthesia Care Unit

*"Chima exhibits Augusta University's core value of integrity.*

*I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Anukam."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*

## JUSTINA NGOZI ANYANWU

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evidence-Based Fall Prevention Strategies in Long-Term Care: A Program Evaluation and Plan

*"Justina is the utmost professional in all aspects of her role as a nurse practitioner and DNP student.*

*Her tenaciousness in her endeavors results in excellent outcomes."*

*~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor*

## SHANITA SOUTHERLAND AUSBORN

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

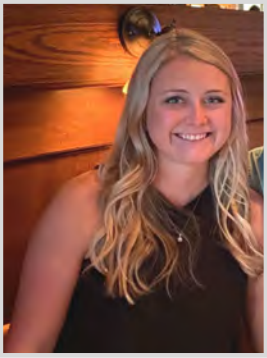
Improving Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation of Depression in Primary Care Through Implementation of an Educational Intervention

*"Shanita is an extremely passionate family nurse practitioner who demonstrated a deep commitment to improving evidence-based practice and adoption of national screening guidelines for depressed patients in rural and urban primary care settings. It was my honor and pleasure to work with this very intelligent dedicated student who has already made a significant different in the lives of the clients and communities she serves."*

*~Elizabeth NeSmith, Ph.D., Major Advisor*







## EMILY PEREZ BAYNHAM

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Education on the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia Guidelines for Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting Prophylaxis

*"Emily exhibits Augusta University's core value of excellence.*

*I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Baynham."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*



## KRISTEN HEATHER BENJAMIN

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of Telehealth Services to Improve Post-Bariatric Surgery Follow-up Rates and Patient Experience

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.'*

*(Jane Goodall); Your next career steps will be significant!"*

*~Desiree Bertrand, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## ANDREW JEFFREY CARTIER

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Implementation of a Stanford Emergency Manual Educational Program in a Burn Operating Room: An Educational Overview

*"Andrew, your hard work showed every day, especially when things got hard."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*



## SHELBY VICTORIA COFER

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluating Healthcare Providers' View on the SBAR Handoff Tool's Effectiveness in Improving Postoperative Communication

*"Dr. Cofer created invaluable diversity-related learning opportunities for our nurse anesthesia program that we will continue to utilize long after her graduation. She is definitely an asset to our profession."*

*~Kimberly Kimble, DNP, Major Advisor*

## CHARLOTTE ANNE COOPER

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Education on Standardizing Anesthesia Handoff to Registered Nurses

*"Charlotte, your excitement made it fun to teach and I know you'll bring that to your role as a CRNA as well."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*

## FRANCES RAYNELLE CURRY

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Compliance Evaluation of a Revised Massive Transfusion Protocol

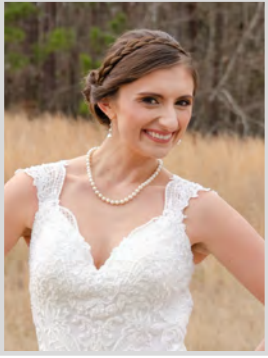
*"Frances' resilience and perseverance in light of very difficult circumstances highly speaks to her character. I am so very proud and fortunate to be a part of her journey to become a CRNA."*

*~Lisa Stephens, DNP, Major Advisor*



## BRITTANY MOORE DARNELL

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluation of Post-Anesthesia Hand-Off Checklist on Patient Outcomes in an Adult Post-Anesthesia Care Unit

*"Brittany, your outgoing nature served you well as a student,  
and will continue to serve you well as a CRNA."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*

## WILLIAM HAMMOND DARNELL

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluation of a New Antisepsis Protocol on Surgical Site Infection Rates

*"William, it's been a pleasure to see you all the way through your journey from undergrad to now.  
I'm proud to be your colleague."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*

## MAXWELL WALKER DONNAN

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Creation of an Evidence-Based Reintubation Dashboard

*"Max exhibits Augusta University's core value of compassion. I am excited about your future as a  
Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Donnan."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*



## KRISTIN ANNE DORTCH

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluating the Impact of a Central Line Maintenance Educational Intervention on Intensive Care Unit Nurses' Knowledge

*"During the course a very difficult program Kristin exhibited academic and clinical excellence while balancing a family life. She is going to be an awesome CRNA."*

*~Lisa Stephens, DNP, Major Advisor*

## ANDREA BIRD FRANKLIN

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Implementation of a Handoff Communication Checklist for Postoperative Adult Surgical Patients

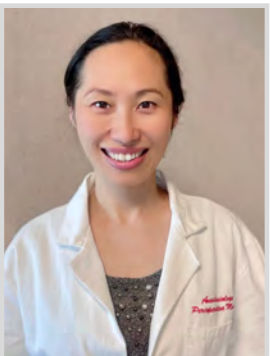
*"Andy exhibits Augusta University's core value of compassion.*

*I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Franklin."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*

## CHUAN HE HICKS

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Implementation and Evaluation of a Perioperative Temperature Management Protocol in Pediatric Surgical Patients

*"I first taught Angie when she pursued her MSN in Anesthesia. Being a part of Angie's professional growth through her DNP pursuit has been an honor. Congratulations, Dr. Hicks."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*



## KRISTEN AMANDA IRBY

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Implementation of a Stanford Emergency Manual Educational Program in a Burn Operating Room: An Educational Overview

*"Kristen exhibits Augusta University's core value of compassion. I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Irby."*

*~Shannon Broxton, Ph.D., Major Advisor*

## MARILYN SHARAY JACKSON

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

An Educational Program on the Recognition and Treatment of Post-Dural Puncture Headache in the Obstetric and Postpartum Populations for OB and ER Nurses

*"Marilyn's project will make a substantial impact on nursing practice."*

*~Cynthia Chernecky, Ph.D., Major Advisor*

## KRISTINA MARIE JAMES

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluating the Impact of a Central Line Maintenance Educational Intervention on Intensive Care Unit Nurses' Knowledge

*"Kristina is a joy to teach a true pleasure to be around."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*





## JENNA LINDSAY JAMMOUL

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Implementation of a Handoff Communication Checklist for Postoperative Adult Surgical Patients

*"Jenna, it has been a pleasure to watch you grow from a new student to a talented and dedicated anesthesia provider."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*



## ELIZABETH RUTH LARKINS

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Nurse Manager Rounding for Patient Satisfaction: The Impact of Simulation Training

*"Elizabeth, so excited for you as you complete this arduous, but rewarding journey! Look forward to all of the great projects you will employ based on evidence! Congratulations!!"*

*~Michelle Cox-Henley, DNP, Major Advisor*



## LATASHA RANIECE LAWSON

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of Mindfulness-Based Stress Management Education for Critical Care Nurses

*"Latasha, always remember to be a "Student" and to bring others along on your journey."*

*~Patricia Bowman, DNP, Major Advisor*





## LAUREN BRIANA LOWELL

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Utilization of a Pre-Induction Checklist

*"Lauren exhibits Augusta University's core value of collegiality. I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Lowell."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*



## ABIGAIL LEIKER MAILAND

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Utilization of a Pre-Induction Checklist

*"Abigail, be strong enough not to let others tell you what to do, but smart enough to recognize sound advice."*

*~Corey Peterson, DNP, Major Advisor*



## NICOLE MICHELLE MARTINEZ DE ANDINO

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Evaluation of Telehealth Services to Improve Post-Bariatric Surgery Follow-up Rates and Patient Experience

*"It's not what you achieve, it's what you overcome. That's what defines your career." (Carlton Fisk);  
You will do great things in the next steps of your career, Nicole."*

*~Desiree Bertrand, Ph.D., Major Advisor*





## AMANDA MORIARTY MCDANIEL

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Creation of an Evidence-Based Reintubation Dashboard

*"Amanda, be strong enough not to let others tell you what to do,  
but smart enough to recognize sound advice."*

*~Corey Peterson, DNP, Major Advisor*



## NOEL URIAH NELSON

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Healthcare Provider Education: Adult Male Prisoners with Diabetes Type 2  
(T2DM) in a Georgia State Prison Facility

*"'The power of determination will make you unstoppable' (Jean Charest)... Noel is a passionate, driven  
individual who will continue to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable populations."*

*~Robin Johns, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## JAMES MATTHEW OXFORD

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Evaluation of a Stanford Emergency Manual for Perioperative Critical Events  
Educational Program

*"James exhibits Augusta University's core value of leadership. I am excited about your  
future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Oxford."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*







## ONOME OLIKA OYAKHIRE

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evidence-Based Fall Prevention Strategies in Long-Term Care: A Program Evaluation and Plan

*"Onome is steadfast and patient. She has excelled as a DNP student and is a wonderful role model for our profession."*

*~Beth McLear, DNP, Major Advisor*



## DONNA ANNETTE PATTERSON

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Assessing Nurses' Knowledge on the Role of Fluid and Sodium Restriction in Heart Failure Patients

*"Donna's project is essential to practitioners and educators regarding heart failure."*

*~Cynthia Chernecky, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## TAMARA A. PITTMAN

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Retrospective Chart Review of Newly Implemented Orthopedic Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Protocol and Evaluation of Patient Outcomes

*"Tamara, I'm proud to call you a colleague and co-worker!"*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*





## MADELAINE SMIRA PRUITT

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluation of an Educational Program on Communication During Massive Transfusion Protocol

*"Madelaine was one of our most dedicated and determined students. I am so happy to be part of her journey towards becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations Dr. Pruitt!"*

*~Kimberly Kimble, DNP, Major Advisor*



## MITZIE NICOLA REAGAN

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

The Utilization of an Evidence-Based Intervention to Promote Sustainability in Situation, Background, Assessment and Recommendation (SBAR) Bedside Reporting

*"Congratulations to Mitzie upon the achievement of her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree! Her passion for improving care for our most critically ill patients is to be truly commended and was translated into practice by removing barriers to sustainability of implementing national guidelines for standardized bedside shift report in the intensive care unit. The significance of her doctoral project was heightened by challenges she and others faced and powered through to overcome with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The faculty of the DNP Program at the AU College of Nursing wish her all the best as she embarks on this new phase of her career and we are excited to see extended outcomes with the dissemination of her work."*

*~Elizabeth NeSmith, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## ANNA SIMPSON RICKERSON

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Prevention and Management of Intraoperative Hypothermia in Trauma Patients: Creating a Team that Warms

*"Anna exhibits Augusta University's core value of leadership. I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Rickerson."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*





## ANGELA MARIE ROOS

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Implementation of Parent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Education Intervention to Raise Awareness of an Informed HPV Vaccination Decision for Their Minor Children

*"Angela, it was a pleasure to walk along with you on your journey.  
'The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.' (William Shakespeare)"*  
~Mary Lou Davis, Ph.D., Major Advisor



## CHRISTINA SIMPSON ROUIS

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Prevention and Management of Intraoperative Hypothermia in Trauma Patients: Creating a Team that Warms

*"Christina exhibits Augusta University's core value of collegiality. I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Rouis."*  
~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor



## MARTIN ROSS ROYBAL

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Education on Standardizing Anesthesia Handoff to Registered Nurses

*"Your leadership was appreciated by the program, Martin. I'm excited to see how you use that ability at AUMC and in our state."*  
~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor





## JAMIE LEIGH LEWIS SAYE

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Evidence-Based Program Evaluation Project to Improve Screening for  
Childhood Adverse Experiences in Obstetric Patients

*"Jamie, your passion for your topic is admirable and contagious; hold on to your  
passion for your work will do great things."*

*~Jennifer Detchemendy, DNP, Major Advisor*



## TESA MARIE SCARBOROUGH

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Education for Malignant Hyperthermia Preparedness in an Otolaryngology  
Ambulatory Surgery Center

*"Tesa, you embody what we look for in a student and a CRNA."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*



## CASON ALEXANDER SCHOFILL

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:  
Evaluation of a Stanford Emergency Manual for Perioperative Critical Events  
Educational Program

*"Cason, your drive through the program was evident.*

*You bring that same energy to the hospital."*

*~Reed Halterman, DNP, Major Advisor*



## **ANN DARBY SMITH**

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Evaluation of an Educational Program on Communication During Massive Transfusion Protocol

*"Ann Darby exhibited profound determination and excellence during the program. Without a doubt she is going to excel at being a wonderful CRNA."*

*~Lisa Stephens, DNP, Major Advisor*

## **MERRI HEATHER STANDARD**

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Nurse Manager Rounding for Patient Satisfaction: The Impact of Simulation Training

*"Heather, congratulations on a job well done! I know that the facility and your staff will truly benefit from so many of the new projects you will employ in the future based on new knowledge! Great job and keep in touch!"*

*~Michelle Cox-Henley, DNP, Major Advisor*

## **EDWARD LEE STUART**

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

Education for Malignant Hyperthermia Preparedness in an Otolaryngology Ambulatory Surgery Center

*"Lee exhibits Augusta University's core value of leadership. I am excited about your future as a Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Dr. Stuart."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*





## RACHEL FELICE SWERDLIN

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Development of an Evidence-Based Mentorship Program for New Graduate Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

*"It is the size of one's will that determines success' (unknown)... Rachel is an incredibly determined, well-balanced over-achiever who will continue to make her mark in the pediatric healthcare setting."*

*~Robin Johns, Ph.D., Major Advisor*



## SARAH SABRI TRIPP

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

An Evidence-Based Practice Initiative to Improve Recruitment and Retention into a Wellness Center Obesity Program

*"Sarah Tripp has worked hard to accomplish her goal of being a DNP prepared nurse practitioner. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors."*

*~Colleen Walters, DNP, Major Advisor*



## CHARLES PATRICK NALASA VIDENA

Doctor of Nursing Practice

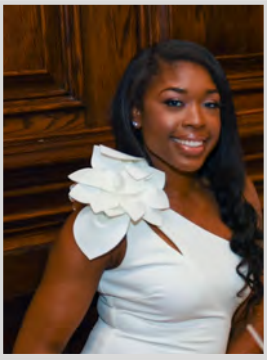
Project:

Education on the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia Guidelines for Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting Prophylaxis

*"The best phrase to describe Charles is "quiet storm". He exudes a calm confidence that will make him an awesome Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations Dr. Videna!"*

*~Kimberly Kimble, DNP, Major Advisor*





## PORSHEA JA'QUINDI WHITE

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Compliance Evaluation of a Revised Massive Transfusion Protocol

*"Porshea embodies every quality of a strong Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. I look forward to what she will accomplish after graduation. Congratulations on your well deserved success, Dr. White!"*

*~Kimberly Kimble, DNP, Major Advisor*

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## ERIN ASHLEY WILKES

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Improving Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation of Depression in Primary Care Through Implementation of an Educational Intervention

*"Ashley is an extremely passionate family nurse practitioner who demonstrated a deep commitment to improving evidence-based practice and adoption of national screening guidelines for depressed patients in rural and urban primary care settings. It was my honor and pleasure to work with this very intelligent dedicated student who has already made a significant different in the lives of the clients and communities she serves."*

*~Elizabeth NeSmith, Ph.D., Major Advisor*

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## COURTNEY WYNN WOLFE

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Project:

Evaluating Healthcare Providers' View on the SBAR Handoff Tool's Effectiveness in Improving Postoperative Communication

*"Courtney was a hard-working conscientious student who always exceeded expectations. I look forward to her contributions as a doctorally-prepared Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.*

*Congratulations Dr. Wolfe!"*

*~Kimberly Kimble, DNP, Major Advisor*



## LAURIE JEANNE YATES

Doctor of Nursing Practice



Project:

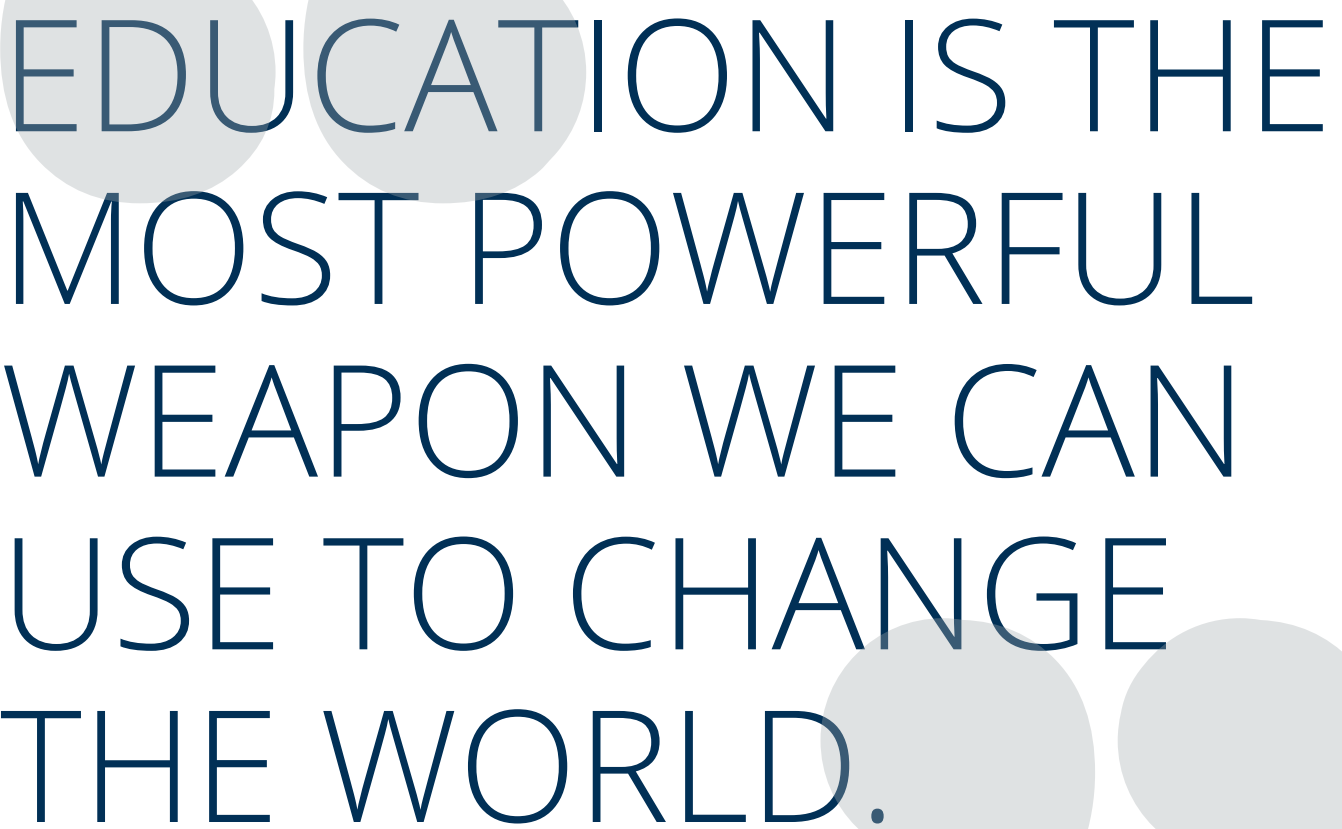
Implementation and Evaluation of a Perioperative Temperature Management Protocol in Pediatric Surgical Patients

*"Laurie has been a mentor of mine for nearly 20 years. Returning the favor as her DNP Project Chair has been an honor. Congratulations, Dr. Yates."*

*~Shannon Broxton, DNP, Major Advisor*







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*Nelson Mandela*

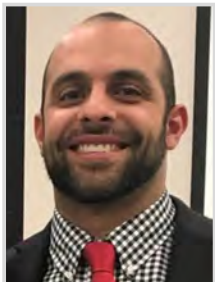


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### MUHAMMAD NIZAR ABDELLATIF

*"Muhammad is admirably committed to his students' growth and development in his work with them in physical education."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### STEPHANIE JO ADAMS

*"Stephanie is going to go on to do great things with her students, based on her good work in our program."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### AJA DIONNA ALBERTI

*"Aja was so pleasant to work with and is off to continue her good work with her students, improved as a result of her learning here."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### AMANDA ROSE ANDERSON

*"Congratulations, Amanda, on this wonderful accomplishment! You are an excellent student with so much to offer future generations."*

*~Amanda Anderson, Ph.D.*



### JENSON NGOZI ARCHER

*"Congratulations, Jensen, on this exciting accomplishment, and all the best in your upcoming professional endeavors."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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### COLLEEN DENISE BAKER

*"Colleen has now completed three distinct degrees at AU! She is a caring, dedicated and passionate physical educator and basketball coach with significant leadership potential."*  
~Graeme Connolly, Ph.D.



### GLADYS YVONNE BALDWIN

*"Gladys' thirst for knowledge and willingness to use new information to drive improvement within her school and district were exciting to me. I look forward to hearing all of the great things she will be doing following graduation!"*  
~Lee Flood, Ph.D.



### CHRISTINE ELIZABETH BARLOW

*"Christine returned to grad school after a hiatus and never missed a beat. She dove into her research and found ways to make positive connections to her own practice."*  
~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.



### SHANIECE DANYELL BARNES

*"Shaniece's colleagues surely benefit from her passion for teaching. All the best to her as she continues in her professional journey!"*  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.



### STEFANIE BUCK BASINGER

*"Stefanie is a helpful team-player who made good contributions to her group's thinking in our course, and surely brings the same attributes to her teaching."*  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.



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### COURTNEY LOUISE BERNAL

*"I should say that as a relatively senior member of the faculty, I have the advantage of looking back over a career spanning nearly twenty years as a professor and as a classroom teacher. In that time I have worked alongside great teachers and leaders. Mrs. Bernal is certainly among the best of those. She is talented, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic and tirelessly carries out her work with determination and humility. She is a talented teacher and an exceptional leader. I could not think of a better person that reflects the values of our distinguished teaching society."*

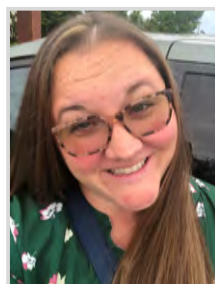
*~Juan Walker, Ph.D.*



### BRYAN PATRICK BIRD

*"Bryan's willingness to engage new material to make him a better educator was evident in my course. I hope that basketball season is treating him well!"*

*~Lee Flood, Ph.D.*



### AMBER DANNIELLE BOWLING

*"Amber's love of teaching and her students was obvious in her writing, and she worked hard to grow for their benefit."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### LACEY ANNE BRITT

*"Lacey is an innovative and committed educator who works hard to develop valuable learning experiences for all her students."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



### RUSSELL PATRICK BROOKS

*"Russell is passionate about his work with ESOL students and was thoughtful about how to use what he learned to improve their educational experiences."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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**CHELSEY MICHELL BROWN**

*"If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed." Chelsey Brown is the epitome of the word courage. She is a model of courage each day as she teaches and inspires her middle school students."*

*~Melissa Johnson, D.Ed.*



**KRYSTAL SHELETTE BROWN**

*"One of my favorite moments from Krystal is when she challenged herself creatively and proved that she has talent across genres!"*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**LINDSAY RAE BUNKER**

*"Lindsay is a dedicated student who offers unique insights in class discussions."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



**VICTOR TRAVIS CALHOUN**

*"Victor was one of the first to use his coursework to explore the consequences of our quick transition to virtual learning for students, which shows his commitment to relevance."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**SHUMARA LAKEIDRA CARSWELL**

*"Shumara Carswell is a passionate educator gifted with the ability to recognize and respond to the nuances of education both in her classroom and at large."*

*~Caroline Whitcomb, MT*



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**MELISSA ADAMS CHAPMAN**

*"I loved how Melissa was so passionate about improving her teaching. I know she'll succeed at applying some of those reading strategies that inspired her."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**NIGERIA NICOLE CLARK**

*"Nigeria is such a thoughtful and devoted teacher to her students. Working with her in this program was wonderful."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**PATTIE MARIE CLAXTON**

*"Pattie is a committed and conscientious student."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



**CYNTHIA HALL COBB**

*"Cindy's genuine willingness to challenge her assumptions was a notable feature of her coursework, which is so rewarding."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**AUSTIN THEODORE COCHRAN**

*"Austin made important connections between our coursework and his teaching and school setting that will definitely have a positive impact on his students."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*





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**SHERI COOK DAVIS**

*"Sheri did great work on the importance of student-teacher relationships and how to foster and nurture them."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**KRISTIN MASON DOCKERY**

*"Kristin was very intentional about using her assignments to make herself into a stronger teacher for her students."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**JUSTIN RYAN DORE**

*"Justin brought a fresh perspective to my courses. I enjoyed watching him grow as an educator over the course of the program."  
~Lee Flood, Ph.D.*



**SHANON T. DUNNOM-FRANKLIN**

*"Shanon did a great job of merging her current experiences with what we read about and discussed, which is the key to professional growth."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**RACHEL ANN EASTERLING**

*"Rachel enriched her professional understanding both academically and affectively during her program."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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**JESSICA LEIGH EDDIE**

*"Jessica brought her knowledge and expertise of mathematics education to her studies to challenge current practices in order to make them better."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**AMY VALENA ELLINGTON**

*"As a music educator, Amy uses her work to uphold the potential for the arts to help her students truly enjoy school, and she focuses on being able to help them develop confidence."*

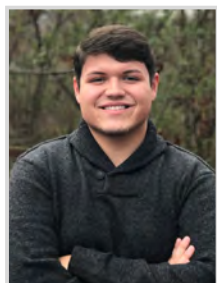
*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**STEPHEN WEEKS EUBANK**

*"Stephen contributed ideas to his class discussions that helped push all of our thinking to new ideas."*

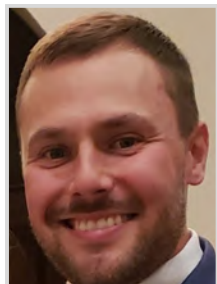
*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**QUANAH ZACHARY TREVOR FIELDS**

*"Zac brought a genuine care and appreciation for his students and his growth as an educator to all of his coursework."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**DUSTIN FOWLER**

*"Dustin values the opportunity his elementary PE classes give his students to access their non-academic strengths, knowing that this helps them grow as healthy young people."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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**STACY REECE FROST**

*"Stacy brings a new perspective into the classroom and offers valuable suggestions for classroom teaching to her colleagues. She and the rest of the Statesboro Girls made our AUWP Summer Institute even more fun!"*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



**CHASIE BECKWORTH GERLACH**

*"Chasie's cheery disposition paired with her genuine desire to learn made it so fun to engage with her questions and her coursework."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**ERNESTINA GONZALES**

*"All the best Ernestina, in your journey as an educator with your new knowledge and skills!"*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**ASHLEY MYRA GOODIS**

*"Ashley Goodis is a teacher eager to learn and that is a beautiful thing!"*

*~Caroline Whitcomb, MT*



**LAKETTA W. GRIFFIN**

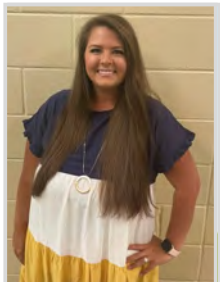
*"LaKetta's diverse teaching experiences helped her get the most out of her courses because she could think about the impact of practices across K-12 levels."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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### AMANDA RYAN HAMMOND

*"Amanda was an inspiration to work with, because she enjoyed wondering what else there is to know about how to be the best educators we can be."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### TRACEY ANN HAMPSON

*"Tracey appreciates her students' perceptions and questions, and sought ways to effectively bring those into her teaching."*

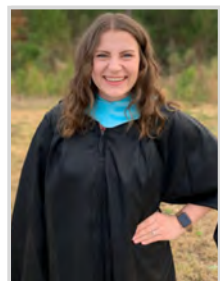
*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### MARY WILSON HAMPTON

*"Mary is a dedicated student who excels in her classes."*

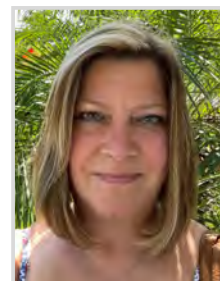
*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



### ASHLEIGH LINES HARRIS

*"Ashleigh is a committed educator whose dedication to improving her craft for the benefit of her students is apparent. She was a joy to have as a student (across two programs!) as she constantly found a way to infuse the online environment with positivity and enthusiasm."*

*~Lee Flood, Ph.D.*



### MARTHA LYNNETTE HARRIS

*"Lynn used her transition to teaching a new grade level to study more about students' learning needs in middle grades math."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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### ANDREW MANNING HARWOOD

*"Andy really pushed himself as a student and purposely tried new methods because he knew he would grow further by doing so. This approach to education will take him far."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### BRENT JOSEPH HAYGOOD

*"Brent is a very conscientious student who crafted a program to further his teaching and coaching."*

*~Darla Linville, Ph.D.*



### AMY LEE HOLTON

*"Amy used the opportunity to question current practices to study her own instructional choices, to ensure they are best for her students."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### SAMUEL HONEYMAN

*"Sam's coaching and teaching intersect in ways that make both better, and he values the impact he is able to have from these roles on his students and players."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### IVY CHRISTINE HOYLE

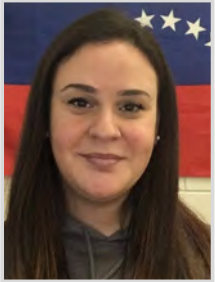
*"I learned from Ivy's proficiency with educational technology and enjoyed working with her!"*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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### REBECCA VANESSA HUMPHRIES

*"Rebecca enjoyed the work of engaging in critical dialogue with her classmates to grow as an educator for her students."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### DEBRA LATOYA HUNTER-GREEN

*"It was a true joy to watch Debra grow over the course of the program. Her students are lucky to have an educator that is so committed to her own personal growth!"*

*~Lee Flood, Ph.D.*



### NATALIE KATHRYN HURTADO LUGO

*"Natalie was persistent in her quest for deeper knowledge of how to be a great teacher for her students."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### PAMELA JENKINSON

*"Pam persisted through her coursework with effort that certainly will be reflected in her future teaching."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### MELISSA ANN JOHNSON

*"Missy was great at making strong connections between what we read and wrote about and her own teaching practices. I'm sure she is taking a lot of new ideas back to her classroom."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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### MARLITA DEANNA JONES

*"Marlita enhanced her work with struggling readers by asking important questions about the best curricular choices for them."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### PARIS NICOLE JOSEY

*"I truly enjoyed Paris as a student. She showed a desire to learn, came to extra meetings, and was insightful in her comments. Her dedication to learning was exemplary!"*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### MATTHEW VERNON KEALHOFER

*"Matthew showed such strength and determination throughout our course. I was impressed by his dedication to doing well and applying what he learned to his own practice."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### KATIE HAYMANS KEELER

*"It was exciting to watch Katie grow to love educational research and learn how to apply it to her own context. I further applaud her for her strength and determination!"*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### KATHERINE MARIE KELLY

*"Katie asks wise questions that are good for helping us stay true to our intentions as educators, which is inspiring to work with."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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**KATHLEEN ANNE KERNS**

*"Katie was so thoughtful in our course and made it evident how dedicated she is to teaching. I am excited for her to take what she's learned back to the classroom."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**KERRY LANGLEY**

*"Kerry's professionalism and thoughtfulness made it gratifying to read her work and think about how it was shaping her teaching."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**LATOSHA REGINA LATTIMER**

*"It was exciting to watch how Latosha continually made connections between our course and her own teaching. It was evident how committed she is to her practice."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**FRANCES MARIE MARSHALL**

*"I like to think Fran's background in minor league baseball played a role in her questions about the importance of play in kindergarten classrooms."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**ELIZABETH DANIELLE MCLAUGHLIN**

*"Elizabeth's work was the kind that pushed her professors to have to know more, which is exactly the kind of collaboration we live for."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*





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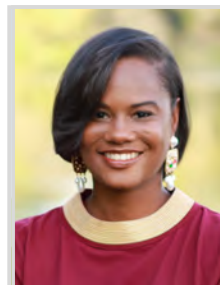
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### SHENIQUE LATIEFA MCLEOD

*"Shenique's genuine leadership lies in her care about people and attention to detail. Her humanistic approaches will reach many students' hearts and help them uncover their potential."*

*~Nai-Cheng Kuo, Ph.D.*



### CARNESHA D. MILTON

*"I loved watching Carnesha tackle each assignment with gusto and determination. I could easily see how her work ethic crossed over to her teaching."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### ALYSHA KRIER MOONEY

*"Alysha is quickly emerging as a leader in her field and is a valuable part of the AUWP. She has a wealth of instructional knowledge to share with the world."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



### ERIN LEIGH OXFORD

*"Erin's thoughtful commentary was always interesting to read and I loved seeing how she enjoyed engaging in analysis!"*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### JULIE ORR PADGETT

*"As an elementary music teacher, Julie's love for teaching has an impact on the whole school, and all her students benefit as a result."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



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**LISA LYNN PARKS**

*"I appreciated Lisa's energy and commitment to her studies and her teaching. She was not afraid to ask questions, which helped her grow as an educator and student."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**SHAKEIRA PARSONS**

*"Shakeira's high school biology teaching seems to be the kind that will inspire her students to pursue careers in the field; she is enthusiastic and creative about it."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**JERROD THOMAS PERRY**

*"Jerrod was tenacious and continued to persevere even when facing challenges. I am excited for him to apply his studies to his professional practice."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**ALEXANDRA ELIZABETH PITTALUGA**

*"Ali's 9th grade literature classes must be so engaging and enlightening for her students. She values this stage of their lives and the impact deep engagement with texts can have."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**KELLI HANSON POSTON**

*"Kelli is a hard worker and excels in everything she puts her mind to."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



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**WESLEY QUEEN**

*"Wesley is a gifted physics teacher. I always learned something new and interesting about the things he does with and for his students when I read his work."*

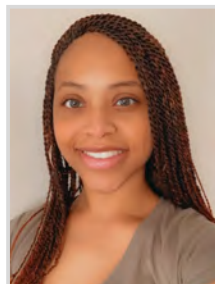
*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**CLAUDIA MILENA RAMIREZ ALIPIO**

*"Claudia loves working with her language learners and did a nice job of studying the potential of her teaching for them."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



**BRITTANY NICOLE ROBERSON**

*"Brittany's collaborative nature and dedication to her team was fantastic. She was open to new perspectives and contribute her own insightfully. It was a pleasure!"*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**DIANA MYERS ROBINSON**

*"I enjoyed Diana's research journey about non-traditional schooling and how she was flexible in the process to learn the most from the experience."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



**QUANESHA RAESHAUN ROBINSON**

*"Quanesha's dedication to examining some of the unique intersections within education ensure that she will be on the cutting-edge of her field for years to come. I really enjoyed having her as a student (and as a co-investigator as we figured out some of the advising stuff early on!)."*

*~Lee Flood, Ph.D.*



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### CHRISTY WATSON RODGERS

*"Christy's middle school science students benefit from her desire to design lively and educational labs for them to learn from."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### SUZETTE RODGERS

*"Suzette very thoughtfully crafts curriculum to meet the needs of her students."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### TRACEY GIBBONS ROWLAND

*"Tracey was an inquisitive and insightful student and I enjoyed interacting with her and watching her make connections to her own practice."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### LYNDSEY HARRIS SANDERS

*"Lyndsey really grew in my class as she made connections to her research and her own teaching practice through different methods."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### BROOKE ASHLYN SARVER

*"Brooke seamlessly wove her creative teaching practice into our course which contributed significantly to her work and the class."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



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### CHANTELL SCRIVEN

*"If anyone thinks middle school band class isn't where students genuinely learn, then they should chat with Chantell about her passion for practice."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### HEATHER LOUISE SHERON

*"Heather has overcome a number of obstacles and continues to succeed in all she does despite any challenges she encounters."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



### LYDIA BIGGS SMOOT

*"I hope Lydia's dog passed her Good Citizenship test and has become a part of her school's therapy dog program!"*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### MARY KATHERINE STRICKLAND

*"Katie did a phenomenal job challenging herself as a creative scholar, which led to a conference presentation and upcoming publication. It was a privilege to work with her."*

*~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*



### TARA TIEISHA SWINSON

*"Tara is a thoughtful student who considers the needs of her students among all other considerations so she can provide them with the best instructional experience possible."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



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### NAN M. TANNER

*"Nan's writing has a natural reflective quality that made it fulfilling to read, as though she was watching herself grow as an educator."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### SELENTA RENA TAYLOR

*"Rena was so willing to ask questions to make her projects the best they could be; it is clear her art students both love and benefit from working with her."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### STEPHANY MARIE TIGHE

*"Stephany sent me an email one time I will describe as 'feisty but polite,' which made me smile and let me know she advocates for her students, too."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### TIFFANY TOLAR

*"Tiffany's dedication to wanting to get the most out of her program here, to make herself a strong teacher for her students, was clear."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### JENNIFER HOWELL TURNER

*"Jennifer's commitment to her students is evident in the classroom experiences she shared in our class. Her dedication and passion is something to be admired. Along with her Statesboro colleagues, she helped our AUWP learn even more ways to effectively teach writing in classrooms."*

*~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.*



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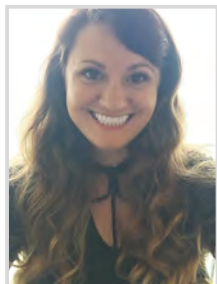
### HEATHER DENISE TYPHAIR

*"Heather is passionate about her students and their learning. Her writing put students first and at the center of the questions she asked."*  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.



### OBINNA IKECHUKWU UCHIME

*"Obi is a thoughtful and reflective student whose depth of thinking and perspective on the world is admirable."*  
~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.



### HEATHER ANNE UPCHURCH

*"Heather values her role as a teacher and advocate for her special needs students. She thinks big for them, beyond their current grade level, about how they will thrive in the world."*  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.



### ROSANNA HENDLEY WARD

*"Rosanna's dedication to her students and her instruction is evident in the thoughtful planning she puts into her lessons. She and her Statesboro colleagues gave our AUWP participants multiple examples of engaging and effective writing instruction."*  
~Rebecca Harper, Ph.D.



### SIERRA LEANN WEIRICH

*"Sierra was a joy to work with and is ready to make an even bigger difference now in her students' lives now."*  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.



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### TIFFANY MICHELE WESER CHRISMAN

*"Tiffany's good work in her courses and our program make her even more well-prepared to serve her students."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### DANA MARIE WEST

*"Dana's work ethic is one that served her well in her program here and is one that makes her a natural leader among her peers."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### DELILA DENICE WILBURN

*"Delila has persevered through challenging circumstances admirably in order to make herself into a stronger educator for her students."  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### TAYLOR WILCOX

*"Taylor pushed me to learn something new about a theoretical lens I didn't know existed. This is the most rewarding work!"  
~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### SHIKARA LYNIQUE WILLIS

*"Shikara put forth great effort in my course and went above and beyond as a student. I am excited for her continued work as an educator."  
~Rhia Moreno, Ph.D.*





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### JENNIFER ANN WILSON

*"Jennifer's work this semester makes me sure she is going back to her classroom and students in January a more powerful educator."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



### VICTORIA GRACE YRIZARRY

*"Victoria loves working with her middle school chorus students, and will take lessons with her from our program that we believe will help her love it more."*

*~Laura Rychly, Ed.D.*



# SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION with a Major in Educational Leadership



**DAVID JOEL ACKERMAN**

*"David is an inclusive and compassionate leader in context of practice and group settings."  
~Olajide Agunloye, Ed.D.*



**GINA LEWIS BASSFORD**

*"Gina exemplifies a great leader by the high quality of standards she sets for herself."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**TERESA ANN COBB**

*"Teresa has the leadership traits, perseverance, and knowledge to transform a vision into a reality."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**STEPHANIE MILLIKAN COMPTON**

*"Stephanie is a leader who is never satisfied with status quo, but always striving to do better."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**ADAM BREVARD CROWLEY**

*"Adam is a great listener, motivator and speaker of positive praise who fosters a positive school climate."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



# SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION with a Major in Educational Leadership



**ELESHA JANTELLE ELLISON**

*"Elesha is the exemplary leader that recognizes a problem and addresses it before it become an emergency."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**JENNIFER SURRENCY GREEN**

*"Jennifer is the leader who can take a complex problem, divide into smaller sections, prioritize the sections, and begin devising a solution."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**APRIL RENEE' GUZMAN**

*"April is an innovative and visionary leader who focuses on getting the job done correctly."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**MARCUS JARREL JACKSON**

*"Marcus is tenaciously focused on achieving professional goals and objectives."  
~Olajide Agunloye, Ed.D.*



**KATY CLAUDETTE LAINE**

*"Katy exudes passion and enthusiasm in collaborative settings."  
~Olajide Agunloye, Ed.D.*



# SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION with a Major in Educational Leadership



**JAMES L. MORRISON**

*"James is a trustworthy and confidential leader who earns the trust and respect of his colleagues."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**SHERRY RUTH PHILLIPS**

*"Sherry emulates the three C's of effective leadership: caring, courteous, and considerate."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**RICQUETTA STEADMAN PRESCOTT**

*"Ricquetta demonstrates great leadership traits of integrity, insightfulness, and inclusiveness."  
~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**SARAH BAILEY TAPLEY**

*"Sarah is a high performing educational leader with professional and ethical dispositions."  
~Olajide Agunloye, Ed.D.*



**DAVID SOLOMON LAMPROS TUCKER**

*"David is a strategically diligent leader who drives self and others to achieve desired outcomes."  
~Olajide Agunloye, Ed.D.*



# SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION with a Major in Educational Leadership

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## FRANKIE CHANELLE WRIGHT

*"Frankie has a high consideration factor as a leader. She truly cares about all stakeholders."*

*~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



YOUR LIFE IS YOUR  
STORY, AND THE  
ADVENTURE  
AHEAD OF YOU IS  
THE JOURNEY TO  
FULFILL YOUR  
OWN PURPOSE  
AND POTENTIAL.

*Kerry Washington*



SCIENCE HALL



# MASTERS GRADUATES





# MASTER OF ARTS

## with a Major in Intelligence & Security Studies



**STEVEN CAUTHRON**

*"Steven is an extremely hard working and intelligent student. It has been an honor working with him throughout his undergraduate and graduate career. There is no doubt he will continue to do great things in his profession in the years to come."*

*~Lance Hunter, Ph.D.*



**ALICIA NICOLE CLIFF**

*"Nicole is that rare student who blends expertly, knowledge of technical and strategic cybersecurity!"*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



**HANNAH DOUGHTY**

*"Hannah understands the field; it is in her DNA; she has the potential to become an expert analyst!"*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



**MATTHEW DAVID GOODIN**

*"Matthew is a rare practitioner and scholar of intelligence and security studies; he combines both avenues in a spectacular way."*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



**HALEY BETH LAWTON**

*"Haley's paths are wide open in the field; look for her to be a game-changer in the study and practice of intelligence and security!"*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF ARTS

## with a Major in Intelligence & Security Studies



### MEAGAN KELLY MAYS

*"Meag is a dominant theorist; she understands the more abstract nature of security studies. She will be a great attribute for US national security."*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



### HOLLY MICHELE MCBRIDE

*"Holly is one of the most diligent, hard-working and prepared students I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. I look forward to watching all her future success."*

*~Jay Heslen, Ph.D.*



### KEVIN SCOTT METHENY

*"Kevin is an incredibly bright student who brought an enormous amount of real-world experience into the classroom. The Intelligence Community is very lucky to have him!"*

*~Jay Heslen, Ph.D.*



### SAMANTHA ELLEN MULLANEY

*"Samantha has the world before her; she can become an superior academic, or a superior analyst. The world is hers."*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



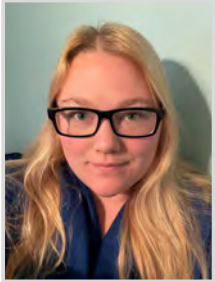
### PETER OYET OTIM

*"Peter is an amazing individual; you can see his passion for the field, and compassion for others. He is going to do awesome things."*

*~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF ARTS with a Major in Intelligence & Security Studies



## JESSICA SPRADLIN ROBINSON

*"Jessica is going to be on the NSC one day; she has no fear of serious discussion and application of theory to practice."  
~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



## JOHVONTE' FA'QUANN SINGLETON

*"Johvonte' has an natural understanding of critical security studies; he is going to change the field by his application of critical studies to national security. Watch out!"  
~Craig Albert, Ph.D.*



## CLARA ERVIN SWINT

*"Clara is smart, works hard, and takes advantage of opportunities that come her way.  
I'm confident she will excel at whatever she pursues. "  
~Gregg Murray, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## ADEKEMI DAMILOLA ABIMBOLA

*"Adekemi is dependable and committed to her success and the success of her team. Her future is bright and her opportunities for success are endless."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*



## CHARLOTTE ALRAN

*"Charlotte's best quality is that she is very well organized. Moreover, she also keeps others in her groups organized. Her time management skills will be one of the most important bases of her successful professional career."*

*~Dinesh Hasija, Ph.D.*



## TRAVIS BELSON

*"Travis is a highly motivated professional with endless opportunities for future success."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*



## RYAN FREDRIC BLOOMQUIST

*"Ryan is unique gem. His natural leadership skills, innovative thinking, and tenacious drive for success with serve as a valuable benefit for any organization."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*



## MATTHEW DAVID BROCATO

*"Matthew's drive, perseverance, and kind heart brings positive energy to any situation. He is admired and well liked by his classmates, professors, and colleagues."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## DEAISHA JANAY BROWN

*"DeAisha never gives up! Even after facing hurdles, she is always determined to be a winner. This attitude of her will make her successful in her professional journey."*

*~Dinesh Hasija Ph.D.*



## FAIROUZ LEE CHIBANE

*"Despite the variety of topics and aspects covered in the course, there was a key enduring principle that I noticed was continuously recurring and that was the word "better". Congratulations Fairouz!"*

*~Jim Grayson, Ph.D.*



## SCOTT XAVIER FARRIS

*"Scott has flourished and excelled in his academic pursuits and risen to become a highly successful leader. We are proud of his accomplishments and the example he sets daily."*

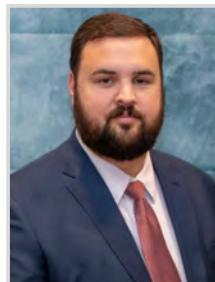
*~Michael Casdorff, Ed.D.*



## JAIME MOSES FIGUEROA

*"I now see how statistical analysis can be used to detect underlying patterns and relationships between variables, and how the strength of those relationships can be quantified. Congratulations Jaime!"*

*~Jim Grayson, Ph.D.*



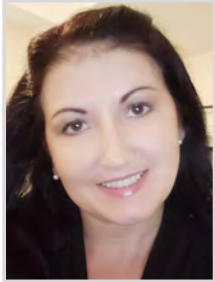
## WILLIAM ANDREW HAUSMAN

*"William's energy and positive demeanor is contagious. He is naturally driven to succeed and future success is inevitable."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## JAMIE MARIE HILL

*"Jamie is a strong, intelligent, and highly motivated professional woman. Her drive to succeed and natural leadership skills are admirable and motivating."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*



## BREANNA LASHON HOGUES

*"On behalf of the Hull College, congratulations, Breanna, on your well-deserved success!"*

*~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



## STEVEN BARRY HOLSTEN JR.

*"On behalf of the Hull College, congrats on this outstanding achievement, Steven!"*

*~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



## LOUBERTO JAVIER HUERTAS RIVERA

*"Congratulations today and best wishes for all your tomorrows, Louberto!"*

*~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



## JEFFREY N. JAMES

*"The Hull College wishes you all the best in your future endeavors! Congratulations, Jeffrey!"*

*~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## SAI KARTHIK KODEBOYINA

*"Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes in your future endeavors, Sai Karthik!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



## TEDDI LAIN LYNCE

*"Teddi is a committed professional. Her determination, strong work ethic, and creative thinking adds value in all situations."*  
~Melissa Furman, DBA



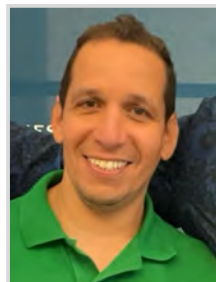
## CHINMAYA MAREDDY

*"Congratulations, Chinmaya! The Hull College wishes you much success!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



## JONATHAN ANDREW MCKENZIE

*"As a resident physician, Andy noted that overall, the class demonstrated the value of Quality Improvement in any setting."*  
~Jim Grayson, Ph.D.



## ALEXANDER MOSTERT

*"Congratulations on your graduation, and best of luck as you continue to advance your career, Alexander!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## TAMMY STEWART MURRELL

*"Tammy listens keenly and applies learning to a range of work situations and personal experiences."  
~Simon Medcalfe, Ph.D.*



## ADEWALE OKELEJI

*"Our warmest thoughts and highest hopes are with you as you celebrate your graduation! Congratulations, Adewale!"  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



## SANDEEP ANAND PADALA

*"On behalf of the Hull College, congrats on this milestone, Sandeep!"  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



## SIMRAN R. RAJPUT

*"Simran is a truly kind, compassionate, caring, and talented individual who makes a great biryani and will make an even better doctor."  
~Simon Medcalfe, Ph.D.*



## LILLIAN SAMUNDSEN

*"The Hull College wishes you all the best for your future - Congratulations, Lillian!"  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



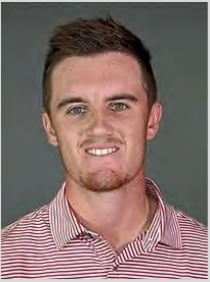


# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



## DAVID BOWEN SAUER

*"The Hull College wishes you all the best and take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead - Congratulations, David!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



## DANIEL MICHAEL SHEEHAN

*"Congratulations on earning your MBA, Daniel - wish you all the best!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



## KHALIS THOMAS

*"On behalf of the Hull College, we congratulate you on this achievement and wish you all the best, Khalis!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



## CHIDRUP A. TRIPATHI

*"The Hull College wishes you many success - Congratulations, Chidrup!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



## JONATHAN PATRICK TURNER

*"May you continue to have new opportunities come your way; congratulations, Jonathan!"*  
~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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## SARAH DIANE TYCHSEN

*"Sarah is a bright, hard-working, and highly-motivated student. An absolute joy to work with in adding value to several projects by asking thoughtful questions!"*

*~Mark Thompson, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Counselor Education



## ASHLEY CAROLINE BONNETTE

*"Ashley, you resemble the art you create: intriguing, persistent, engaging, and riveting. Continue to dream, to dare, and to distinguish yourself."*

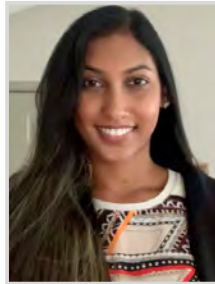
*~Meredith Rausch, Ph.D.*



## MARQUETTA JANAЕ GREEN

*"Marquetta, you leap barriers with endless determination. Your passion for counseling shines through and lights your path."*

*~Meredith Rausch, Ph.D.*



## PADMINI MANGRAY

*"Quiet confidence and a compassionate heart shine through you, Padmini. Continue to pursue your authentic self--the world needs it."*

*~Meredith Rausch, Ph.D.*



## KELSI BRENDA NKIE

*"Kelsi, it has been an honor and a privilege to share a few years knowing you. Your dignity, integrity, heart, and passion are unparalleled."*

*~Meredith Rausch, Ph.D.*



## KEONNA JANAY STANLEY

*"Keonna, you are a driving force in this world, yet you lead with a smile, sparkling eyes, and considerate soul. Never stop offering the gift of YOU--you are incredible."*

*~Meredith Rausch, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Instruction



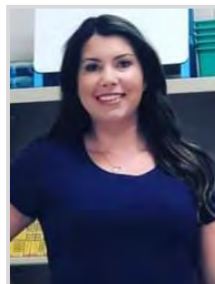
**DELYDIA ANTEESE ALBERT**

*"Delydia was a great student who is knowledgeable about education and student learning."  
~Jack Eisenman, Ed.D.*



**AMY LEIGH ALEXANDER**

*"You did it, Amy! Don't look back; keep your eyes forward and make the difference!"  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.*



**JESSICA RENAE ANDERSON**

*"Jessica's ability to reflect and take ownership of her growth will develop in all who are impacted by her energy and learning leadership. She has a wonderful future ahead of her."  
~Jason Holt, Ed.D.*



**PARKER WADE BERDON**

*"Mr. Parker has always given every learning opportunity his best effort. He work shows quality thought and insight."  
~Jack Eisenman, Ed.D.*



**MEAGAN ALEXANDRIA BOOKER**

*"You are my inspiration, Meagan. Watching you grow and become a master teacher was my joy!  
Congratulations on a job well done!"  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Instruction



**EDGAR LARUE BOWMAN**

*"LaRue, your growth as a teacher was noteworthy and I am so PROUD of your accomplishment!"*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



**JACLYN KIMBERLY BRAUN**

*"Ms. Braun is a educator that always reflects on her teaching and seeks to improve. The mark of a true professional."*  
~Jack Eisenman, Ed.D.



**KELSEY DOZIER CARVER**

*"You have accomplished something special: becoming a master teacher! Way to go, Kelsey!"*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



**ANSLEY LANE CRAWFORD LEWIS**

*"Ansley is a fantastic teacher and student who puts her students learning first. Her work is consistently excellent."*  
~Jack Eisenman, Ed.D.



**LACIE DANIELLE DOOLITTLE**

*"Congratulations, Lacie, on reaching this next milestone in your education! Your students are so lucky to have you for a teacher and role model! Best wishes in all your future endeavors."*  
~Kim Barker, Ph.D.



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Instruction



## GRACE BRANNEN DYMECK

*"Grace demonstrated tremendous tenacity and growth over the course of my class. The sky is the limit for her and I am excited to see the exciting places that she goes!"*  
~Lee Flood, Ph.D.



## MISTY DARNELL FIELDS

*"No matter the challenge, you met it with excellence and grace. Celebrating you today, Misty!"*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



## SONYA ELIZABETH GORE

*"Ms. Gore has been a pleasure to teach. Her insights have added to everyone's learning. Reading her work is a pleasure."*  
~Jack Eisenman, Ed.D.



## WHITNEY A. GOUCH

*"Whitney, your commitment to excellence never wavered and you did it!!! I am in awe of your talent and accomplishments. Congratulations."*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



## MENDY ELAINE GRANT

*"Mendy, you are a caring teacher and wonderful student! Congratulations on your accomplishment! Best wishes!"*  
~Kim Barker, Ph.D.



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Instruction



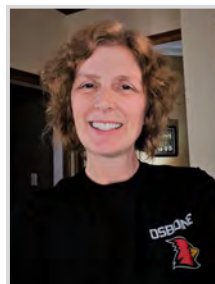
## JENNIFER F. HILL

*"I am impressed with how hard you worked and how much you accomplished, Jennifer. Nailed It!"*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



## JENNIFER OPAL HOOPER

*"Ms. Hooper is one of the college's best and brightest. Her work is always top quality."*  
~Jack Eisenman, Ed.D.



## KERALE JOONSAR

*"Congratulations on a job well done, Kerale!"*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



## MCCALL BARNES MONTGOMERY

*"Outstanding effort and excellent results, McCall! You are truly a master teacher!"*  
~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.



## HANNAH TAYLOR SOURDIFF

*"I have enjoyed traveling and learning with you, Hannah! Congratulations on this accomplishment and best wishes as you continue on life's journey!"*  
~Kim Barker, Ph.D.



# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Instruction



## KINLEY GRACE SPIVEY

*"You rocked this degree! Great work, Kinley!"*

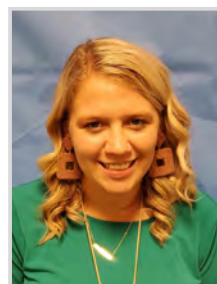
*~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.*



## CONNOR GREGORY TEEMS

*"I'm proud of you, Connor! You kept reaching until the very end and smashed it!"*

*~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.*



## DOROTHY K. WHITE

*"Dottie, you did not quit! Look how far you have come since beginning! WELL DONE!"*

*~Ashley Gess, Ph.D.*





# MASTER OF EDUCATION with a Major in Leadership



**JADE DUKE BROWN**

*"Jade is a focused leader who concentrates on one task until successfully completed."*

*~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**ALTON ALEXANDER DAWKINS**

*"Al is an anticipatory leader who analyzes all angles and possible consequences of a situation before acting."*

*~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



**JAMES GARDNER LITTLE**

*"James is a meticulous and disciplined leader who earns the respect and praise of his colleagues."*

*~Renee Neal, Ed.D.*



# MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



## BRITTANY NICOLE AKINS

*"Brittany overcame many obstacles to earn her degree. I was always impressed by her dedication. I look forward to seeing her use her degree to make the world a better place."*

*~Martha Ginn, Ph.D.*



## KELLI CODY BROOKINS

*"Kelli was a very intuitive student who added creativity and a broad perspective. She took assignments to a higher level and really applied herself. Kelli shined in the classroom, especially during presentations."*

*~Kimberly Gray, DPA*



## ERIC JOSEPH CARRIER

*"I'm excited that Eric is finishing his MPA with us, and I look forward to hearing about his successful career in local government."*

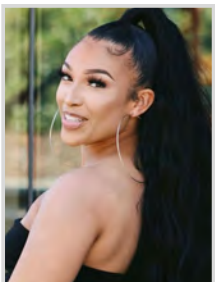
*~Will Hatcher, Ph.D.*



## SI-LONG CHEN

*"Si-Long is a very creative and demonstrated her creativity throughout the program in her courses and in her leadership roles."*

*~Wesley Meares, Ph.D.*



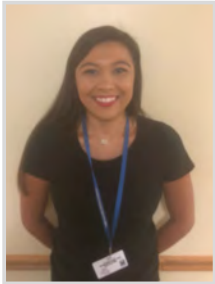
## NEEMA RACHON COLON

*"I wish Neema all the best for her future."*

*~Rhucha Samudra, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



## PARIS MARIE HOLLAR

*"I'm excited that Paris is finishing her MPA with us. This is her second degree from AU and our Department of Social Sciences, and we're proud to have her as a double alumna."*

*~Will Hatcher, Ph.D.*



## JENNIFER ELAINE JAREMSKI

*"Jen has a passion for learning that is infectious and an incredible work ethic. She has and will continue to make a positive impact wherever she goes."*

*~Wesley Meares, Ph.D.*



## MACY KNOWLES RICE

*"Macy has an indomitable mentality and an incredible work ethic. That combination will make her successful in any endeavor."*

*~Wesley Meares, Ph.D.*



## ALEIA TRUNNELL RINGEL

*"Aleia was a great student, but more so she was a fantastic person. No matter the day she always had a great attitude and everyone enjoyed working with her."*

*~Wesley Meares, Ph.D.*



## SHELLIE LYNN SMITLEY

*"Shellie was a non-traditional student who was adjusting to college life after being away from the classroom for some time. She faced challenges adjusting to college but she worked hard to overcome them."*

*~Augustine Hammond, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



## NICHOLAS ROSS TERRY

*"I'm excited that Nick is finishing his MPA with us, and I look forward to hearing about his successful career in local government planning and other areas of public service"*

*~Will Hatcher, Ph.D.*



## CHARLOTTE PINCKNEY WATFORD

*"Pinckney was a great student, but her work ethic is what should stand to me during the program. Whether it was the capstone project or a case study, she would do her best."*

*~Wesley Meares, Ph.D.*



## TERESA RENEE YOUNG PINHEIRO

*"Teresa was one of my favorite students. She always elevated level of discourse in class and she may have taught me as much as I taught her. She is going to make an impact!"*

*~Martha Ginn, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



## EDWARD VILLADELGADO AGABIN

*"Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." (Martin Luther King, Jr.)*  
~Tran Nguyen, DPH



## SAPNA H. DARJI

*"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." (John. F. Kennedy)*  
~Tran Nguyen, DPH



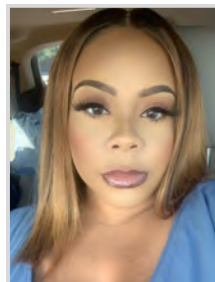
## KIERSTAN RENAE GREEN

*"Congratulations on your success, Kierstan! You have accomplished one more milestone and will without a doubt continue to achieve amazing things in your career path."*  
~Yoon Ho Seol, Ph.D.



## AMANDA CAMILLE HOLLAWAY

*"Congratulations, Amanda, MPH! You did a terrific job with your capstone project on maternal and child health outcomes. I hope you get an opportunity to build upon your research. I wish you great success in all your future endeavors!"*  
~Pavani Rangachari, Ph.D.



## JASMINE AISHA MICHAEL

*"Congratulations, Jasmine! You have successfully made it through the journey in the program, and nothing but continued success will come your way. Best of luck on your next adventure!"*  
~Yoon Ho Seol, Ph.D.



# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



## EMILY MILES MILLER

*"Congratulations on your graduation, Emily! You have really demonstrated your perseverance and ability to focus to reach your full potential. Best wishes on your future endeavors!"*

*~Yoon Ho Seol, Ph.D.*



## JENNIFER NATION PINE

*"Wisdom begins with wonder." (Socrates)*

*~Tran Nguyen, DPH*



## SARAH YEN TRAN

*"Congratulations, Sarah, MPH! You did a terrific job with your capstone project on assessing and preventing c-difficile infections. I hope you get an opportunity to build upon your research. I wish you great success in all your future endeavors!"*

*~Pavani Rangachari, Ph.D.*



## CIARA JACOLE WALLACE

*"The hard labor and continuing effort in sharpening or molding a piece of iron, will one day become a precious and well-defined piece of metal." (Vietnamese Proverb)*

*~Tran Nguyen, DPH*



# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a Major in Allied Health

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**NEAL THOMAS HOLLIDAY**

*"Congratulations, Neal, on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!"  
~Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D.*



# MASTER OF SCIENCE

## with a Major in Information Security Management



### MARIAM IKPHEMOSIME BELLO-OGUNU

*"Mariam has been a stellar Information Security Management student performing well in all her courses. We look forward to celebrating her accomplishments going forward!"*

*~Markus Bacha*



### VONNY PAULA NOGALES VARGAS

*"Vonny displayed an impressive ability to synthesize her industry experience with the knowledge she gained within the program."*

*~Ronald Martin, CISSP*



### MICHAEL ALEX NORMAN

*"Michael always brought a new and insightful perspective to his assignments."*

*~Ronald Martin, CISSP*



### SHANTE DENISE PERRIN

*"Shante is a tenacious, internally-motivated professional woman with excellent problem solving abilities. She will excel with all her future endeavors and bring great value to any organization."*

*~Melissa Furman, DBA*





# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a Major in Kinesiology



## LOGAN PERRY KING

*"Logan has a genuine passion for math and science. He enjoys playing golf and is a dog-lover with plans to explore career options in the fields of PT, OT and massage therapy."*

*~Graeme Connolly, Ph.D.*



## DANIEL LANGSTON

*"Daniel is interested in nutrition and sport-specific training and is a very "creative" mind. He is well-positioned to succeed professionally while pursuing a doctoral degree."*

*~Graeme Connolly, Ph.D.*



## CHUWUEBUKA I. OBIGBU

*"Ebuka is interested in physiology, psychology and nutrition. His attention to detail and critical thinking skills will serve him well as he pursues a career in healthcare."*

*~Graeme Connolly, Ph.D.*



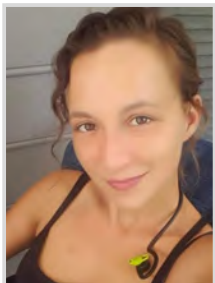
# MASTER OF SCIENCE with a Major in Psychology



## NATHANIEL MATTHEW BOYER

*"Nate did an outstanding job completing his thesis under less than ideal situations caused by the pandemic. He has a very bright future in neuroscience ahead of him."*

*~Michael Hoane, Ph.D.*



## CAITLIN MARIE ELIE

*"I admire Cait's strength, intellect, and resilience. She has all the qualities necessary to be an excellent counselor. I will miss her thoughtful contributions to our program."*

*~Sabina Widner, Ph.D.*



## SHELBY MAURANNA JONES

*"Shelby embodies the best of country music quotes. Like Reba McEntire says, she is 'different, stand outs, and works her butt off.'"*

*~Jenelle Slavin-Mulford, Ph.D.*



## ERIN PARK

*"Erin, it's my great privilege to know you...to think about all you've achieved."*

*~Tadd Patton, Ph.D.*



## SKYLER DALE PLOOSTER

*"So happy to share in the excitement of your graduation day, Skyler, and so very proud of you, too!"*

*~Tadd Patton, Ph.D.*



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## KAITLYN ELIZABETH SOROKO

*"Kaitlyn has demonstrated incredible perseverance, and it is a joy to see her earn this degree. Congratulations, Kaitlyn"*

*~Melanie Wilcox, Ph.D.*



## ALLISON NICOLE STALLWORTH

*"Allison is one of the most talented, conscientious, and compassionate students I have ever known. The sky is the limit for her success."*

*~Sabina Widner, Ph.D.*

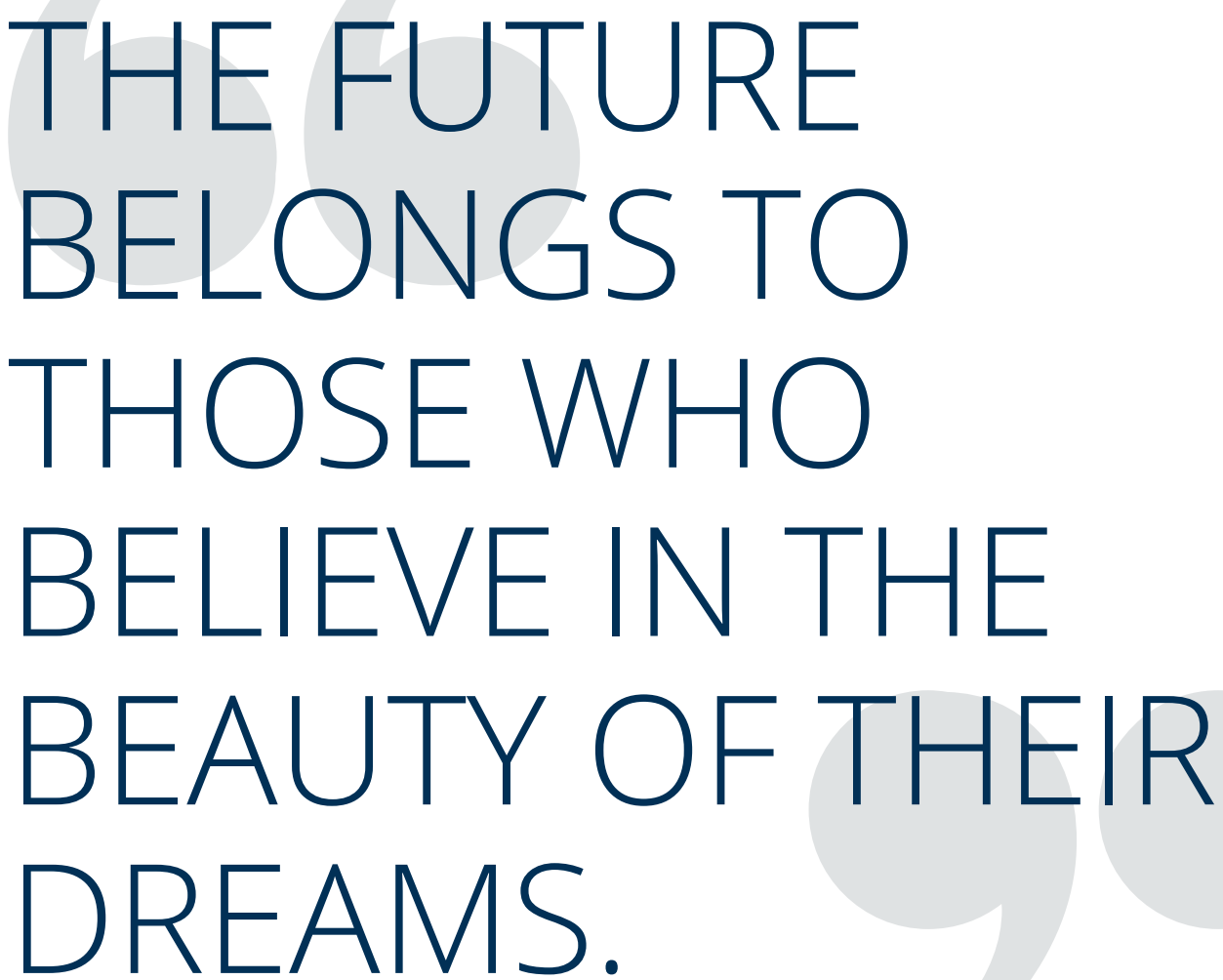


## KAITLIN HOPE VANRYSWYK

*"Kaitlin has a passion for helping others that is infectious. She is very smart, kind, and compassionate. I will remember her as a great advocate for the underdog and less privileged."*

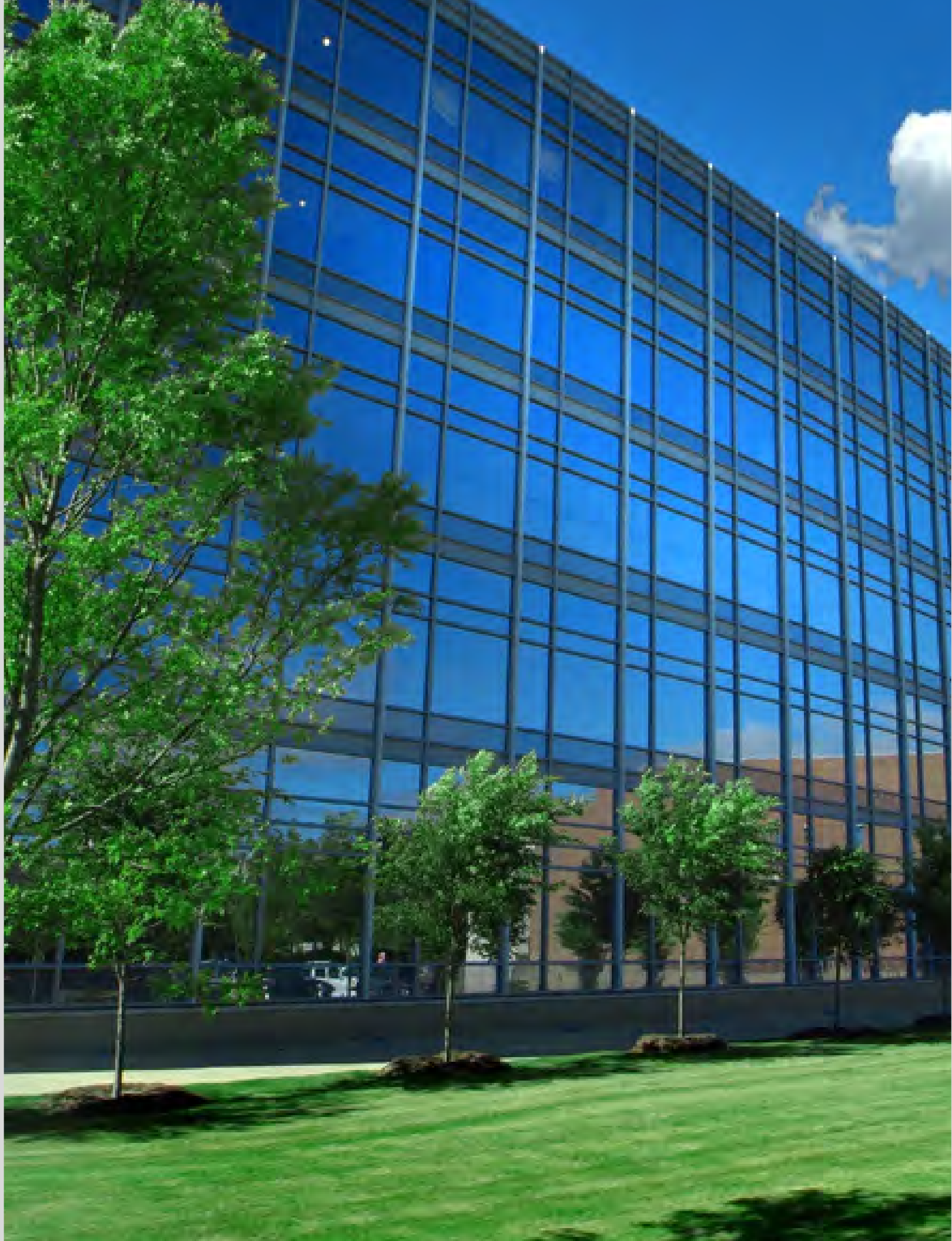
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BEAUTY OF THEIR  
DREAMS.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*





# POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATE GRADUATES



# POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE in Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner



## MONA ALISON BROWN

*"Mona's determination, drive and attention to the details have enabled her to excel in the role of a nurse practitioner."*

*~Beth McLear, DNP*



## AMBER D. OGLESBY

*"Inquisitive and intelligent, Amber has exceeded expectations on every level of her clinical practice."*

*~Beth McLear, DNP*



## GERLANA VARGAS

*"Gerlana provides a wonderful example of the impact of a strong work ethic and commitment to quality can achieve."*

*~Beth McLear, DNP*



# POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

## in Psychiatric & Mental Health Advanced Practice Nurse



**AKEELA DOSSA**

*"Congratulations, Akeela! I have no doubt you will find great success because of your enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive attitude. It's been a pleasure having you in the program."*

*~Judy Glaser, DNP*



**VASHAWN RENEE MOSLEY**

*"Congratulations, Vashawn! Your dedication and persistence has been a wonderful asset to the program and the profession. You have been a delight to work with during your time here."*

*~Judy Glaser, DNP*



**GLENDA ANN E. SINCLAIR**

*"Congratulations, Glenda! Your steady and knowledgeable presence has been a joy to have in the program. You will be a great asset to the psychiatric nurse practitioner community."*

*~Judy Glaser, DNP*





# CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL!

To Our Graduates:

When you began this journey, we know your minds and hearts were full of excitement, hope, and perhaps a little trepidation.

Throughout your journey - each unique in its own way - there may have been speed bumps, and wonderful surprises, but you kept going, applying the tenacity, work ethic, and intellect that we always knew you possessed. We are honored to have been here to cheer you on, hold your hand, and listen to your challenges and wins. Together, we overcame the hurdles, and we feel lucky to have supported you along the way. Today, we celebrate your endeavors, and congratulate you on obtaining your goal.

Graduation is not the end. It is a milestone and an invaluable step towards the rest of your life. We encourage you to keep learning and to keep steadily moving forward with trademark integrity. We hope your time at Augusta University was an experience like no other, and we hope what you have learned here will continue to help you reach your dreams and aspirations. We have enjoyed getting to know you, and supporting you through your graduate career. You have become part of the AU family, and your accomplishments inspire and motivate us.

You're now equipped with endless opportunity, and we know you will go out into the world as worthy ambassadors of your special talents and abilities. We thank you for your dedication and wish you continued success as you apply the principles you learned at Augusta University to your professional and personal growth. Just as you brightened our days at The Graduate School, we know you will make a shining impact on your individual communities. In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." We have watched you all become polished, accomplished representatives of Augusta University and The Graduate School, and we are proud of each of you.



Jennifer Sullivan, Ph.D.  
Dean, The Graduate School

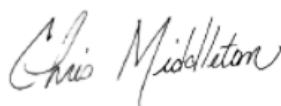


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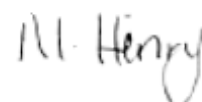
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