Augusta University

Fall Commencement

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COMMENCEMENT NOTES

Out of respect for all graduates, we ask that all students and their guests remain through the entire ceremony. President Keen will confer degrees at the end of the presentation of candidates.

Photography: GradImages will have photos of your graduate available for purchase after the ceremony. Your graduate will receive this information via the email address and mailing address provided on their graduation application. You are not obligated to purchase these photos.

Live Stream: Want to relive this special day? Replays of Augusta University's commencement ceremonies will be available for viewing on YouTube following the ceremonies.

A digital copy of this program is available on the Augusta University commencement website: augusta.edu/commencement

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

In 1828, eight ambitious doctors founded a medical academy in the heart of Augusta, Georgia. Little did they know the school they created, now the Medical College of Georgia, would go on to become part of a much larger university. Nor could the Academy of Richmond County founders have foreseen the impact of chartering the state's first junior college, the Junior College of Augusta, in 1925. Today, the legacies of these institutions continue to develop, grow and flourish together, creating an experience like no other.

Augusta University provides a world-class academic and social community that positions students for opportunity and success. As Georgia's innovation center for education, health care and cybersecurity, Augusta University is training the next generation of innovators, leaders and health care providers in classrooms, communities and clinics on four campuses in Augusta and locations across the state.

Augusta University is at the forefront of groundbreaking research focused on improving and enriching the human experience and addressing the challenges of our world. The university's colleges and schools include the state's only public medical school, only dental school and only public academic health center, where our students are creating a safer, healthier and more prosperous Georgia. As the state's designated health sciences center of excellence, we offer students a well-rounded education preparing them for a lifetime of critical thinking, creativity and success.

Students choose Augusta for educational opportunities and experiential learning in fields as diverse as the arts and humanities to the health sciences. Students from undergraduate to post-doctoral levels are mentored and inspired by a world-class faculty that includes prestigious scientists, clinicians, scholars and artists.

Augusta University is the home of the Jaguars' nationally recognized NCAA Division I men's golf team, the NCAA Division II national runner-up men's basketball team, and many other men's and women's varsity sports.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

The keynote remarks to the AU graduating class are given by Dr. Ralph Turner, president of Wellstar MCG Health, and Ms. Angela Canada, senior principal team leader, menu and packaging, Chick-Fil-A Inc.

Dr. Ralph Turner

President, Wellstar MCG Health Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Dr. Ralph Turner was selected as the first president of Wellstar MCG Health in March 2024. Prior to his role at Wellstar MCG Health, he served as hospital president for Wellstar Paulding Medical Center for two years. Previously, he served as the chief operating officer for the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital in Vero Beach, Florida, starting in March 2019. Also, while serving with the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio from January 2017 to March 2019, he was the executive director of patient support services for the Cleveland Clinic enterprise, overseeing integrated health systems responsible for food and nutrition services; laundry, linen and textile operations; and patient customer services including the renowned red coats, service express, and patient transportation.

During his tenure at the University of Wisconsin Health System, Turner served as vice president for facilities, support, and emergency medicine services (EMS). Among his accomplishments, he administered several on-time and under-budget construction projects, in addition to successful implementation of the patient ambassador program to improve customer services.

Turner also spent four years at MedStar Washington Hospital Center as vice president of facilities and support services and four years at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center as director of clinical engineering services. His 36 years of health care experience also included 21 years as a member of the Health Services Command of the United States Army, where he reached the rank of Warrant Officer Four.

A native of Georgia, Turner holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management and a Master of Science in Health Care Administration from the University of Maryland, as well as a Master of Public Administration from Troy University. He recently completed his Doctorate in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin.

Turner and his wife, Ann, have two sons.

Ms. Angela Canada

Senior Principal Team Leader, Menu and Packaging, Chick-Fil-A Inc. Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Angela Canada serves as a senior principal team leader of menu and packaging with Chick-Fil-A Inc. She graduated from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg South Carolina in 1994 with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. After completing a summer program in food science, Ms. Canada decided to pursue her master's degree at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in Huntsville, Alabama, graduating in 1997.

Canada has spent more than 26 years in the food industry, working with multiple companies. For the last 20 years, Canada has played an integral role on the culinary and commercialization team at Chick-Fil-A Inc. The span of her career has allowed her to create craveable menu items, such as the Chick-Fil-A Spicy Chicken Sandwich and Peach Milkshake. In her day-to-day role, she also supports initiatives to ensure a continuous food supply and collaborates on initiatives to reduce complex operational processes across all Chick-Fil-A restaurants.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

The student speakers were selected by their peers as representatives of the Class of 2024.

Mr. Churchill C. Ezeokonkwo

Graduate Hooding and Commmencement Ceremony Student Speaker

Churchill Ezeokonkwo graduated from Clayton State University in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Fitness Management. Today, he graduates with a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Health Management.

During his time as a graduate student at Augusta University, Ezeokonkwo worked as a graduate assistant cross country and track and field coach. He also served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and was the MPH Student Ambassador for the School of Public Health's Curriculum Committee. Ezeokonkwo received the Peach Belt Conference All-Sportsmanship Award and was selected twice to the Peach Belt First Team All-Conference. He was also selected to the 2023 Peach Belt All-Academic Team.

After graduation, Ezeokonkwo will continue coaching and pouring into athletes' lives at Augusta University. In addition to coaching, he will work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to bring about positive change in health promotion in a variety of school settings for the state of Georgia.

A native of Riverdale, Georgia, Ezeokonkwo is the son of Eric and Joy Ezeokonkwo.

Ms. Eboni Adrianna Watts

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker

Eboni Adrianna Watts is a 2020 alumna of John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School in Augusta, Georgia. Today she graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a concentration in Exercise and Sports Science.

During her time as a student at Augusta University, Watts was involved in several student organizations including the Augusta Influencers, Kinesiology Club and She Blossoms and served as social media chair of the 1828 Ambassadors. Of the multiple awards she's been recognized with, including receiving an 1828 Ambassadors medal, Watts says she is the proudest of being named Miss Augusta University 2024.

In addition to her student organization involvement, Watts worked as a manager of the Jaguar Student Activities Center (JSAC) and as a Campus Visit Assistant in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. She was named the 2022-2023 JSAC Employee of the Year.

After graduation, Watts hopes to attend graduate school to continue her education at Augusta University in 2025.

A native of Augusta, Georgia, she is the daughter of Tonya and Joseph Watts Jr.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM DECEMBER 11, 2024

Russell T. Keen, Ed.D., President, Augusta University, presiding

PRELUDE Augusta University Brass Quintet CONVENING OF COMMENCEMENT President Russell T. Keen PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Augusta University Jaguar Battalion NATIONAL ANTHEM Ms. Barbara Yancey INVOCATION Mr. Churchill Ezeokonkwo **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** Dr. Ralph Turner President, Wellstar MCG Health WELCOME FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dean Jennifer C. Sullivan Dean Jennifer C. Sullivan PRESENTATION OF HOODING Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES THE GRADUATE SCHOOL Dean Jennifer C. Sullivan **COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES Dean Lester Pretlow** COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Dean Judi Wilson **COLLEGE OF NURSING** Dean Beth NeSmith **HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Dean Mark Thompson** PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES **Dean Kim Davies** SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & CYBER SCIENCES Dean Alexander Schwarzmann Dean Teresa Waters SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH President Russell T. Keen **DEGREE CONFERRAL** Dr. John T. Baker Jr. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, '94 **GRADUATE STUDENT OATH** Ms. Morgan Chavous **ALMA MATER** Ms. Barbara Yancey **RECESSIONAL** Augusta University Brass Quintet

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM DECEMBER 12, 2024

Russell T. Keen, Ed.D., President, Augusta University, presiding

PRELUDE Augusta University Brass Quintet President Russell T. Keen CONVENING OF COMMENCEMENT PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Augusta University Jaguar Battalion **NATIONAL ANTHEM** Ms. Emma Kelley INVOCATION Chaplain Henry Holt STUDENT SPEAKER Ms. Eboni Watts **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** Ms. Angela Canada Principal Team Leader, Menu and Packaging, Chick-Fil-A HONORS GRADUATE RECOGNITION Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan **COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES Dean Lester Pretlow** COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Dean Judi Wilson **COLLEGE OF NURSING** Dean Beth NeSmith Dean John Sutherland **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Dean Mark Thompson** PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES **Dean Kim Davies** Dean Alexander Schwarzmann SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & CYBER SCIENCES **DEGREE CONFERRAL** President Russell T. Keen ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME AND TASSEL TURN Mr. Kyle Scott Hull College of Business, '03 **ROTC OATH OF OFFICE** 2nd Lt. Stephane Echevarria **ALMA MATER** Ms. Emma Kelley

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Russell T. Keen, President, Augusta University

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Other Platform & Program Participants

John Baker, President, Augusta University Alumni Association*

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Angela Canada, Principal Team Leader of Menu and Packaging, Chick-Fil-A**

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Ralph Turner, President, Wellstar MCG Health*

Eboni Watts, Degree Candidate, College of Education and Human Development**

Barbara Yancey, Degree Candidate, College of Education and Human Development*

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

WonMo Ahn Dissertation:

Activation of Receptor-Independent Fluid-Phase Pinocytosis Promotes Foamy Monocyte Formation in Atherosclerotic Mice

Suhib Alhusban Dissertation:

Glucosamine-Meditated Hexosamine Biosythesis Pathway Activation Uses ATF4 to Promote "Exercise-Like" Angiogenesis and Perfusion Recovery in

Giti Bayhaghi Dissertation:

Assessing Obesity-Related Risk Factors in a Heterogeneous Adult Population in the Southeast of the United States: A Genetics and Food Intake Behavioral Study

Zsuzsanna Bordan

Dissertation:

PDZ-Binding Kinase, A Novel Regulator of Vascular Remodeling in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

Vadym Buncha

Dissertation:

Endothelial Cell-Selective Adhesion Molecule in Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction

Melissa Marie Dunham

Dissertation:

An Exploration of NICU-Related Maternal Stress and Perceptions of Virtual Visitation as a Stress-Mitigation Tool

Stephen Barton Haigh Dissertation:

The Role of Extracellular Galectin 3 in Pulmonary Artery Hypertension

Hari Prakash Kashyap

Dissertation:

Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Lymphedema Severity and Treatment Adherence

Taylor C. Kress Dissertation:

Role of HIV-Derived Proteins Expressed by CD4+ T Lympohcytes and of the Integrase Inhibitor Dolutegravir in the Development on HIV-Associated Cardiometabolic Disorders

Yonahona Luo Dissertation:

The Role of Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor (PPAR)-v Coactivator-1 in Aged Epidermis

Desmond Moronge

Dissertation:

Mechanisms of Adverse Outcomes Following Renal Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in Female Rats

Vy Quoc Ong

Dissertation:

Advancements and Innovative Applications of the Cross-Entropy Method in Biomedical Data Analysis

Imran Parvez

Dissertation:

On the Integrative Analysis of Multiple Types of Genomic Data

Harshit Singhania

Dissertation:

EPS8 Regulates SOX2 Contributing to **HNSCC Stemness**

Kathryn A. Sinha

Dissertation:

Two-Stage Procedure for the Detection of Differentially Methylated Regions Using WGBS Data

Samuel Donald Walton

Dissertation:

NOX2-Dependent Pathway in CD4+ T Helper Cells: Modulating the Progression of Salt-Sensitive Hypertension and Renal Damage

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Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Jacquez A. Butts
Alyssa Caesar-Best

Abby Raye Camarda Madelyn Carr Jessica Carruth

Shari Lynne Chiappetto Paige Courtney Cook Cameron B. Crawford Renee Imani David Briana Delinda Docsol

Madison Celeste Doolittle Kylie Elizabeth Doran Eldresha Dublin

Rachel P. Dworaczyk Zomia Shardae Echols Kelly Shania Farmer

Gloria Fienemann Rachel L. Fillmore Megan Fisher Chayla Nicole Ford

Grace Olivia Forgay Andrea Michelle Glass

Kristin Reece Glass Fariht Gomez

Marissa Jaye Greer Rebecca Rose Griffith

Jackson West Halladay

Kelley J. Han Lauren Hane Claire Marie Harmon

Zoe'Tashaira Harris
Karen Henderson
Abigail Grace Hill
Sabrina Marie Hoffner

Emma Susanne Hopkins Tatyana Lashe' Hudson

Anna Rose Intro Fadi Ismail

Caroline Grace Johnson

Morgan Johnson Remi Johnson Samantha Nicole Johnson Jennifer Chinenyenwa Kamuche

Kaynaath Renee Keerti Claire Minkyung Kim

Brenna King

Marquavious Demond King

Grayson Levi Kurth
Jackson Lambert
Nichole Lee Larson
Jaloliddin Lazarev
Mia Tyneshis Lester
Hannah Liles
Hannah Kathryn Lind
Chloe Lynn Loggins

Katrinna Alexis Chawnice Louis

Emily Christine Lyons
Faith S. Mariney
Olivia Frances Maxton
Lauren Lemae McClure
Anna Elizabeth McGee
Sally Adair McGuirt
Ellis Caroline McKinney
Charmaine Means
Carolina Isabel Meireles
Katlin Faye Michaels

Ashley Miller Coleman P. Mosley Sean Neal

Grace Autumn Nyman Anna Ogletree Damie Ann Orlando Jadon Patrick Palladino Anna Lynn Patterson

Grace Peavy

Morgan Williams Phillips Breanna Marcia Pierce

Paris Issaqueena Maryda Pippen

Isabella Michelle Polanco

Mary Kaitlyn Rau
Chase Rhoden
Brittany Peek Rhodes
Taylor Thompson Roberson
Camryn Alexis Rountree
Khristina Nicole Salazar
Madelyn Dienna-Wertime Schan

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Sydney Elizabeth Scott

Abby Seale

Erika Dawn Shadoff Samia Ali Shire Rekayl T. Simpkins Andrew Singleton Haley Smith

Mashala Devonne Sparks

Abigail Spencer Hannah Diane Spratt **Brittany Hammond Stephens Kayon Strouf Ashley Chanel Thomas Brittany Alishia Thomas Matthew Torrence** Minh Thi Tuyet Tran Grace Katherine Wade Mari Bethany Washburn Therese Carleen Webb **Ashley White** Nicole Whitten Maiya Monet Williams **Emily Reese Wilson** Jenna Ann Wilson Victoria Ashley Winchell Halley E. Wyatt Aisa Yarns John Trevor Yeager Jeffery Jei Fei Zheng Sean Anthony Zurek

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Julia Clark Atkinson*
Chloe Grace Bedora***
Mia Christine Boles*
Landen Elizabeth Davis*
Madison Dennis
Vivian Mei Edmonds***
Anijah Destiny Guzman**
Sunny Vu Huynh
Gracie Marie Jacobsen
Logan Taylor Prestridge
Kathryn Delaney Spinks*
Tessa Claire Wardrop*
Taylor White

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Arts Chemistry

Jamie Ann Marie McVay

Bachelor of Science Biology

Hamza Akram Ethan Ray Clegg Adaysha O'nea Gilbert Rashaun Richard McWhinney Emma Mezzacapo Alma Nayeli Perez Morales Shriya Nagulavancha Sydney Screws* Kelly K. Shay** Malaysia C. Simpson Lil'Michael Leron'jah Taylor Haylee L. Walker** Issac Thomas Williams Aliyah Winfrey Makayla Chailla Xiong

Bachelor of Science Cell and Molecular Biology

Daihanna Aragon Mercado Parker James Blincoe Kailee Burrell* Ronald Cornelius Doe Jr. Alisha Kamran Hussain Niara Brucilla Pressley Priyanka Varghese Vivie Vo

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

Deanna Elaine Allen Cail Matthew Dixon Laney Brianne Johnson Kylie Marie Manning* Douglas R. McGarity Bao-Tran Ngoc Nguyen Nyssa I. Sims Baleigh Symone Williams

Bachelor of Science Ecology

Priscilla Hollingsworth**
Margaret Louise Karraker**
Timothy William Schaaf Jr.

Bachelor of Science Mathematics

Alexandria Dinah Carter Rebecca M. George

Bachelor of Science Physics

Joshua Aaron Hale Samuel Sherman

HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

Xavier Allen **Tahsin Anwar** Gabrielle Meghan Bachner Isabella Sonia Batallas Mason C. Bernard Karin Borer Cori Dontrice Brown William Cantrell Emma Catherine Charles Kelsey Marie Dobson Mohamed Elshewy Brayden M. Howrigan Grace Caroline Jansen **Gregory Jacob Klett** Palmer Allan Kling Jill Pokrzywinski McVean Michael James Moore Samuel Nii Djangmah Quaynor **Daniel Ray Rice** Madison Annette Shiver Mandeep Singh Harshit Singhania Taylor Paul Tidwell Ryan Willem Van Der Klis Keldra Janee' Wilcher Christian Xavier Wright

Bachelor of Business Administration

Mark Anthony Adams Jr. Koby Michael Ayala* Tiara Cherie Barnes* Courtney Barrieau Bryson C. Beckworth** Janvier Christine Buggs Shanyia Natasha Clarice Cain Daisy Demaris Cali Aaliyah Lymerian Clark Lauren Nicole Clifton **Kevin Carson Craw** Vincent Stephen DiMauro Yaire Gissel Disciplina Stephane Echevarria*** Malaysia Lavon Evans Truitt M. Forrester John Crimmins Hankinson III Daniel F. Harris Takeisa L. Harris **Cory Hawkins** Marvin Raul Henriquez

Luke H. Herrington Zy'Keria Jakayla Hightower Connor Hoover Miranda Leeann Hudson Jordan Tyler Lamb Tri Le*** Hunter D. Long Ethan Lang Lovell** Jasmine Alyssa Martin Benjamin Roy Mattson Bryce Davis McLaughlin Cristina Mendez** Hunter A. Mosher Kendall Shea Newsome*** Bao-Tran Ngoc Nguyen Joshua Reed Oglesby* Jackson Brian O'Neill Nicole Pablo Flores ShaDonasty LaShay Palmer Isabella Jade Paul **Brian Ricks** Thomas George Rischar Sheila Sakha Maribel M. Sanchez** Jack Robert Sanon Jr. Madhumitha Senthil Richa J. Shah Amya Janae Smith Tristan B. Stenmark Richard Sebastian Taylor Juliana Roberta Ternier Anson Arthur Wessner* Jazmvn Wheeler Javien D. Williams Jordan Alyssa Williams

Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting

Daniel James Willison

Brett Alexander Akins
Harrison Duncan Aulds
Grace Elizabeth Bridges**
Kenneth Daniel Dugan
Jaykeyona Ayala-Tanaya Floyd
Elise Marie Frails
Julie Garcia**
Kaylen Dawson Gay
Darryl Hobbs
Steven Leshone Neal Jr.*
Jacquavious Ramsey
Kallece DeAndre Williams*

PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts Intelligence and Security Studies

Prosperity Joy Blair Katherine Cortez-Maldonado Elizabeth Mary-Ann Eisner Lauren N. Gagliardone Christopher Adam Johnson Andrew Robert Sidles

Master of Public Administration

Aaliya Bashir Anthony J.K. Burroughs Morgan Jones Chavous Rebecca Katherine Croft Amanda Mines Courtney Neandria Walker

Bachelor of Arts Anthropology Carol A. Breland*

Carol A. Breland*
Melanie Paola Lopez-Rivera*
Donald Roney
Janye S. Wallace*

Bachelor of Arts Communication

Christian Austin
Rachel Carman
Kaniyah Colbert
Timberly Annette Fernandez
Chloe Elizabeth Harris
Morgan Danielle Hillman***
Travis Alexander Howard**
Kaeshon Ja'quez King
Molly LeeAnn Moak
Hannah Muza
Jonathan G. Porter*
K. Makenzy Veldboom*
Micah Nathaniel Webb
Anthony Dupree Williams Jr.
Dylan M. Williams

Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice

Parmelie Ronshey Andris Truc Thanh Bui* Nakaha Helena Burke* Hailee Savannah Carpenter Jadyn Cooley**
Lauren Nichole Davis
Steven J. Fain
Dana Michelle Faircloth
Malia Carlette Grace
Ryan J. Ingalls
Yanhari Paulina Molina-Castro
Yamani Basia Marie Paul
April Rose Paulk
Melvin Lashawn Robinson
Kaitlyn Tucker
Nia Valencia Vaughan
Christopher Ryan Wilson
Andrew Jeffrey Wright*

Bachelor of Arts English

Skylar Faith Beauford Ball Colin Carson Bell-Thornton Benjamin J. Bohannon Odessa Patricia Hinton Destinee Marsh Rachel Stanton Jackson Thomas Stewart Annabelle Grace Whitten**

Bachelor of Arts Health, Society, and Policy

Celene E. Stringer Tanayja Kania White

Bachelor of Arts History

Alexander Lloyd Allen Skylar Faith Beauford Ball Aaron Brook Connor Jake Alexander Giangrande Camden Lord Andrew Murz*** Michael Edward Sanders

Bachelor of Arts Integrated Studies

Noah Bowers*
Addison Christine Colvin
Olivia Beth Fitzgerald
Madison Michelle Forkey**
Peyton Macall Hanks
Jaylan Hayes
Ashley Hughes
Ja'Queze Xavier Kirby
Elizabeth Francis Olig
Jaylan Zachary Richardson*
Rowan Surrett
Jillian Zaklikowski

Bachelor of Arts Music

LaTania Moore

Bachelor of Arts Political Science

Michael D. English Jr.* Shamenika S. Harper Reginald Jones Brad Edward Pond Olivia Irene Tarkenton

Bachelor of Arts Sociology

Lisa Blalock Patrick DePuy Aleighya Brenae Slaughter

Bachelor of Arts in World Languages

María del Carmen Branyan Contreras Lillie Metz*

Bachelor of Fine Arts Art

Chandler Joyce Barnwell Tori R. Martin* Lauren Ashleigh Rich* Rachel Thea Sawyer Jordan V. Womack

Bachelor of Fine Arts Digital and Visual Storytelling

Avery Lewis

Bachelor of Music Music Education

Owen Joshua Radke

Bachelor of Music Performance

Amelia Rose Kelley**

Bachelor of Science Psychology

Jasmine K. Amedee
Alexis Battle
Breanna Patrice Bell*
Morgan Raleigh Bradford*
Presley Carver
Haddar S. Cheema
Alaysha Kameelah Clark
Kylie Cheyenne Coble
Jillian D. Dudley
Esther Elisabeth Ehuie

Michael D. English Jr.* Dallas Gardner** Toreya Monay Green Alia Harrison Jade Aiyana Jackson **Deontae Marquez Jones Emily Vaughn King Christopher Scott Kinsler** Ja'Miya Quinteria Monay Lucas Makayla A. Major Alexia Kiara Norman Jeremia Onna Onyekachi** Holly Alisa Porterfield* Hallie Kate Sims **Destiny Smith*** Raymond A. Smith Adi Jada Kasaya Suguturaga Grace Umutoni Tabazi Madison Lorraine Uini Yorick Utz*** Elisha M. Westmoreland Ariel B. Williams

Chelsea Dowdell Williamson

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND CYBER SCIENCES

Master of Science Computer Science

Salil Verma Jason Tyler Weeks

Master of Science Information Security Management

Justin Baker
Jojon Ryan Camacho Cabrera
Tayaqua Mcgee Cowart
Ryan Patrick DeGhelder
Derek L. Fikes
Jabrien Raekwon Holley
Samson Oluwatomiwa Odior
Jessica Ann Puckett
Brandon Thomas Ritz
Ty G.V. Wolfenbarger

Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Jeffrey Lyle Benson Jr.** Jessica Marie Brown* Khang Le Manh Cao Edward James Connor
Zachary Jacob Cox
Daelyn E. Doughty*
William Andrew Ford*
Luterra Daniya Fulks
Richard Henry Kelley**
Tucker Lange*
Jarod G. Long
Xavier G. Mitchell
Shahnan Poorman
Bryce Logan Spencer
William Edward Tyre
Brandon Wilburn*

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity

Julia Anderson** Roberto James Anderson-Navarro Samuel Thomas Rhinehart Bailey* **Deniz Sinem Barim** Kevin Richard Belli Emilie M. Bolton Malik Bradley Shavanah Burrowes* Daniel Bwango Matthew Ryan Campbell Jagwan M. Cummings-Smith Robert Zantrez Franklin John Danniel Gigante Victor R. Haugen Jr. **Dylan Hayes** Carter Payne Hinson Rayed Nasrul Hoda Amelia Rose Kelley** Christopher Kinney* **Colby Masters** Jerome McFadden Souravi Mondal*** Keaton A. Neff Scot Delbert Nordbrock

Izaac Picazo*
Tanner Andrew Preissler***
Ryan W. Sayers
Niya Jahlena Shepherd
Zachary Adam Stenger
Ja'Naya Telis Wadsworth
Jacob Allen Wood
Jerred Lawrence Wyrick

Anders Meade Olson*

Mathias W. Perrin**

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity Engineering

Trevor Pickens Kyle Logan Winstanley

Bachelor of Science Cyber Operations

Ashlyn H. Snyder

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Jamerson Deshong
Jaden T. Durand
Foster P. Garcia
Anthony Vaughn Hughes Jr.
Alexandra C. Larson
Alexandra Stamatakis Morse
Robley B. Shingleton

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health

Crystal Lynn Allen
Mary Ewurabena Arthur
Ann Katherine Carr
Kerstin Carswell
Angela Renee Dansby
Churchill C. Ezeokonkwo
O'livia Felton
Jeanetta Holley Floyd
Kayla Keller
Rhoda Joyner Sword

Master of Science Biostatistics

Vy Quoc Ong Imran Parvez

Master of Science Data Science

Xiaogang Chu Efrain Riveros Perez

- *** Summa Cum Laude
- ** Magna Cum Laude
- * Cum Laude
- † Awarded Posthumously

HONORS PROGRAM

Honors Program graduates are undergraduate students in a variety of majors who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.3 while completing a program of work designed specifically for honors students.

Daihanna Aragon Mercardo Nakaha Helena Burke Daelyn E. Doughty Elise Marie Frails Haley Gilbert Alisha Kamran Hussain Kylie Marie Manning Erika Lynn Mines Aryana Nicole Morales-Ormaza Jeremia Onna Onyekachi Jaylan Zachary Richardson **Amaya Sommer** Vivie Vo Annabelle Grace Whitten Issac Thomas Williams Makayla Chailla Xiong

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONEES

Graduates who successfully complete the military science program receive commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army upon their graduation. They may be assigned to active duty, Reserve or National Guard.

2nd Lt. Stephane Echevarria 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Francis Olig

LEGACY GRADUATES

Generations of families have continued Augusta University's rich tradition, and we celebrate this unique relationship by listing graduates whose parent or grandparent graduated from Augusta University or one of her legacy institutions.

Mark A. Adams Rachel C. Arnett Mary Ewurabena Arthur Skylar Faith Beauford Ball Chandler J. Barnwell

Alexis Bing
Meredith G. Blanchard
Grace E. Bridges
Cori D. Brown
Courtney R. Brown
Jessica Marie Brown
Anne Marie Burriss

Hailee Savannah Carpenter

Angelia Page Carter

Shakenia Ashuanta Lynntae Carter

Aaliyah L. Clark

Alaysha Kameelah Clark Ramiah Ai'laya Cochran Thomas N. Collingsworth

Paige C. Cook Zachary J. Cox Kevin C. Craw

Rebecca Katherine Croft Landen Elizabeth Davis

Ryan Delaney

Jamerson A. Deshong

Cail M. Dixon

Ronald Cornelius Doe Jr.

Daelyn E. Doughty

Michelle Wolfenden Dunwoody

Elise Marie Frails Amber Alexis Garrett Lacey R. Green

Marjorie Anne Hadden Takeisa LaNae Harris Luke H. Herrington Nicole S. Hopkins Martha Glenn Hyder Ryan Jacob Ingalls Cassie Ito

Grace Caroline Jansen
Camia Lachelle Jones

Raequon Dominique Jones

Amelia R. Kelley Richard H. Kelley Hunter Daniel Long Melanie P. Lopez-Rivera

Katrinna Louis
Ethan Lang Lovell
Baylor Holton Maddox
Braxton Leigh Mann
Kenneth M. McDonald
Leslie Nicole McNair
Bryce D. McLaughlin
Jamie Ann Marie McVay
Jill Pokrzywinski McVean
Gideon Layne Meadows

Carolina Meireles
Molly L. Moak
Hunter A. Mosher
Hannah O. Muza
Kendall Shea Newsome
Jeremia Onna Onyekachi

John D. Parrish
Courtney Faye Parris
Haley Epps Parris
Dharti Mahendra Patel
Morgan Williams Phillips
Andrew Carroll Proctor
Owen Joshua Radke
Sariah Elizabeth Ramsey

Mary Rau

Taylor T. Robinson
Sheila Sakha
Maribel M. Sanchez
Blair Thomas Sandmeier
Hayden Elizabeth Seymour

Kelly K. Shay

Malaysia Cierra Simpson

Nyssa I. Sims

Kathryn Alyxandra Sinha

Lauren A. Slade
Ashlyn H. Snyder
Kathryn Spinks
Rhoda Joyner Sword
Kailyn Mariah Tanksley
Breanna J. Teasley

Kimberly T. Thomas
Zachary Robert Thurman
Pamela Elaine Ward
Julie Lalaina Warner
Cassaday Marie Watson
Eboni Adrianna Watts
Ashley White
Maiya Monet Williams
Christopher Ryan Wilson

Amy Kersey Wood

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The style of academic regalia worn in today's Commencement originated in medieval European universities and has undergone little modification since the 16th century. As in the Middle Ages, the attire denotes the wearer's academic accomplishment. In 1895, a code was adopted to specify design and appropriate colors for various degrees.

The modern dress consists of a gown or robe, headpiece and hood. The gown denotes the wearer's level of education, with the baccalaureate gown being the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by open, flowing sleeves, which end in a point. The master's gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve that is open at the wrist. The doctoral gown is full flowing and has bell-shaped sleeves. It is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominant color, the color of the gown may denote the wearer's university. Augusta University follows the guidelines of the Intercollegiate Regalia Costume Code and has adopted the use of black gowns. The color of the trim denotes the wearer's discipline.

The headpiece in most American universities is a mortarboard. At Augusta University, mortarboards are worn by those attaining bachelor's, master's or specialist degrees while a soft tam is worn by candidates receiving doctoral degrees. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned.

It is the hood that adds meaning to the academic regalia. Changed little since the Middle Ages, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of color. It is edged in velvet, which by its color denotes the discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned. It is lined in two colors of silk, which represent the university from which the degree was awarded. The hood lining of Augusta University graduates consists of blue and silver fields with a red saltire cross superimposed.

A partial listing of colors signifying disciplines as standardized in the 1895 Intercollegiate Code includes:

Arts and Letters – white Commerce and Accounting – drab

Dentistry - lilac

Education – light blue

Kinesiology – sage green

Mathematics - science gold

Medicine – kelly green

Music – pink

Nursing – apricot

Philosophy – dark blue

Psychology – gold

Public Administration – peacock blue

Public Health – salmon pink

Science - golden yellow

Social Science - citron

A braided cord, worn draped from the neck on the front of the gown, designates the wearer as an honor graduate. At Augusta University, honor cords are silver and blue. Members of Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary honor society, are designated by medallions suspended from the neck by ribbon and bearing the society's insignia. Some disciplines may have their own honor society, which distinguishes its honor graduates the same way. Normally, the color of the ribbon is unique to the honor society.

THE AUGUSTA ARSENAL BELL

The Augusta Arsenal Bell was cast a century ago – in 1918 – by the famous Meneely and Company, a foundry in West Troy, New York. The bell was part of the U.S. Arsenal property acquired by the Junior College of Augusta in 1955. Many historic Arsenal structures, like Bellevue Hall and the Benet House, still stand today and serve as administrative offices on the Summerville Campus. The Augusta Arsenal Bell weighs 586 pounds and is topped by a hand-crafted wooden cap with an inset of the Arsenal Oak. This miniature version of the storied oak was created using wood from the original tree. The bell was refurbished and capped by the skilled craftsmen in facilities at Augusta University.

Bells peal at colleges, statehouses, churches, and corporate buildings throughout the U.S. and other countries. They ring for many reasons, and more commonly signal the time of day or announce the start of special occasions and celebrations. The Augusta Arsenal Bell is rung to begin the Commencement Ceremony and as it concludes. The bell and bell tower are part of the modern Augusta University brand, and the Arsenal Bell is part of its history. The ringing of the bell marks a resounding celebration of Augusta University's past, present, and future.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

President Russell T. Keen is wearing a medallion and chain of office during today's Commencement Ceremony. The medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President. The chain of office refers to the authority granted to the president by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to confer degrees and lead the university.

The President's Medallion

The President's Medallion of Augusta University is a finely detailed silver medallion that hangs from the Chain of Office. Approximately three inches in diameter, it features the university's name and the date of its founding, 1828. Oak leaves are used on either side of the founding date and symbolize strength, endurance, eternity and honor. Above the date is the Latin phrase *Vivere Discere*, which means "live to learn."

Appearing on the shield are four images: the Arsenal Oak, the Lamp of Knowledge, the Rod of Asclepius, and the old Medical College of Georgia building. Atop the shield is the Unity Flame, an element representing the university.

In a circle surrounding the shield are words incorporated in the vision statement of Augusta University that denote the university as a destination of choice in health, innovation, discovery, creativity, and education.

The Chain of Office

The Augusta University Chain of Office symbolizes the authority vested in the Office of the President by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The sculpted medallions pay homage to the history of the Summerville and Health Sciences campuses and merge together at the presidential stone. The presidential stone is sapphire crystal quartz, and its color is representative of past president Brooks A. Keel's discipline of philosophy. The stone also represents the president's role in uniting the legacy institutions.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A mace is a symbol used to communicate and to designate authority. The era in which the mace came into use is not known, but the first recorded use was during the Middle Ages when maces, made wholly or partly of metal and often spiked, were used for breaking armor. Medieval bishops, who were forbidden to shed blood, carried maces instead of swords. Gradually, maces became ceremonial and were used symbolically as protection for the king. The use of maces extended into America by the middle of the 18th century, and they now are used principally in universities as traditional symbols of the authority of the president.

The Augusta University mace was designed and hand-carved in the spring of 2016. The mace features two medallions. The first represents the official Augusta University seal, and the other represents the seal of Georgia.

The mace and handcrafted wooden seal are made possible through a gift from the foundations.

GRADUATE OATH

As I embark on my career, now a graduate of Augusta University, I pledge to represent my discipline honorably and in a professional manner. I will strive to show compassion and collegiality, embrace inclusivity, and above all, uphold excellence that I should become a worthy role model and ambassador of Augusta University.

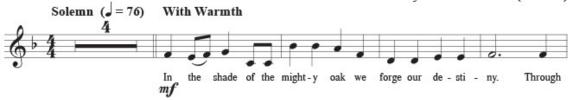
With this affirmation, I acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me, while seeking truth and the advancement of knowledge in all my actions. I will strive to act so as to preserve the highest tenets of my calling and incorporate both the art and science of my profession in the products of my labor. I will lead with integrity, demonstrating ethical and moral principles in all that I do, and faithfully ensure that the results of my professional activities illuminate my alma mater, and, ultimately, benefit our world.

for Augusta University Past, Present and Future

AUGUSTA: THE BELL RINGS FOR ME

(Alma Mater)

by Robert W. Smith (ASCAP)













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