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Honorary Degree Candidate

Dr. Blondean Davis

Dr. Blondean Davis has dedicated her life to the service of children and is recognized statewide as both an educational leader and a leader of change.

A product of the Chicago Public School system herself, Davis has made an immeasurable impact on education throughout Chicagoland. After earning her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Loyola University, Davis began her career as an associate professorial lecturer at St. Xavier University where she trained prospective principals. She was also Senior Consultant to the Illinois State Board of Education, striving to assist schools on the State's Warning List.

She served the Chicago Public School system in a number of important roles including Deputy Chief Education Officer, District Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal, Counselor, and Teacher. Davis was in charge of daily management of the Chicago Public Schools from 1995 until August 2001.

Since 2002, she has been the Superintendent of Matteson School District 162. Under her leadership and in just five years, District 162 achieved an unprecedented 45 percent increase in achievement scores on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test. In 2005, a district school was ranked among the top elementary schools in the south suburban area based on its ISAT composite score. By 2008, the district's middle school and all of its elementary schools had earned the Illinois Academic Improvement Award. Several have been named Illinois Spotlight Schools, and two have already surpassed the 90 percent achievement goal established at the onset of her administration.

These successes were achieved and goals attained through the continued and dedicated efforts of Dr. Davis and her innovative approach to educational leadership. Her achievements were duly recognized in 2008 when she was named Illinois Superintendent of the Year.

In addition to her dedication to education, Davis is extremely involved in community endeavors and has received numerous awards. She was the first woman president of a Phi Delta Kappa Chapter. She is the recipient of the Whitman Award of Excellence in Educational Management, the Reader's Digest American Heroes in Education Award, Chicago Assistant Principal Association Distinguished Service Award in Education, the Mercedes Mentor Award, the Kathy Osterman Award for Superior Public Service, the Frederick Patterson United Negro College Fund Outstanding Service Award, the Par Excellence in Education Award, the United Negro College Fund Harold H. Hines Jr. Benefactor's Award, and the Diversity, Inc. Award for Leadership.

She was the Citywide Chairperson for the United Negro College Fund from 1994-2001 and raised over eight million dollars for aspiring college students. She was also the 2004 Honorary Chairperson of the Ebony/UNCF Fundraiser, the General Chair of the Southside 2004 NAACP Annual Dinner, and the Honorary Chairperson for the UNCF South Suburban-Will County Campaign in 2007 and 2008. Dr. Davis is currently a member of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, Phi Delta Kappa, and Rotary One. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Park Zoo.

The Board of Trustees is proud to award Dr. Blondean Davis with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, for her lifelong dedication academic excellence, student achievement, and education reform throughout the Chicago region.

Order of Exercises

Saturday, January 31, 2009, 11 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business and Public Administration
College of Education
College of Health and Human Services

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
University President
Presiding

PRELUDE.....	Encore Concert Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>				
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS	Dr. Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>				
PROCESSIONAL	Paul Blobaum, <i>Grand Marshal</i> “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar Encore Concert Band				
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Encore Concert Band <i>Please join in singing the national anthem</i>				
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Lorine Samuels, <i>Chair - Board of Trustees</i>				
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY SENATE	Paul Blobaum, <i>President - Faculty Senate</i>				
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS.....	Sheryl Yarbough				
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>				
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE	Dr. Jane Hudak, <i>Provost</i> Conferring of Degree	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i> Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters.....	Dr. Blondean Davis		
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i> College of Arts and Sciences	Dr. Eric Martin, <i>Dean</i> College of Business and Public Administration.....	Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, <i>Dean</i> College of Education	Dr. Deborah Bordelon, <i>Dean</i> College of Health and Human Services.....	Dr. Linda Samson, <i>Dean</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>				
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Gerald F. McIlvain, <i>President - Alumni Association</i>				
CLOSING REMARKS	Dr. Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>				
RECESSIONAL	Paul Blobaum, <i>Grand Marshal</i> “Crown Imperial,” by William Walton Encore Concert Band				
FANFARE SELECTION	Encore Concert Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>				

Ms. Susan Bova, *Sign Language Interpreter*
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.

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Student Speaker

Sheryl Yarbough

While Sheryl Yarbough has always loved reading, enjoyed studying, and thrived on learning, she did not seek a formal education. For many years, there seemed no need.

Yarbough has been successful at each job she had, from working for a healthcare agency to her current job with the Illinois Department of Corrections. Promotions came from proving herself in the workplace rather than from qualifications earned in school.

During more than 18 years with the Department of Corrections, Yarbough served as a corrections officer in a maximum-security prison, a residential counselor, and a parole agent. In 2000, Yarbough was promoted to her current position as Senior Parole Agent where she works directly with parolees in the community.

“I always seem to work in careers where everyone but me had a degree. You can’t even get these jobs now without a degree. The people who interviewed me took a chance and I succeeded, but it gnawed at me that I did not have the formal credentials.”

Yarbough loved learning, but the need to focus on her job and care for her family always took precedence until she realized she needed to earn a degree for herself.

“I decided to return to school because I wanted to be a formally educated woman. I have a fulfilling career, so returning to school was not about money or position. My thirst for knowledge is why I went back to school.”

Yarbough’s return to school was made easier by all the advanced training she had received during her years on the job. Many of those courses translated into college credit. Today, Yarbough is receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Yarbough believes the people she met at Governors State University made the journey to her degree more enjoyable. “Everyone fully embraced me, from financial aid counselors to my program advisors, and from the professors to members of student government. I was welcomed and encouraged all the way.”

And Yarbough also gave back to GSU. She served on the Student Senate and was the Executive Board Secretary. She was named the GSU Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois and is a student mentor and University Honors Scholar.

Joining Yarbough in celebrating her achievement are her daughter, son-in-law, four granddaughters, and 100-year old grandmother.

Academic Regalia

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers' degrees, colleges/universities, and fields of study.

The Cap

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

The Gown

Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition: gold signifies high honors; white, honors. The master's gown has sleeves, with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The Hood

The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. The trim colors for master's hoods are as follows:

Accounting.....	Drab
Addictions Studies	Salmon Pink
Analytical Chemistry	Golden Yellow
Art.....	Brown
Business Administration	Drab
Communication Disorders	Salmon Pink
Communications and Training	White
Computer Science	Golden Yellow
Counseling	Light Blue
Early Childhood Education.....	Light Blue
Education	Light Blue
Educational Administration	Light Blue
English	White
Environmental Biology	Golden Yellow
Health Administration.....	Salmon Pink
Management Information Systems	Golden Yellow
Multicategorical Special Education	Light Blue
Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy.....	Slate Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Political Studies.....	White
Political and Justice Studies	White
Psychology	Light Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Social Work	Citric
Sociology.....	White

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

University Grand Marshal

Paul Blobaum - President, Faculty Senate

Coordinator of Marshals

David Curtis - Professor

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Xiaoyong Chen - Associate Professor
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Rhonda Hudson - Academic Advisor
Paula Levickas - Academic Advisor
Sue McCoy - Acting Lead Academic Advisor
Rashidah Muhammad - Professor
Beth Parin - Assistant Professor
David Rhea - Assistant Professor
Nancy Shlaes - Professor

College of Business and Public Administration

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Edna Fry - University Lecturer
David Green - Assistant Professor
Kathleen Hamby - University Lecturer
John Simon - Assistant Professor

College of Education

Sara Acton - Director of Field Experiences
Thomas Bierdz - University Lecturer
Lorenzo Flores - Assistant Professor
Julia Yang - Professor

College of Health and Human Services

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Rupert Evans - Assistant Professor
Martha Gainer - University Lecturer
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Jennifer Groebner - University Lecturer
Tae (Tanny) Kim - Assistant Professor
Ning Lu - Associate Professor
Joyce Sligar - University Lecturer
Joseph West - University Lecturer