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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL  
FALL  
COMMENCEMENT

December 11, 2015  
Hanner Fieldhouse  
Statesboro, Georgia



GEORGIA SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



Georgia Southern University, classified as a doctoral/research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a member of the University System of Georgia. As the largest and most comprehensive research institution in southeast Georgia, the University is a residential campus of more than 20,500 students and a premier choice for the state's HOPE Scholars. Students representing 48 states and 89 nations bring a broad array of diverse backgrounds, interests and talents to the University community.



The University's hallmark is its renowned undergraduate experience, which emphasizes academic distinction, excellent teaching, research and student success. Georgia Southern focuses on students and what they value: a well-rounded collegiate atmosphere; a faculty whose first priority is teaching; and a safe, attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery and personal growth.



As Georgia's 'large-scale, small-feel' research University, Georgia Southern is known for offering all of the benefits of a major university with the personal feel and individualized attention of a much smaller college. Additionally, with an expanding focus on research, Georgia Southern has created a valuable niche and is attracting a record number of outstanding students from across the state, region and country.



Georgia Southern offers more than 120 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels through eight colleges: College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Health and Human Sciences, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields. The University continues to expand graduate offerings to meet growing demands.



Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern lays claim to being the most beautiful campus in the state. Comprising more than 900 acres, the University grounds are an arboretum-like treasure featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic ponds and soaring pines. The historic core of campus is the quintessential college portrait – Georgian-style, red-brick buildings with white columns surround a tree-lined circular drive known as Sweetheart Circle. Beyond the traditional Circle, contemporary buildings blend into the existing architecture to showcase the continuing growth and expansion of campus facilities. Major projects recently completed include the construction and renovation of the



Zach S. Henderson Library, the renovation of the Foy Building, Sanford Hall, Ted Smith Family Football Center, the opening of the 1,001-bed Centennial Place residence hall as well as Dining Commons.

Located in Statesboro, a safe All-American Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents an hour northwest of Savannah, Georgia Southern provides a wealth of enriching opportunities for people of all ages. The University benefits the region and state by engaging in research and providing public services that offer creative solutions to regional challenges. Georgia Southern also extends educational opportunities to citizens at its off-campus center located in Savannah as well as through online learning.

Georgia Southern is recognized for a nationally competitive athletics program with the University's 15 Division I teams. Now part of the Sun Belt Conference, the Eagle's sweeping commitment to excellence has resulted in an unprecedented six NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) national championships and NCAA tournament participation in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, women's tennis and volleyball. Most recently, the football team won the 2014 Conference Championship in its first year in the Sun Belt.

The University also has an active alumni program serving more than 75,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include country music star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, Executive Director of the U.S. Golf Association (USGA); Hala Moddlemog, President of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and Dan Cathy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A.

For more information, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

# ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

## **Graduation with Honors**

Undergraduate students, who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

*Grade Point Average:*  
3.5-3.69 *Cum Laude*  
3.7-3.89 *Magna Cum Laude*  
3.9-4.0 *Summa Cum Laude*

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and in their academic transcripts.

*NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of graduates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate. Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. The fact of graduation and the receipt of honors are validated by the students' permanent records which are kept by the Office of the Registrar.*

## **University Honors Program Scholars**

The University Honors Program offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the Program requires a substantial commitment to community service and experiential learning. The diplomas of graduating University Honors Program Scholars are distinguished by the Honors designation.

# THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

## **The Mace**

Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the Moderator of the Faculty Senate at Georgia Southern University.



The Mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur Bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.

The design of the Mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern's link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

## **Regalia**

The history of academic attire is also traced to the Middle Ages when it may have been necessary for scholars to wear gowns and cowls for warmth in the unheated halls of academe of the period. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution.

Today's gowns for baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Bachelors gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gowns for the masters and specialist degree, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist.

The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves which may be worn open or closed. It is the tradition of Georgia Southern to reserve hoods for masters and education specialist degree candidates. These hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortarboards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel is the color which reflects the degree.

The ornamental braided cord draped over the left shoulder of some of the baccalaureate graduates is called a fourragère. The design follows French military tradition and signifies special recognition of baccalaureate students graduating with honors.

## **Banners**

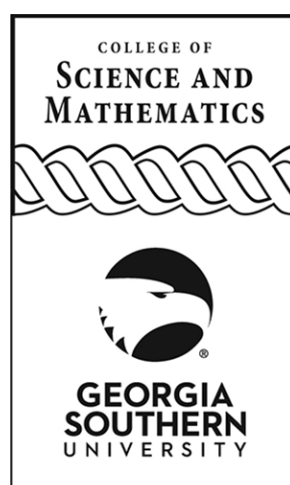
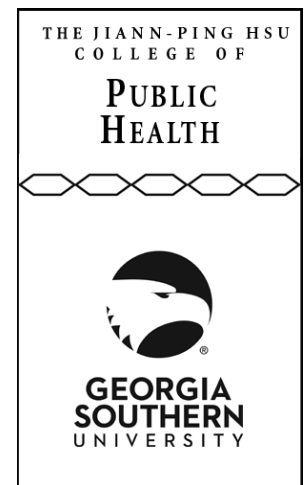
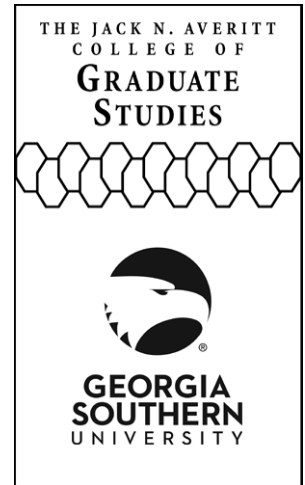
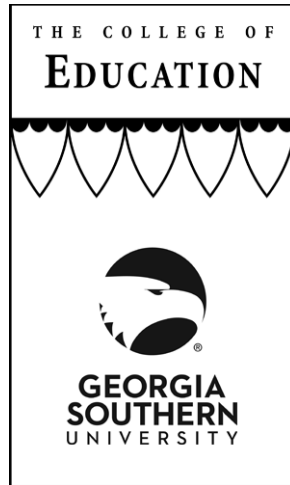
Banners representing each of the eight Colleges and the University Library are displayed at Commencement. Representation of the Banners signifies the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrates the University's academic programs.

## **Double Eagle**



The Double Eagle Society is a new incentive program and a joint initiative between the College of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association of Georgia Southern. This initiative was created to recognize our alumni who have earned two (or more) degrees from Georgia Southern: one undergraduate degree and one graduate degree or two graduate degrees.

# COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BANNERS



# ACADEMIC COLORS

## **Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies**

Light Blue	Doctor of Education
Apricot	Doctor of Nursing Practice
Royal Blue	Doctor of Philosophy
Citron	Doctor of Psychology
Light Blue	Education Specialist
Drab	Master of Accounting
	Master of Arts
White	English
White	History
Royal Blue	Political Science
White	Social Science
White	Spanish
Light Blue	Master of Arts in Teaching
Drab	Master of Business Administration
Light Blue	Master of Education
Brown	Master of Fine Arts
Pink	Master of Music
Peacock Blue	Master of Public Administration
	Master of Science
Copper	Applied Economics
Science Gold	Biology
Science Gold	Computer Science
Sage Green	Kinesiology
Science Gold	Mathematics
Citron	Psychology
Sage Green	Recreation Administration
Sage Green	Sport Management
Orange	Master of Science in Applied Engineering
Gold	Master of Science in Applied Physical Sciences
Apricot	Master of Science in Nursing

## **Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health**

Salmon Pink	Doctor of Public Health
Kelly Green	Master of Healthcare Administration
Salmon Pink	Master of Public Health
Sage Green	Bachelor of Science in Public Health

## **College of Business Administration**

	Bachelor of Arts
Copper	Economics
Drab	Bachelor of Business Administration

## **College of Education**

Light Blue	Bachelor of Science in Education
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## **Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology**

	Bachelor of Science
Science Gold	Computer Science
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Construction
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology

## **College of Health and Human Sciences**

	Bachelor of Science
Maroon	Child and Family Development
Maroon	Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design
Maroon	Interior Design
Maroon	Nutrition and Food Science
Sage Green	Recreation
Sage Green	Sport Management
Sage Green	Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training
Sage Green	Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
Apricot	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

## **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

	Bachelor of Arts
Science Gold	Anthropology
Brown	Art
Crimson	Communication Arts
White	English
White	History
Aquamarine	International Studies
White	Modern Languages
Pink	Music
Dark Blue	Philosophy
Dark Blue	Political Science
Citron	Psychology
White	Sociology
Brown	Theatre
White	Writing and Linguistics
Brown	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Gold & White	Bachelor of General Studies
Pink	Bachelor of Music
	Bachelor of Science
Silver	Communication Studies
Aquamarine	International Trade
Crimson	Journalism
Crimson	Multimedia Communication
Dark Blue	Political Science
Citron	Psychology
Crimson	Public Relations
White	Sociology
Orange	Bachelor of Science in Graphic Communications Management
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

## **College of Science and Mathematics**

	Bachelor of Arts
Science Gold	Biology
Science Gold	Chemistry
Science Gold	Geography
Science Gold	Geology
Science Gold	Physics and Astronomy
	Bachelor of Science
Science Gold	Geography
Science Gold	Geology
Science Gold	Mathematics
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Biology
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Science Gold	Bachelor of Science in Physics



## EMERITUS FACULTY

**President Bartels has recommended to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that the following faculty members be granted emeritus status upon retirement:**

**Dr. James J. Bergin**, Professor of Counselor Education, retired July 31, 2015. Dr. Bergin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of St. Mary of the Lake (1967) and his Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola University Chicago (1971). He earned his Doctor of Education degree in Counseling from the College of William and Mary (1974). Upon his retirement, Dr. Bergin had provided 23 years of dedicated service to Georgia Southern University. He began his career as an elementary school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools and went on to serve as an elementary and middle school counselor in Virginia, Illinois, and North Carolina. In 1981, Dr. Bergin entered the higher education arena as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Counselor Education at East Central University. There, he was also promoted to the rank of Associate Professor (1986) and Professor (1990). He joined Georgia Southern University in 1992 as Professor and Chair of what was then the Department of Student Development Programs. Following his three year tenure as chair, he served as Professor and Program Coordinator in the Department of Leadership, Technology, and Human Development until his retirement. As a leader in the Counselor Education Program, he was influential in securing M.Ed. program accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for program concentrations in Community Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs. Dr. Bergin considered his greatest achievements to encompass the roles of teacher and mentor for students. His longstanding efforts were acknowledged with the Georgia School Counselors Association (GSCA) Region 12 Counselor Educator of the Year Award in 2012-2013, the GSCA PostSecondary Counselor of the Year Award in 2000-2001, and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Post-Secondary Counselor of the Year Award in 1994. His scholarship highlights a myriad of presentations and publications emphasizing school counselor advocacy. In 2009, he was recognized as a "Trail Blazer" in the field by the Education Trust's Center for Transforming School Counseling (NCTSC). His prolific professional service was rewarded with the distinguished American Counseling Association Carl D. Perkins Government Relations award in 1995. Dr. Bergin's professional work seamlessly extended into the community, where he actively served as a consultant to local schools in his capacity as a Licensed Professional Counselor. In recognition of his rich contributions to the program, department, college, University, and profession, Dr. James Bergin is awarded the title of Professor Emeritus of Counselor Education.

**Dr. Willie J. Burden**, Professor of Sport Management, retired May 31, 2015. Dr. Burden earned his B.A. in Economics (1974) from North Carolina State University and his M.A. in Sport Administration (1983) from Ohio University. He received his Ed.D. in Educational Administration (1990) from Tennessee State University. Prior to joining Georgia Southern in 1999, he was Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Instructor of Health and Physical Education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; Assistant Athletic Director and Guest Lecturer in the Sports Administration Program at Ohio University; Assistant Athletic Director at Tennessee Technological University; and Assistant Football Coach and Instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Ohio University. During his tenure at Georgia Southern University, Dr. Burden taught 13 different courses in the Sport Management area and served as the Undergraduate Program Coordinator for the Sport Management program for many years. He was well known as an approachable, student centered professor. He had over 16 peer-reviewed publications, including four book chapters in books published by national companies, related to sport administration, student athlete welfare and coaching administration. Dr. Burden has made numerous presentations at the national, regional, and state

levels, and completed multiple service assignments. For his numerous contributions in the school, college, University, and profession, Dr. Willie J. Burden deserves the title of Professor Emeritus of Sport Management.

**Dr. Grigory Dmitriyev**, Professor of Curriculum Studies, will retire on January 1, 2016. In 1972, he earned a Master of Linguistics in English and German languages with the qualification of a teacher of secondary school from Irkutsk Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages in the USSR and taught English at the high school level. In 1978 and 1989, he earned two Ph.D. degrees in Comparative Education from the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences in Moscow. His major research focus has been on educational policies, curriculum theories, multiculturalism, and international education in the USA and other countries. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Dmitriyev will have provided almost 25 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern University. Soon after joining the University he founded the Center for the Study of International Schooling, serving as its director for eight years. Under his leadership, the Center participated in developing faculty and student exchange with Wuhan University (China), research and student exchange with the United Kingdom (UK), organizing conferences with iNET (UK) and Wuhan University and over 40 colloquia at the University on various global issues in education. Dr. Dmitriyev authored five books and over 100 articles, book chapters, book reviews, and encyclopedia essays, which were published in Australia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ukraine, the USA, USSR and in the UNESCO Journal. Additionally, Dr. Dmitriyev was among those who initiated the establishment of the Ed.D. in Curriculum Studies program. As a coordinator of this doctoral program, Dr. Dmitriyev facilitated its growth and enhanced its content by bringing his considerable international expertise. As a chair and a member of dissertation defense committees, he contributed to the preparation of over 20 doctors of education. At the undergraduate level, Dr. Dmitriyev represented Georgia Southern in the USG Board of Regents Consortium for Cross-Cultural Teaching of 16 colleges and universities whose successful work resulted in Multicultural Education becoming a core course in the Teacher Education Programs for all future teachers within the state. As a continuation of these efforts, he also participated in the Consortium's Writing Team on the creation of a repository of materials on multicultural education for Georgia teachers. In recognition of his many exemplary contributions to the Department of Education, Foundations, and Reading; the College of Education; the University; and the profession, Dr. Grigory Dmitriyev has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Curriculum Studies.

**Ms. Ann H. Hamilton**, Professor and Associate Dean of the Zach S. Henderson Library, retired September 30, 2015. Ms. Hamilton holds degrees from the University of Montevallo (B.A., Mathematics and History), Mississippi State University (M.A., History), Emory University (D.A.S.L. and M.Ln., Librarianship), and a Certificate of Archives Administration from the Georgia Department of Archives and History. At the time of her retirement, Professor Hamilton had provided 23 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern, concluding a career of over 40 years of service as an academic librarian. Prior to coming to Georgia Southern, Professor Hamilton served at Birmingham-Southern College, Virginia Interment College, and the University of Alabama. During her time at Georgia Southern, Professor Hamilton served as the Library project manager for the expansion and renovation of Henderson Library from 2000 through 2008. More recently, she led teams that submitted successful applications for National Endowment for the Humanities' funding for Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys and Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys. Her campus service has included membership on the Research Advisory Board;

SACSCOC Reaffirmation Team (2013-2015); SACSCOC Leadership Team (2010-2011); American Democracy Project Steering Committee; Faculty Welfare Committee; Faculty Development Committee; Faculty Senate; Y2K Task Force; Athletic Committee; Resource Analysis Committee; and the Senate Operations Committee. Professor Hamilton has been very active in professional associations at the state, regional, and national levels. Some of her service has included representing the Georgia Library Association on the American Library Association (ALA) Council for 12 years, serving as chair or member of the ALA Chapter Relations Committee for eight years, serving as chair or a member of the Association of College and Research Libraries/Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) Interdivisional Committee on Building Resources for eight years, and serving as president of the Southeastern Library Association and of the Georgia Library Association. She has received the Bob Richardson Award for Significant Contributions to the Georgia Library Association, the Mary Utopia Rothrock Award from the Southeastern Library Association, and the Nix-Jones Award for Significant Contributions to the Library Profession from the Georgia Library Association. For these and other contributions to the Library, the University, and the profession, Professor Ann Hamilton has earned the title of Professor Emerita and Associate Dean Emerita.

**Ms. Betty Nelson**, Instructor of Special Education, retired July 1, 2015. Ms. Nelson earned her B.S. in Psychology and her M.Ed. in Education from Old Dominion University and joined the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1994. In her almost 21 years at Georgia Southern, Ms. Nelson provided guidance and leadership for both students and faculty in the College of Education's special education programs. As an instructor of Georgia Southern students, she was lauded for her unwavering availability, promptness in responding to student questions and concerns, and her encouragement of open dialogue in all of her classes. A recent student comment perhaps sums her teaching up best when the student wrote that Ms. Nelson "opened her eyes to the reality of the special education world." While she had a positive influence on student learning, Ms. Nelson had perhaps an even greater impact on her colleagues. The collection of individuals involved in the Department's special education programs has changed significantly through the years, but these transitions were made less stressful by Ms. Nelson's presence as the go-to person for a multitude of issues critical to the success of the programs. To say she was an impactful mentor for younger faculty is an understatement, as she effortlessly guided them through the ropes, offering supervision on report writing, programmatic and course revisions, and new program implementation. She at various times held the position of Program Director for both the undergraduate and graduate level special education programs

and was praised by college-level administrators for her positive impact at both levels. Beyond the day-to-day work of teaching students, mentoring faculty, and providing programmatic leadership, Ms. Nelson's other remarkable accomplishments included a steward-like commitment to service both within and beyond the Georgia Southern community. Her many invaluable contributions in this regard include: contributor to the Student Teacher Exchange Program with the United Kingdom and leadership roles in the Special Education and Teacher Education Divisions of the Council of Exceptional Children. Betty Nelson is a multi-talented individual who served Georgia Southern University and the professional community in a variety of positive ways throughout her tenure. Her teaching, mentoring, and service accomplishments stand as splendid examples of the "desired attributes of Georgia Southern faculty" and have earned her the title of Instructor Emerita of Special Education.

**Dr. Jerry W. Wilson**, Professor of Marketing, will retire December 31, 2015. Dr. Wilson received his Bachelor of Science (1972) and Master of Business Administration (1973) degrees from Arkansas State University. He earned his Doctor of Business Administration from Memphis State University in 1989. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in the fall of 1988, Dr. Wilson will have completed over 27 years of distinguished service at the time of his retirement. During his tenure, he cofounded the nationally ranked logistics and intermodal transportation undergraduate program at Georgia Southern. Additionally, he served as chair/acting chair/interim director for numerous departments over the course of six years. During 2012-2013, he served as Interim Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration. His most recent publications have appeared in the *Transportation Journal* and the *International Journal of Case Studies*. Currently, he is Editor Emeritus of the *Journal of Transportation Management* and a member of the Board of Examiners for the American Society of Transportation and Logistics professional certification program (CTL, Certified in Transportation and Logistics). For his many contributions to several departments, the college, the University, and the profession, Dr. Jerry Wilson has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Marketing.

## HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents approves the awarding of a highly selective honorary degree, which is conferred by University System of Georgia institutions to recognize individuals of notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, their

profession or public service. Since 1996, Georgia Southern University has been privileged to confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees to the exceptional individuals listed below.

BETTY FOY SANDERS	<i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>	August 11, 1996
THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS	<i>Doctor of Laws</i>	August 11, 1996
ALLEN E. PAULSON	<i>Doctor of Science</i>	June 14, 1997
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS	<i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	December 8, 1997
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	June 14, 1998
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT	<i>Doctor of Humane Letters</i>	December 19, 1998
WILLIAM FREEMAN	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	May 8, 1999
EMMA KELLY	<i>Doctor of Fine Arts</i>	May 9, 1999
EUGENE M. BISHOP	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	May 13, 2000
HALA MODDLEMOG	<i>Doctor of Letters</i>	May 5, 2007
LUIS A. AGUILAR	<i>Doctor of Public Service</i>	May 11, 2013



# College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

9:00 A.M. Ceremony

## **FACULTY MARSHALS**

*Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies*

*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

## **READERS**

*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

## **THE PLATFORM PARTY**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

HANS P. MORTENSEN, M.S., *Associate Professor, Art*  
D. JASON SLONE, Ph.D., *Associate Dean and Professor, Literature and Philosophy*

CHAD POSICK, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and Criminology*  
JANICE N. STEIRN, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Psychology*

BRADLEY C. EDWARDS, Ph.D., *Lecturer, Literature and Philosophy*  
SARAH MCCARROLL, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor, Communication Arts*  
KEVIN PSONAK, Ph.D., *Lecturer, Writing and Linguistics*

JEAN E. BARTELS, Ph.D., *President*  
KATHY A. BRADLEY, J.D., *Assistant District Attorney, Ogeechee Judicial Circuit, Statesboro, Georgia*  
DIANA CONE, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
TERESA E. THOMPSON, Ph.D., *Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management*  
STEVEN C. BURRELL, Ed.D., *Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer*  
SALINDA A. ARTHUR, M.S., *Vice President for University Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University Foundation*  
ROBERT L. WHITAKER, M.B.A., *Vice President for Business and Finance*  
TRIP C. ADDISON, M.B.A., *Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement*  
DEVON JENSEN, Ph.D., *Associate Dean, Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies*  
W. BEDE MITCHELL, Ed.D., *Dean of the Henderson Library and University Librarian*  
CURTIS E. RICKER, D.A., *Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*  
PATRICIA B. HUMPHREY, Ph.D., *Moderator, Faculty Senate*  
VELMA S. BURDEN, Ed.D., *Registrar*  
CHARLES GLOVER, B.S., *President, Student Government Association and Graduate Student, Master of Education, Counselor Education*

## PROGRAM

*PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> (Military March No. 1, Op. 39) by Edward Elgar Performed by: KARLA JAN ROCKER, D.M., <i>Academic Services Professional and Adjunct Instructor, Music</i>
MACEBEARER	PATRICIA B. HUMPHREY, Ph.D., <i>Professor, Mathematical Sciences</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT	PROVOST CONE
WELCOME	PRESIDENT BARTELS
MEDITATION	DEAN MITCHELL
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	DEAN RICKER
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	MS. KATHY A. BRADLEY
RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS FACULTY	PROVOST CONE
CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES	PRESIDENT BARTELS PROVOST CONE
RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES	PROVOST CONE
CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	PRESIDENT BARTELS PROVOST CONE DEAN RICKER
*ALMA MATER	BRENNA DUDLEY, <i>Graduate Student, Master of Music, Performance</i>
*RECESSIONAL	<i>Wedding Day at Troldhaugen</i> by Grieg Performed by: KARLA JAN ROCKER, D.M., <i>Academic Services Professional and Adjunct Instructor, Music</i>

\*AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

*We would like to thank the ROTC Cadets and other Georgia Southern University volunteers for their assistance with today's ceremony.*

## JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### ***Doctor of Psychology***

Johnathan Craig Martin

B.S., Gardner-Webb University, 2005

M.A., Gardner-Webb University, 2008

M.S., Georgia Southern University, 2013

Ed.S., Gardner-Webb University, 2008

Dissertation: *Examining the Mediating Effects of Perceived Stress and Unconditional Self-Acceptance in Loneliness-Emotional Distress Relationships*

Major Professor: Jeffrey Klibert, Ph.D.

### ***Doctor of Psychology***

Jennifer Leigh Headrick

B.A., Augusta State University, 1998

M.S., Augusta State University, 2002

Dissertation: *Excessive Tanning as a Presentation of Body Dysmorphic Disorder*

Major Professor: Thresa Yancey, Ph.D.

### ***Doctor of Psychology***

Tasia Monique Pinkston

B.A., St. John's University, 2007

M.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2010

Dissertation: *Cues of Colorism: The Psychological, Sociocultural, and Developmental Differences between Light-skinned and Dark-skinned African-Americans*

Major Professor: Thresa Yancey, Ph.D.

### ***Master of Fine Arts***

#### ***Graphic Design***

Lindsay B. Tyson

B.F.A., Georgia Southern University, 2004

M.B.A., American InterContinental University, 2006

Thesis: *Design for the Greater Good*

Major Professor: Onyile B. Onyile, Ph.D.

**JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE  
OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

***Master of Arts***

Dinshaw Kaiomars Anklesaria  
Joseph Douglas Bacot  
William C. Brant  
Jennifer Leigh Pennington Downs  
Christopher John Gillmann  
Robert Jerome Greene II  
Matthew Aaron Kleinsorge  
Kimberly Morgan Knipe  
Garrett Elizabeth Litton  
Lilith Akasha Logan  
Nicolette Breann Pistone  
Jessica Lashawn Render  
Rocio Rodriguez  
Lindsay Shalom  
Michael James Singleton  
Porscha Terra Smith  
Melanie Sparrow  
Andrea Ogilvie Stevenson  
Alan Swirsky  
Allyson M. Vaughan

***Master of Music***

Ashley Nicole Akridge  
Robert Cottle  
Krystin M. Kicklighter  
Seth Amaro Messier  
Paul J. Vogel

***Master of Public Administration***

Megan Louise Baker  
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Dissertation: *Principals' Perceptions of Bullying Interventions and Strategies in Georgia High Schools*

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Dissertation: *The Road Less Traveled: Alumni Perceptions of the Georgia Early College High School Initiative*

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**Doctor of Philosophy  
Logistics/Supply Chain Management**

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# “Freedom”

is a non-releasable American Bald Eagle permitted to Georgia Southern University  
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Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American Bald Eagle mascot. Freedom's arrival during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a “brown ball of fuzz,” it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern's campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information, visit: [www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife](http://www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife).

## Did You Know?

- The bald eagle is found only in North America.
- The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.
- Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.
- The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term “balled,” meaning “shining white.” The adult bald eagle's head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name “balled eagle,” meaning “white eagle.”
- The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.
- Eagles are mature at five years of age.
- Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).
- Forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.
- In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 177 known nesting pairs throughout the state.



# Georgia Southern University Alma Mater

Caryl Cain Brown

David Mathew



1. From hum-ble farm be - gin - nings Sprung up from san - dy earth A -  
2. Through tri-umphs and through tri - als Our Al - ma Ma - ter's stood as



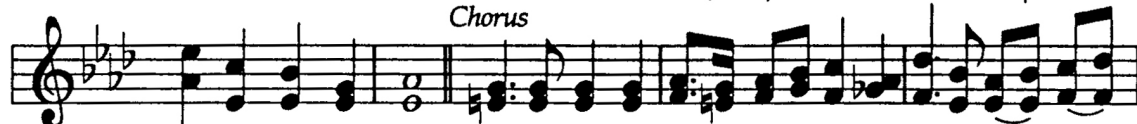
mong the tow-ring pine trees stands a trea - sure of great worth. Her price can - not be  
sol - id as the oak trees for - jus - tice and for good. As through these gates we



mea - sured in sil - ver or in gold but in the love and loy - al - ty that  
tra - vel and though our ways must part our Geor - gia Sou - them mem' - ries we'll



## Chorus



ma - ny hearts en - fold. Georgia Sou - them U - ni - ver - si - ty, On ea - gles wings you  
keep with - in our hearts.



soar — We pledge to you our loy - al - ty and love for - ev - er more.

