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**THINK. WORK. SERVE.**

FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE  
OF THE NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

*Adrian A. Smith*

DECEMBER SIXTEENTH  
A.D. TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

THE HOWARD C. GENTRY CENTER COMPLEX  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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*Fall*

COMMENCEMENT

*of the Ninety-Fourth Year*

NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



DECEMBER SIXTEENTH

A. D. TWO THOUSAND SIX

**Tennessee State University**

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

# Origin of Awarding Degrees

The first academic degree was conferred in approximately 1160 A.D. at the University of Bologna, Italy with the practice spreading quickly to other European universities, most notably the University of Paris, Oxford University, and Cambridge University. The procedure we use for awarding degrees at most American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris in the late 12th or early 13th century. In those days the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for local educational curriculum and degree setting. His authority, however, soon came to be disputed by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be proper judges of qualifications of their students. The threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise, under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for the conferring of their degrees.

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# History of Tennessee State University



Historical Marker commemorating the establishment of Tennessee State University.

Tennessee State University is a comprehensive urban coeducational land-grant university founded in 1912 in Nashville, Tenn. The 450-acre main campus, with more than 65 buildings, is located in a residential setting; the Avon Williams Campus is located downtown, near the center of the Nashville business and government district.

Through successive stages, TSU has developed from a normal school for Negroes to its current status as a national university with students from 45 states and more than 50 countries.

By virtue of a 1909 Act of the General Assembly, the Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School was created, along with two other normal schools in the State of Tennessee, and began serving students on June 19, 1912. William Jasper Hale was appointed as head of the school. The original 247 students, along with the faculty and staff, operated as a family. Everyone worked to keep the Institution running in its early years, from clearing rocks to harvesting crops to carrying chairs from class to class. In 1922, the Institution was raised to the status of four-year teachers' college and was empowered to grant the bachelor's degree. The first degrees were granted in June 1924. During the same year, the Institution became known as the

Agricultural and Industrial State Normal College. In 1927, "Normal" was dropped from the name of the College.

As the College grew in scope and stature throughout the 1920s and 1930s, so too did its impressive roster of alumni who embodied the school's charge: "Enter to learn; go forth to serve." In 1943, when William Hale retired after more than 30 years at the school's helm, an alumnus was chosen to succeed him. From 1943 until his retirement in 1968, Walter S. Davis led the Institution through an era of tremendous growth, in areas as multifaceted as academics, facilities, and worldwide recognition. The General Assembly of 1941 authorized the State Board of Education to upgrade substantially the educational program of the College, which included the establishment of graduate studies leading to the master's degree. Graduate curricula were first offered in several branches of teacher education. The first master's degree was awarded by the College in June 1944.



The Floyd-Payne Campus Center (left) and the McWhorter Administration Building (right).

Accreditation of the institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was first obtained in 1946. In August 1951, the Institution was granted university status by approval of the State Board of Education. The reorganization of the Institution's educational program included the establishment of the Graduate School, the School of Arts & Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Engineering. Provisions were also made for the later addition of other schools in agriculture, business, and home economics.

On July 1, 1979, the former University of Tennessee at Nashville was merged with TSU as a result of a court order in the 1968 Geier v. Tennessee case.

In 1988, the University received an unprecedented \$112 million from the state general assembly for capital improvements. Under this plan, nearly all buildings on campus have been renovated, and eight new buildings have been constructed, including the Floyd-Payne Campus Center, the Ned McWhorter Administration Building, the Wilma Rudolph Residence Center, and the Performing Arts Center. Currently, the downtown campus is undergoing an \$18.5 million renovation project. Through its eight colleges and schools, the TSU of today offers 43 bachelor's degrees and 26 master's degrees and awards doctoral degrees in six areas: biological sciences, computer information systems engineering, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, and administration and supervision.

The University has been served by the following presidents:

William Jasper Hale	1912-1943
Walter S. Davis	1943-1968
Andrew P. Torrence	1968-1974
Frederick S. Humphries	1975-1985
Otis L. Floyd	(Interim) 1986-1987, 1987-1990
James A. Hefner	1991-2005
Melvin N. Johnson	2005-Present

## From the President

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Dear Tennessee State University Graduates,

On behalf of the entire TSU family, I congratulate you as you complete this milestone in your lives and launch into new endeavors. As graduates of Tennessee State University, you truly are prepared to go into the world and “Think, Work, Serve, as our motto proclaims.

Remember what you have learned, both inside and outside of the classroom, as you have been working toward your degree. As you go forth to serve, allow the universe to be your best professor and look at every situation and encounter as an opportunity to learn and to provide solutions from the abundant knowledge you have acquired here at Tennessee State University.

You could say our world is full of challenges—war abroad in Iraq, terrorism at home and around the world, the building of nuclear weapons by nations who oppose democracy, natural disasters that totally destroy homes, schools, churches, lives. At TSU we educate students to know that challenges are opportunities in disguise. So the good news is Tennessee State University responds positively to those challenges. For example, our engineers have developed robots to detect danger in the battlefield and locate people in places where disaster has struck.

Now you are about to embark on many adventures, one of which is life as a graduate of Tennessee State University. Your alma mater needs your continued support. I encourage you to get involved with the alumni chapter in your city or region and to come back to campus to visit often, especially during Homecoming. Share your time, talent, and resources with your alma mater and let it continue to serve you through career planning and placement, social activities, and continuing education.

I wish you much success in the years ahead. First Lady Dr. Marcy Johnson and I are very proud of you; Tennessee State University is proud of you; and the world awaits you. Be well and do well.

Sincerely,



Melvin N. Johnson  
President

## President's Theme

### Building Bridges: Past · Present · Future

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### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

*An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
The sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again must pass this way;  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head:  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be,  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."*

*Will Allen Dromgoole*

## Keynote Speaker

### Adolpho A. Birch, Jr. Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court



Justice Adolpho Augustus Birch, Jr. (ret.), graduated from Dunbar High School (Washington, D.C.) in 1950 and attended Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) from 1950 to 1952. He graduated from Howard University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Doctor of Jurisprudence and was a member of law review from 1954 to 1956. He graduated from law school in 1956. A Naval Reservist, Justice Birch served on active duty 1956-1958. In 1958, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he taught medical law at Meharry Medical College and law at Fisk University and Tennessee State University, then Tennessee A & I University. During this time (1958-1963), he also maintained a private law practice.

In 1963, Justice Birch was appointed to the position of assistant public defender for Davidson County. This was then a part-time position, and he maintained his private law practice. In 1966, he was appointed to the position of assistant district attorney for Davidson County, a full-time position which required him to end his private law practice. He served in this position for three years. Justice Birch became a general sessions court judge in 1969, making him the first black Nashvillian to hold a county-wide, judicial office. In 1978, he was elected criminal court judge for the Twentieth District, Davidson County, Tennessee. He remained a criminal court judge until 1987. In 1981-82 he served as the presiding judge over the trial courts of Davidson County, making him responsible for case assignment and other procedural issues. Again, he was the first black to serve in this capacity.

In 1981, Justice Birch became an instructor at the Nashville School of Law, a position he still maintains.

From 1983 to 1986, Justice Birch served on the Court of the Judiciary, a specialized court that investigates allegations of judicial malfeasance and determines sanctions when allegations are found to be valid. On March 2, 1987, Justice Birch was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals by Governor Ned Ray McWherter. In August 1988, he was confirmed in a state-wide retention vote under the provisions of the Tennessee Plan. In 1993, Justice Birch was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court by Governor Ray Blanton, becoming only the second black ever to serve on that body to that time. He also became the first Supreme Court judge in Tennessee history to have served at every judicial level. In October 1994, Justice Birch was selected Chief Justice by his fellow Supreme Court Justices. He served in that capacity until May 1996. In August 1998, he was confirmed for a second, eight-year Supreme Court term, serving additional terms as Chief Justice from July 1997 to August 1998 and from September 1999 to August 2001.

Justice Birch announced his retirement in 2006 following a 50-year career, 37 years of which were served as a member of Tennessee's judiciary. The A. A. Birch building in downtown Nashville, the home of Davidson County's Criminal Courts, was dedicated in his honor in June 2006.

Justice Birch is active in numerous civic and professional organizations. His many awards include the 2001 Thurgood Marshall Award from the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association; the 2002 Barbara Jordan Award, which is the highest honor conferred by the Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity; and the 2005 William H. Hastie Award, which is the highest award of the National Bar Association's Judicial Council. Other awards and honors he has received include the Judicial Achievement Award of the National United Law Enforcement Officers Association; Certificates of Appreciation from the State of Tennessee and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County; a Distinguished Service Award from the Napier-Looby Bar Association; the Civil Rights Award from the Rainbow Coalition; the NAACP 1994 Image Award; a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Howard University School of Law; Honorary membership in Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; the inaugural Richard Allen Award for Public Service from the African Methodist Episcopal Church; the C.B. Robinson Award from the Tennessee Caucus of Black Legislators; and the Alumni Achievement Award in Law and Public Service from Howard University.

He received an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from the University of the South in 1998 and has also served as a Distinguished Jurist in Residence at the University of Memphis's Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

Justice Birch is proud of his three children and four grandchildren.

## Commencement Program

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding  
Dr. Robert L. Hampton, Provost and Executive Vice President

PRELUDE .....	TSU Brass Ensemble Mr. James Sexton, Conductor
PRESENTATION OF COLORS .....	Air Force ROTC
PROCESSIONAL — "Pomp and Circumstance" .....	Sir Edward Elgar TSU Brass Ensemble, Mr. James Sexton, Conductor
MUSIC .....	The University Choir Dr. Darryl Nettles, Director
WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS .....	Dr. Melvin N. Johnson President of the University
GREETING .....	Mr. Robert P. Thomas Tennessee Board of Regents
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....	Ms. Lisa Karen Atkins, J.D. Chief of Staff and University Counsel
KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....	Justice Adolpho A. Birch, Jr. Supreme Court Justice, Retired
PRESENTATION OF DEANS OF COLLEGES .....	Dr. Hampton Dr. William Lawson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Tilden Curry, Dean of the College of Business Dr. Peter Millet, Dean of the College of Education Dr. Decatur Rogers, Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Dr. Kathleen McEnerney, Dean of the College of Health Sciences Dr. Constantine Fenderson, Interim Dean of the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences Dr. Bernardeen Fleming, Interim Dean of the School of Nursing Dr. Helen Barrett, Dean of Graduate Studies
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .....	President Johnson
ALUMNI INDUCTION CEREMONY .....	Dr. Ada Jackson National President, TSU Alumni Association
THE PRESIDENTIAL CHARGE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....	President Johnson
RESPONSE TO THE CHARGE .....	Mr. Christopher Silas Pepper
THE ALMA MATER .....	TSU Brass Ensemble
RETIRING OF COLORS .....	Air Force ROTC

## *Alumni Induction Ceremony*

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President: President Johnson, guests, members of the graduating class, ladies and gentlemen, we have a long history of promoting the progress of our alma mater, representing its image in a positive manner, serving as ambassadors to perpetuate its tradition by recruiting the most promising students, and giving of our time, service, and resources on behalf of the University while remembering our motto, "Think, Work, Serve" and our charge, "Enter to learn; go forth to serve." Candidates, please stand.

Candidates, for what reason did you enter the university?

Graduates: We entered to learn.

President: For what reason do you depart?

Graduates: We depart to serve.

President: Candidates, I am honored to have the opportunity to confer upon you, the Fall Class of 2006, entrance into the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association. Candidates, would you please raise your right hands as I administer the induction oath.

Do you now resolve that personally and collectively you will strive to meet the challenge of our traditions and our heritage and give of your time, service, and resources?

Graduates: We will.

President: Do you consent to keeping your alma mater informed at all times of your new locations, professional successes and those of fellow alumni?

Graduates: We will.

President: Candidates, please read the Pledge in unison.

Graduates: I hereby pledge to uphold the traditions and heritage of Tennessee State University while recruiting the best and brightest students to matriculate at my alma mater and always remember my alma mater by making financial contributions to the University and the National Alumni Association.

President: By virtue of the power vested in me, I do hereby declare that you are members of the Tennessee State University National Alumni Association and bestow upon each of you membership for one year and receipt of the ALUMNI OUTREACH publication and other amenities. Congratulations on your achievement and continue to Think, Work, and Serve.

*Motto:  
Think ~ Work ~ Serve*



*Charge:  
Enter to learn; go forth to  
serve.*

## The Symbols of Office

### The University Seal

In 1922, President William Jasper Hale, first president of Tennessee A. and I. Normal School, asked Frances Thompson, Professor and Department Head of Art, to design the University Seal. Enclosed in a circle, the seal is divided into three parts: Agriculture upper left, Industry upper right, Education lower center. Education is further emphasized by a hand holding a light with rays extending above the seal. The motto, "Think, Work, Serve," is placed beneath the seal for support.



### Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office



The Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office serve as a symbol of authority as head of the University. It originated in medieval times and is worn by the President of the University on ceremonial occasions such as commencement, convocations, or other formal occasions.

The Medallion and Chain of Office, the first in the history of the University, was commissioned in 2005 by Dr. Melvin N. Johnson, the seventh president of the University. The front of the medallion bears the official University Seal.

The back side of the Medallion was conceptualized by Dr. Johnson and artistically designed by Professor Carlyle Johnson, Department Head of Art. The seal is circular with a blue border bearing the President's motto in Latin: NIL SINE MAGNO LABORE – "Nothing without Great Effort." Encircling the inside base of the seal on a background of silver is President Johnson's trademark, which is a suspended bridge supported by three massive pillars with extended pinnacles symbolizing the institution's Past, Present, and Future. At the top center is the year that the Institution was founded and at the bottom is the year that the Medallion and Chain of Office was conceived.

Each link of the chain holding the medallion is inscribed with the name of a past president of the Institution and his term in office. Holding together these links and supporting the medallion is a bronze leaf cluster.

### University Mace and Baton

In 2005, the mace and baton was conceptualized by Dr. Melvin N. Johnson and artistically designed by Professor Carlyle Johnson, Department Head of Art, with layout and logistical formatting provided by Dr. John Cade, Dean of Admissions and Records.

The Lapis stone characterizes the TSU Blue and is used to stimulate inner vision and give enhanced wisdom, insight, and good judgment. The pearl stone represents the TSU White and symbolizes the wealth, purity, and power of knowledge. The head and flanges of the mace are modeled after the Floyd-Payne Campus Center Tower located on the University's main campus. The reflective quality of the polished silver signifies the vision of the University.



The baton of the mace is made of wood which is a forest symbol or the symbol of a provider. It represents a tree of knowledge around which each college and school is mounted. This aspect of the mace serves to link the University ancestral past.

The three-tier stand for the mace. This aspect of the mace constitutes the mace in place and represents the educational values at the University. On

Together, the mace and baton are borne and Recessional at occasions such as The mace is carried by the University that is composed of the President, Vice representatives, and other authorities



embodies the motto, "Think, Work, Serve." foundation of the University that holds the classical architectural structure of the top of the mace is the seal of the university.

as a symbol of authority in the Processional commencement and inaugural ceremonies. Chief Marshal in front of the Platform party Presidents, Tennessee Board of Regents and distinguished guests.

## The History of Academic Regalia

The history of academic dress began with the medieval European universities of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. In a time when all students were clerics, the gown and its attached hood served the dual function of keeping the student warm in unheated buildings and identifying the particular order to which he belonged.

Modern academic costume in the United States is based upon an intercollegiate code established in 1895. These early agreements have been revised periodically to cover standardization of the cap (two basic styles), the gown (three basic styles), and the hood (subject to greater variation than either the cap or the gown). The cap, originally round in shape, is usually the more familiar mortarboard square with tassel or black Oxford style.

The gown, commonly black, differs in sleeves and trimming according to the level of degree. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple in design. It is full-cut, falling in a straight line from an elaborate yoke, with long pointed sleeves as its distinguishing mark. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except for its peculiar arrangement of the oblong sleeves which terminate in square ends at the wearer's knees; the wearer's arms emerge through slits in the sleeves made at the elbows. Short-sleeved master's gowns are also worn. The doctoral gown is an elaborate, full-cut, flowing costume distinguished by velvet panels down the front and round the neck and by three bars of velvet on the voluminous bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet is usually black, but it may be a color designating the field of study (for example, dark blue for philosophy).

The hood, traditionally bearing the heaviest symbolic burden, is the most important feature of the academic costume. The length of the hood and the width of its velvet trimming designate the level of the degree. The hood's lining identifies the institution that granted the degree, and the color of the velvet heralds the major field of learning.



## Colors

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctoral gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture .....	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	White
Commerce, Accounting, Business .....	Drab
Dentistry .....	Lilac
Economics .....	Cooper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering .....	Orange
Fine Arts including Architecture.....	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Journalism .....	Crimson
Home Economics .....	Maroon
Law.....	Purple
Library Science .....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy.....	Blue
Physical Education .....	Sage
Public Administration .....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science .....	Golden Yellow
Social Work.....	Citron
Speech, Oratory.....	Silver-Gray
Theology, Divinity .....	Scarlet
Technology.....	Bright Red
Veterinary Science .....	Gray

## Graduate Degree Candidates

### Doctor of Philosophy

Dukes, Aimee Elizabeth	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Hernbeck, Laura Catherine	Psychology	Doctor of Philosophy
Mcshepard, Gerard	Biological Science	Doctor of Philosophy

### Doctor of Education

Brewer, Jason B	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Cai, Lili	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Cherry, Elvis H	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Churchwell, Don	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Churchwell, Paula D	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Dixon, Sharon D	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Edwards, Lendozia	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Honea, Jerry W	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Isabel, Lesley A	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Jackson, Jeffrey L	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Love, Anotionette	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Ross, Kennnda W	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Shiple, William Gunn	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
St Clair, John Iii Robert	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Stevens, Charlotte Bethany Rains	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Ulmer, Tameca A	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Walker, Marcia Y	Curriculum & Instruction	Doctor of Education
Washington, Andre L	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education
Wells, Harold A	Administration & Supervision	Doctor of Education

### Specialist In Education

Burton, Albert Jr	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Gamill, Tameka	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Gurley, Rodney S	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Hodges, Elizabeth C	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Hopkins, Julie Ann	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Jenkins-Holder, Deaundra	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Lass, Mary L	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Mumuni, Samad Dimbie	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Rigsby, Kenneth Wayne	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education
Sanders, Cornealia	Administration & Supervision	Specialist in Education

## Master of Arts

Hicks, Moniqueca N English Master of Arts

## Master of Arts in Education

German, Twanna C Health, Physical Education & Recreation Master of Arts In Education  
Phillips, Mose, J Jr Health, Physical Education & Recreation Master of Arts In Education

## Master of Business Administration

Brown, Sheree Natalia Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Hurst, Derrick M Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Lee, Harry Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Leong, Annie Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Lu, Yifei Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Lumpress, Sabrina S Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Middleton, Heather Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Rowe, Lakita E Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Todd, Morgan Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Vanatta, Sherri R Business Administration Master of Business Administration  
Wilson, Shanta Sheneike Business Administration Master of Business Administration

## Master of Criminal Justice

Gilmore, Lindsay S Criminal Justice Master of Criminal Justice  
Maurice, Asari M Criminal Justice Master of Criminal Justice  
Pruitt, Alarick Criminal Justice Master of Criminal Justice  
Richardson, Tawanda Criminal Justice Master of Criminal Justice

## Master of Education

Adams, Jaqueta T Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Bednarovsky, Edward Paul Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Bender, Montique J Elementary Education Master of Education  
Benning, Erikka N Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Brown, Joseph M Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Brown, Tracie G Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Brown-Adams, Janice L Special Education Master of Education  
Carson, Patricia H Special Education Master of Education  
Collins, Sylvia V Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Crowder, Justin N Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Davidson, Valerie J Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Davis, Philip Special Education Master of Education  
Edwards, Camille G Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Gladney, Brenda D Special Education Master of Education  
Haap, Karin Elementary Education Master of Education  
Hammonds, Jennifer Nicole Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Harris, Ashley Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Harry, Patrick Brady Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Hobson, Tunisha V. Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Holt, Elisha Monique Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Hoover-Dempsey, Jesse M Elementary Education Master of Education  
Hubbard, Cherronda M Special Education Master of Education

Jones, Shannon A Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Jones, Soncerry Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Kuvly, Nasreen Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Lamb, Donna P Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Lanier, Renita O Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Leblanc, Alfred L Special Education Master of Education  
Mason, Darwin Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Mcadoo, Janai Denise Elementary Education Master of Education  
Moore, Karen D Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Naftel, Margaret P Special Education Master of Education  
Oggs, Stacey Ann Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Powers, Talisa Patrice Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Prieur, Michelle Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Reall, Heather Ann Elementary Education Master of Education  
Robertson, Onita G Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Sholar, Marcus M Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Sloan-Brown, Karen D Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Starks, Alice Marie Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Tucker, Jacqueline M Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Widener, Beverly A Administration & Supervision Master of Education  
Wiemers, Christie Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Williams, Christina Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education  
Wood, Christopher C Curriculum & Instruction Master of Education

## Master of Engineering

Arnold, Angela E Engineering Master of Engineering  
Kpabar, Thomas K Engineering Master of Engineering  
Rodgers, Charner Engineering Master of Engineering  
Spitzenberg, William E Engineering Master of Engineering

## Master of Public Administration

Baptiste, Esther R Public Administration Master of Public Administration  
Fermann, Kay Heather Public Administration Master of Public Administration  
Lewis, Felton H Public Administration Master of Public Administration  
Martin, Vivian Public Administration Master of Public Administration  
Smith, Onekki M Public Administration Master of Public Administration  
Spain, Jason Public Administration Master of Public Administration  
White, Courtney L Public Administration Master of Public Administration

## Master of Science

Allen, Sarah Mai Speech and Hearing Science Master of Science  
Banning, Renee A Guidance & Counseling Master of Science  
Bradshaw, Katrina D Psychology Master of Science  
Branton, Brandi D Speech and Hearing Science Master of Science  
Bronaugh, Roderick Music Education Master of Science  
Cantrell, Michael A Psychology Master of Science  
Catlin, Reetta Biology Master of Science  
Cohen, Ruth I Psychology Master of Science  
Dake, Maggie E Speech and Hearing Science Master of Science  
Davenport, Angela Tova Speech and Hearing Science Master of Science  
Flye, Angel Leanne Biology Master of Science  
Gaskin, Latausha Tomeka Biology Master of Science

Greene, Aisha M	Psychology	Master of Science
Harrison, Russell H	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Heffernan, Thomas Iii	Computer & Information Systems Engineering	Master of Science
Hill, Adam Alexander	Mathematics	Master of Science
Hill, Latonya Y	Guidance & Counseling	Master of Science
Holston, Brandon L	Psychology	Master of Science
Hooks, Vanessa J	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Hopkins, Jamie L	Psychology	Master of Science
Huff, Timothy E	Mathematical Sciences	Master of Science
Humes, Felita	Mathematical Sciences	Master of Science
Johnson, Jessica M	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Jones, Lusheena M	Psychology	Master of Science
Kasunmu, Josephine F	Psychology	Master of Science
Laurence, Peter G	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Lwin, Seint-The Su	Biology	Master of Science
Mabry, Alysia Lynn	Psychology	Master of Science
Miller, Grace	Guidance & Counseling	Master of Science
Moore, Arshida S	Psychology	Master of Science
Mullaney, Barbra F	Mathematical Sciences	Master of Science
N L N , Pliza	Guidance & Counseling	Master of Science
Priddy, Elizabeth Gotcher	Psychology	Master of Science
Pugh, Rahman K	Speech and Hearing Science	Master of Science
Richmond, Lillian Marie	Guidance & Counseling	Master of Science
Roberts, Latisha	Computer & Information Systems Engineering	Master of Science
Rurunda, Carol T	Psychology	Master of Science
Sellers, Alexander B	Computer & Information Systems Engineering	Master of Science
Shaw, Kori N	Agriculture Science	Master of Science
Smith, Franchel Delane Daniel	Psychology	Master of Science
Smith, Stephen A	Biology	Master of Science
Sowers, Ernest Seth	Mathematical Sciences	Master of Science
Stanley, Angie L	Psychology	Master of Science
Thompson, Neva	Psychology	Master of Science
Williams, Kimberly S	Psychology	Master of Science
Wylie, Derrico M	Psychology	Master of Science

### Master of Science in Nursing

Anderson, Chandler Ray	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Bryant, Cindy Michelle	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Dasilva, Robin	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Noble-Britton, Pinky A	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Sesson, Judith P	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Stewart, Kim	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing
Wilder, Lisa Lyles	Nursing	Master of Science in Nursing

## Undergraduate Degree Candidates

### College of Arts and Sciences

Amirshokoohi, Aeen	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Anderson, Jessica Elaine	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Anthony, Tamara D	Africana Studies	B.S.	
Auen, Rebecca	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Ayele, Arianna Y	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Badjie, Fatim	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Bailey, Kendra L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Baldwin, Lori C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Banks, Andrea Marie	English	B.A.	
Barber, Jennifer S	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Barnes, Levy Q	Biology	B.S.	
Barno, Phylicia C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Beasley, Mary Elizabeth	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Becton, Amity Caitlin	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Bernard, Karen P	Biology	B.S.	
Bobo, Jamil L	Social Work	B.S.	
Boyland, Jason D	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Brown, Brooke M	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Brown, Keyonne D	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Brown, Kimberly E	English	B.A.	
Brown, Linda M	Sociology	B.S.	
Burkes, Terresita Lashaun	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Burnett, Derek L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Burnett, Leyser S	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Burney, Eldreia S	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Carothers, Chaz R	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Carter, Michael A	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Cartwright, Tasha T	Sociology	B.S.	
Champion, Felicia Ann	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Coats, Tracelia	Biology	B.S.	
Cole, Erin D	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Conteh, Ramatu V	Sociology	B.S.	
Corbett, Meredith M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Craft, Jereld M	English	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Cunningham, Dawn L	Political Science	B.S.	
Curtis, Phyllis A	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Daves, Jeremy T	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Davis, Kevin L	English	B.S.	
Davis, Kristen T	Political Science	B.S.	
Debow, Jamila R	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Dickerson, Rebecca A	Interdisciplinary Studies	B.I.S.	
Dixon, Kerrin M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Dobbins, Tamika R	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Evans, Alena J	Africana Studies	B.S.	
Evans, Keilon R	Political Science	B.S.	
Farmer, Gregory S	Biology	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Fields, Kwaneka L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Flemister, Tamia N	Political Science	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Frame, Nikki R	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Frazier, Cheri C	Criminal Justice	B.S.	

Freeman, Latoya C	Political Science	B.S.	
Frierson, Eureka R	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Gardner, Latoya R	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Gatkek, David K	Political Science	B.S.	
Gicewicz, Margaret M	Art	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Giddens, Sharika N	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Gilliard, Christina F	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Goldthreate, Martina D	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Greenup, Chancey Kyle	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Griffin, Sharon D	Social Work	B.S.	
Griggs, Derica J	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Gulczynski, Derek R	Foreign Languages	B.S.	
Gunn, Natasha M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Hall, Dymetrice N	Sociology	B.S.	
Ham, Christopher E	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Hamlett, Toya D	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Hampton, Amber D	Biology	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Harris, Cassandra L	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Harris, David A	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Harris, Tiyonna P	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Hayes, Desmon Q	Biology	B.S.	
Hodge, Kimberly J	Political Science	B.S.	
Hodges, Jimmie Jr	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Hollands, King M	Foreign Languages	B.A.	
Hollingsworth, Vestania R	Interdisciplinary Studies	B.I.S.	
Holloway, Laurin N	Chemistry	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Iguobadia, Barry O	Biology	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Ikeri, Beauty C	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Jackson, Ayana K	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Jackson, Jessica J	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Jackson, Latresa D	Chemistry	B.S.	Cum Laude
Jennings, Latrese D	Biology	B.S.	
Johnson, Crystal C	English	B.A.	
Johnson, Loquisha A	History	B.A.	
Johnson, Natalie N	Political Science	B.S.	
Johnson, Nechia S	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Johnson, Nicole A	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Johnson, Tamala K	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Jones, Alicia A	Sociology	B.S.	
Jones, Phillip J	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Jones, Shawanni	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Jones, Stacy Anita	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Jordan, Raeya J	Africana Studies	B.S.	Cum Laude
Justice, Jasper L	Biology	B.S.	
Keaton, Marquenta Neshone	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Kehir, Jennifer Fae	Sociology	B.S.	
King, Demetrius C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Knox, Crystal Antionette	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Koder, Karen	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Leavell, Brandi M	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Lusk, Ashley L	Art	B.S.	
Lynn, Michael C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Lynn, Susan M	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Marks, Jamar T	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Maseko, Chazile G	Chemistry	B.S.	
Mattison, Shavonne M	Biology	B.S.	

Maxwell, Randall K	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Mayberry, Mary J	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Maynard, Autumn C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Mcclendon, Kristopher D	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Mccrary, Courtney S	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Mcdowell, Carmen D	Art	B.S.	
Mcwilliams, Chandra M	Political Science	B.S.	
Meneese, Billy L	Mathematics	B.S.	
Messenger, Bernice	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Minnfee, Dawn N	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Minor, Tasha D	Biology	B.S.	
Moody, Laterria M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Moore, Garry M	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Moore, Norkeisha T	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Mosley, Susan L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Myles, Sykenya Y	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Nemnich, Jessica Leigh	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Newman, Carla D	Social Work	B.S.	
Northrup, Natascha	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Odom, Nakita R	Social Work	B.S.	
Oglivie, Vielka E	Social Work	B.S.	Cum Laude
Owens, April N	Biology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Palumbo, Lisa J	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Parrish, Ireace E	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Parsley, Matthew B	History	B.A.	Magna Cum Laude
Patterson, Tiffany L	Criminal Justice	B.S.	Cum Laude
Pepper, Christopher S	History	B.A.	Summa Cum Laude
Polk, Luttie K	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Pope, Cleatsa	Social Work	B.S.	
Portell, Mathew P	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Powers, Brenton R	Biology	B.S.	
Price, Jovanni L	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Reliford, Dennifer F	Biology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Rich, Kimberly Mae	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Roberson, Lasonya L	Professional Studies	B.P.S.	
Robertson, Tashia E	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Robinson, Lebraun A	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Roche, Corey S	Foreign Languages	B.A.	
Rucker, Tracy L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Rutland, Nikkieda C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Samuels, Ravin C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Sanchez, Laura L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Sanford, James L	Biology	B.S.	
Scott, Kafesta D	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	Cum Laude
Sewell, Khayla D	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Sheard, Kendra T	English	B.A.	
Shepherd, Latasha N	Political Science	B.S.	
Shoates, Alisha M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Simmons, Renea S	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Smith, Adam S	Music	B.S.	
Smith, Justin J	Political Science	B.S.	
Smith, Marcus E	Political Science	B.S.	
Smith-Butler, Machalene J	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
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Solomon, Denisha L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
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Sowder, Rachel Jaclyn	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Stanfield, Darlisha M	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Steele, Jazmen S	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Taylor, Latisha E	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Taylor, Myrtle Alleana C	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Taylor, Noble	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Thomas, Corrine J	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Tolbert, Ashley E	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	
Tolbert, Ladonna S	Chemistry	B.S.	
Trice, Latoya L	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Turnage, Nycole L	Political Science	B.S.	
Viera, Bene A	English	B.A.	
Wade, Jerie J	Political Science	B.S.	
Wagner, Inice M	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Walker, Alfred D	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.A.	
Watkins, Kennda	Criminal Justice	B.S.	
Webley, Kerel	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.A.	
Wheeler, Jetone E	Social Work	B.S.	
White, Patricia A	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Wiley, Sheena A	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Williams, Cherronda M	Arts & Sciences	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Williams, Kyle L	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Williams, Melanie A	Social Work	B.S.	
Williams, Melanie Y	Political Science	B.S.	
Wimberly, Tameka R	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Winningham, Charlotte	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	Cum Laude
Woods, Lakisha S	Foreign Languages	B.A.	Magna Cum Laude
Wortham, Tia	Biology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Wright, Kyle A	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	
Young, Cedric Jr	Speech Communication & Theatre	B.S.	

### College of Business

Ancrum, Janai C	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Ancrum, Robert S	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Bailey, Shemika L	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Baker, Cedric D	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Barnes, Candice S	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Bell, Marlon A	Economics and Finance	B.B.A.	
Brown, Crystal D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Brown, Tannisia A	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Bryant, Dionte L	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Burkes, Remy Y	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Carmichael, Cortney D	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Chandler, Jerry li	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Collins, Eboni R	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Cooley, Dionne N	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Corley, Loren R	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Crockett, Keith D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Davis, Kenneth A	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Edwards, Kenya D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Fowler, John W	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Franklin, Shawntae	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Gleaves, Marquita L	Business Administration	B.B.A.	Cum Laude
Gimerek, Barbara A	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Hardwick, Janah P	Business Administration	B.B.A.	

Hassell, Shontane D	Economics and Finance	B.B.A.	
Hogan, Brandon J	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Hulin, Teresa J	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Jackson, Charles D	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Johnson, Tiffany T	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Jones, Vicki Lynn Cochran	Accounting	B.B.A.	Summa Cum Laude
Kasunmu, Olaolu O	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Lee, Heather L	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Leslie, Tiffani L	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Lindsey, Chermoan Lavonn	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Lyle, Karen M	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Mcdade, Jerrold M	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Miller, Steven A	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Moore, Erika D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Morris, Jasmine J	Business Administration	B.B.A.	Cum Laude
Naar, Patricia E	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Newsome, Brandon M	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Nicely, Donna F	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Oliver, Ashlee K	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Oneal, Tahmecka C	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Page, Sharla V	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Phim, Keophosy	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Pitts, Damian D	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	Cum Laude
Pollard, Kaurey S	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Ricketts, Julia A	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Rolle, Eduardo Michael Romer	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Rollins, Traci D	Economics and Finance	B.B.A.	Cum Laude
Salem, Andrew B	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Simpson, Tiffany L	Economics and Finance	B.B.A.	
Singleton, Joneau M	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Smith, Camara Ann	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Spencer, Jason A	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Tahriri, Helen	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Tayip, Chimen S	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Thomas, Nastassia D	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Umontuen, Itoro N	Business Information Systems	B.B.A.	
Walker, Dorothy A	Business Administration	B.B.A.	
Webster, Monique	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Wilkins, Jaunae C	Accounting	B.B.A.	
Winfree, Shane M	Economics and Finance	B.B.A.	

### College of Education

Alexander, Matthew	Psychology	B.S.	
Allgood, Terrilyn P	Psychology	B.S.	
Brock, Amina Aisha	Psychology	B.S.	
Buchanan, Famitah Q	Psychology	B.S.	
Buchanan, Lillie M	Psychology	B.S.	
Burnett, Donanishia L	Psychology	B.S.	
Carrington, Cerise M	Psychology	B.S.	Summa Cum Laude
Clark, Quiandra R	Psychology	B.S.	
Day, Bessie D	Psychology	B.S.	
Duncan, Almonte R	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Echols, Kevin V	Psychology	B.S.	
Fields, Deonna C	Psychology	B.S.	
Foutch, Joseph E	Psychology	B.S.	

Gant, Kisa D	Psychology	B.S.	
Gayle, Richard Anthony	Psychology	B.S.	
Gibbs, Makisha A	Psychology	B.S.	
Gillespie, Chelsye M	Psychology	B.S.	
Hartman, Richard C	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Hathaway, Nakia R	Psychology	B.S.	
Henry, Marquitta M	Psychology	B.S.	Cum Laude
Hill, Brandon L	Psychology	B.S.	
Hobbs, Natasha R	Psychology	B.S.	
Jarmon, Deanna D	Psychology	B.S.	
Johns, Shameka R	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Jones, Ryan K	Psychology	B.S.	
Kirk, Lois C	Psychology	B.S.	
Lampkin, Kimberly C	Psychology	B.S.	
Langworthy, Amanda B	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Moody, Bradley D	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Moore, Stanley B Jr	Psychology	B.S.	
Perry, Shamika S	Psychology	B.S.	
Quabner, Dominique L	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	
Richardson, Brandon S	Psychology	B.S.	
Smith, Kelly J	Psychology	B.S.	
Tanner, Heather Elaine	Psychology	B.S.	
Tompkins, Arleshia D	Psychology	B.S.	
West, Danesha M	Psychology	B.S.	
Whitney, Patricia J	Psychology	B.S.	
Wolfe, Tina A	Psychology	B.S.	
Younger, Chinaria S	Human Performance and Sport Science	B.S.	

### College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science

Al-Hudiathi, Mohammad S	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Alexander, Torey A	Aeronautical & Industrial Technology	B.S.	
Anderson, Ananias	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Ashari, Hamid	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Bedford, Tanesha R	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Benjelloun, Mohamed	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	Cum Laude
Blaine, Elgia M	Computer Science	B.S.	
Booker, Thomas	Computer Science	B.S.	
Bullard, Marian C	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Cain, Billy	Aeronautical & Industrial Technology	B.S.	
Cole, Edward G	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	Cum Laude
Cole, Roddrick R	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Covington, Dwaine L	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Curry, Yukeshi S	Computer Science	B.S.	
Echols, Amber C	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Evans, Christy B	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Fletcher, Gregory D	Computer Science	B.S.	
Harton, Michael K	Computer Science	B.S.	
Ho, Andy X	Computer Science	B.S.	
Hopkins, Richard D	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Hudson, Trenton C	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Hughes, Mario R	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Ibrahim, Ahmad A	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Iguobadia, Charles	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Lawal, Kolade T	Computer Science	B.S.	
Lherisson, Adarian D	Aeronautical & Industrial Technology	B.S.	

Lightfoot, Shannon M	Architectural Engineering	B.S.	
Linder, Stephanie R	Computer Science	B.S.	
Love, Jeremiah D	Computer Science	B.S.	Cum Laude
Madison, Maceo L	Computer Science	B.S.	
Mbelu, Ijeoma A	Computer Science	B.S.	
Mbelu, Obinna R	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Miller, Melvin L	Computer Science	B.S.	
Mincy, John C	Architectural Engineering	B.S.	
Moore, Aries D	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Nganga, Alexander N	Mechanical Engineering	B.S.	
Parson, Andre	Aeronautical & Industrial Technology	B.S.	
Reed, Lawrence K	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Sanders, Kristofer R	Computer Science	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Sarfaraz, Maysam	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	Magna Cum Laude
Scott, Marques A	Computer Science	B.S.	
Spalding, Tish R	Civil Engineering	B.S.	
Stephens, Deontae L	Computer Science	B.S.	
Suber, Janique I	Civil Engineering	B.S.	
Talley, Ronald D	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Thompson, Noel	Computer Science	B.S.	
Ware, Paul C	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Washington, Jerry J	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Williams, Garrett O	Civil Engineering	B.S.	
Williams, Lindsay D	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	
Yarbrough, Leondre	Electrical Engineering	B.S.	

### College of Health Sciences

Anderson, Kerra Grace Dominic	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	
Gray, Markevia A	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Hall, Ja'Tonia D	Speech Pathology & Audiology	B.S.	
Houston, Keosha L	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Little, Kimberly L	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	
Marshall, Jocelyn P	Health Sciences	B.S.	Cum Laude
Nelson, Robin L	Dental Hygiene	B.S.	Cum Laude
Robinson, Tedric D	Health Care Administration & Planning	B.S.	
Thomas, Jeff R	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Thomas, Tiana M	Health Sciences	B.S.	
Wells, Nisheba M	Health Sciences	B.S.	

### School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences

Alston, Mia R	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Ayele, Ayana J	Early Childhood Education	B.S.	
Davis, Marcus A	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Doby, Deneathia B	Early Childhood Education	B.S.	
Mcafee, Jamie D	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Mccullough, Rosalyn H	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Mclaurin, Austin T	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Moore, Crystal D	Early Childhood Education	B.S.	
Phillips, Rekyia N	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Selders, Latoya R	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Simmons, Valerie D	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Sloss, Erica J	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Troupe, Ashley M	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	

Vinson, Jessica J	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Williams, Brandon J	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	
Wood li, Robert D	Family & Consumer Science	B.S.	Cum Laude

### School of Nursing

Beasley, Shannon M	Nursing	A.A.S.	
Boirie, Sulamita R	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Green, Terri M	Nursing	A.A.S.	
Hao, Yali	Nursing	B.S.N.	
High, Kastarr B	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Jefferson, Alecia S	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Jenkins, Melissa M	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Konjevic, Vanja	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Little, Bryan F	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Muhsin, Azad M	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Palmer, Aaron M	Nursing	B.S.N.	Cum Laude
Perry, Holly M	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Phillips, Kathryn L	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Ransford, Natalie Y	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Sauve, Valerie Y	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Scott, Monica Millbrooks	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Sloan, Michelle L	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Spencer, Anniece N	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Starr, Jan Abby Rose	Nursing	B.S.N.	Cum Laude
Stuart, Michelle A	Nursing	B.S.N.	
Ware, Roxann	Nursing	A.A.S.	

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The Convocations Committee coordinates Founder's Day, Convocation, Commencement activities, and other special events designated by the President.

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### Honors

Summa Cum Laude — A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Magna Cum Laude — A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.74.

Cum Laude — A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.49.

University Honors — A senior who has earned a grade point average of 3.25 or above and has fulfilled other requirements of the University Honors Program.

Candidates who have achieved honors in general scholarship are distinguished in procession by three-tassel gold braid cords. Those being graduated with University Honors are distinguished by a scarlet braid cord with three gold tassels. The scarlet is symbolic of the University Honors Program; the gold, of general scholarship. The cords are provided by the University Honors Program.

### Program Notes

- Photographs: Guests are requested to refrain from taking photographs during the exercises.
- The audience is requested to remain seated during the Academic Procession and Recession.
- Main Floor Access: Please be reminded that no access to the main floor will be permitted during the commencement ceremonies.
- The assembly is requested to stand for the Alma Mater.
- An interpreter is provided by the University for hearing-impaired members of the audience. These guests should be seated near the front of the stage on the second level of the gym.
- This program is not an official graduation list. It lists students who were eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies pending the outcome of final examinations and final grades. Therefore, it should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status.
- Candidates: Any display of disruptive behaviors--stomping, dancing, etc.--on stage will not be tolerated. No talking on cell phones. All phones must be turned off! Once lined up, candidates must not leave the processional for any reason. Failure to comply with these University rules will necessitate the removal of the graduate from the ceremony, withholding of the diploma, and other possible consequences.
- Audience: Please turn off cell phones, keep the noise level to a minimum, and do not display behaviors that disrupt the ceremony (bull horns, signs, whistles are prohibited).

## Fast Facts about Tennessee State University

- TSU now has nearly 9,000 students, from almost every state and more than 50 countries.
- TSU engineers have developed new robots that are being used to sweep for mines and save soldiers' lives in the battlefield. Another application is detecting life during earthquakes, floods, and other civil disasters.
- This spring, TSU launched a new Pilot Center of Academic Excellence for Intelligence Studies, one of only four in the nation, which will prepare students to work in such agencies as the CIA, FBI, Homeland Security, and all branches of the military. This program also will allow students to study abroad; recent studies have been in China, South Africa, Australia, and Central and Eastern Europe.
- TSU astronomer Greg Henry, the first to discover a planet outside our solar system, was part of a team last year that discovered the first planet outside our solar system with a solid core, which may help explain how Earth developed.
- In recent years, TSU has built eight new facilities and renovated every existing structure on campus. Our newest buildings are a \$9 million performing arts center, a \$1.5 million fitness center, and a \$1 million technology center for agricultural research. And, after an \$18.5 million renovation, our downtown Nashville campus will have a mock stock trading room and other innovative features that will enable students to gain first-hand Wall Street experience.
- TSU is the only HBCU in the nation to offer studies in supply chain management at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Supply chain management is the fine art of bringing together parts from all over the world for precise timing of production and delivery. *U.S. News & World Report* describes it as one of the 20 hottest job tracks for this century.
- Tennessee State University has experienced an explosion in sponsored research in recent years, more than \$30 million annually, making the university a leading institution in the state of Tennessee for research funding. The university has established a Center for Neural Engineering, a Center for Automated Space Science, and a myriad of other programs through sponsored research funding.
- Tennessee State University is an economic powerhouse. According to TSU's Office of Business and Economic Research, the university had an economic impact on the greater Nashville area of nearly \$500 million in 2001-2002. TSU created more than 9,000 jobs and attracted visitors who spent \$42.4 million.
- Tennessee State University's Business Incubation Center has launched numerous small businesses in Tennessee, including Christie Cookies, which now has national sales through its web-site and an eight-person sales force.
- The university offers a full range of bachelor's and master's degrees and awards doctoral degrees in six areas: biological sciences, computer information systems engineering, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, and administration and supervision.
- Tennessee State University is home to two centers of excellence: the Center of Excellence for Research and Policy on Basic Skills and the Center of Excellence for Information Systems Engineering and Management. TSU is also home to the Samuel P. Massie Chair of Environmental Engineering, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.



# Alma Mater

L. M. Averitte

Clarence Hayden Wilson

1. In the land of gold - en sun - shine, By the Cumb'r-land's fer - tile shore.  
2. Man - y come to Thee for know - ledge, Come from East, North, South and West.  
3. Send forth sons both strong and val - iant, Send forth daughters wise and true.

Stands a school for great - est ser - vice One that we a - dore.  
For they know that Thou dost of - fer Such a rich be - quest.  
Filled with hope and daunt - less cour - age Mo - tives sane and true.

Al - ma Ma - ter, how we love thee, Love thy white and blue  
Al - ma Ma - ter, all Thy chil - dren Wor - ship at Thy shrine;  
Al - ma Ma - ter, kind - ly moth - er Smile on Ten - nes - see

May we strive to meet Thy man - dates With faith that's true.  
May the God of na - tions bless thee With gifts di - vine.  
May she lift her head toward heav - en Honor Country, God and Thee.

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