Kennesaw State University

Commencement

December 13, 2016

10 a.m.
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

3 p.m.
College of Architecture and Construction Management
College of Computing and Software Engineering
Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

7 p.m
Graduate College
Dec 13, 2016
10 a.m.
Sam Olens, President
Presiding

Prelude
Nathaniel Parker, Conductor
KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble

The audience is requested to stand as the processional begins and remain standing throughout the singing of the national anthem.

Processional
Ode to Joy
Ludwig van Beethoven
Bagpiper
Tom Crawford
Chief Faculty Marshal
Ana-Maria Croicu

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith
Francis Scott Key, Lyrics

Trustee Representatives
Kirk Gadebusch
Jack A. Dinos, LHD

Welcome
Sam Olens, President

Commencement Address
Dr. Rita Bailey
Dean, Honors College

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees
W. Ken Harmon
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Robert Dorff, Dean

Conferral of Degrees
Sam Olens, President
Kim West, Associate Vice President and University Registrar
Merle S. King, Narrator

Charge to the Graduates
Sam Olens, President

Alumni Representative
Michael E. Russell,
Master of Accounting ’92

Alma Mater
Gaudeamus Igitur
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks ’82

Recessional
Scotland the Brave

Postlude
Nathaniel Parker, Conductor
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The audience is requested to stand and remain standing throughout the recessional.
Rita Bailey has been the dean of the Honors College at Kennesaw State University since July 2016. She leads the college that provides a community within the University to academically talented, highly motivated students who enjoy lively discussion, creative expression and intellectual challenge.

Bailey previously served as assistant provost for the Office of International Studies and Programs, the English Language Institute and the Honors Program at Illinois State University. Along with managing those programs, she served as provost liaison to the University Curriculum Committee and assisted with faculty/staff and student diversity initiatives. She joined the faculty at Illinois State in 2002 and rose to administrative posts of increasing responsibility.

Prior to her academic roles, Bailey worked as a hospital- and school-based speech-language pathologist, a pediatric dysphagia specialist, hospital administrator and special-education administrator and consultant in multiple educational settings.

Bailey is an accomplished grant writer, as 25 of the grant proposals she has written or contributed to have been awarded a total of $941,000 in funding for higher education initiatives. She also has authored or co-authored nearly 40 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters and other published materials.

Bailey earned an Ed.D. in special education, her third degree from Illinois State University following her master’s degree in speech pathology and bachelor’s degree in speech pathology/audiology.
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Presiding

Prelude
KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble
Nathaniel Parker, Conductor

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ProcesSional
Ode to Joy
Ludwig van Beethoven
Bagpiper
Chief Faculty Marshal
Tom Crawford
Ana-Maria Croicu

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith
Francis Scott Key, Lyrics
Claire Pappas
and Audience

Trustee Representative
Julie B. Kimball

Welcome
Sam Olens, President

Commencement Address
Richard Cole
Dean, College of Architecture and Construction Management

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees
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Richard Cole, Dean

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Jon Preston, Interim Dean

Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
Thomas R. Currin, Dean

Conferral of Degrees
Sam Olens, President
Kim West, Associate Vice President and University Registrar
Merle S. King, Narrator

Charge to the Graduates
Sam Olens, President

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Frank L. Ziller,
Computer Science ’07

Alma Mater
Gaudeamus Igitur
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks ’82

Recessional
Scotland the Brave
Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

Postlude
KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble
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Rich Cole, AIA, NCARB, is the dean of the College of Architecture and Construction Management at Kennesaw State University. He began his professional academic career at the legacy Southern Technical Institute (Southern Tech) in 1982. Before joining the Southern Tech Architectural Engineering Technology faculty, he was vice-president and managing partner of Simpson and Associates, a 15-person architecture and planning firm located in Buckhead, Atlanta. After leaving Simpson and Associates in 1989, he founded Cole Associates, a consulting architecture and planning firm.

While practicing with Simpson and Associates, Dean Cole’s work won awards for architectural design in government, civilian, and military areas of construction. He served as the Southern Polytechnic interim vice president for academic affairs preceding the consolidation of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University. As a faculty member, he chaired the initial 1994/95 successful effort in SPSU’s architecture program’s initial professional accreditation. This accreditation was only the second in the history of the architectural accrediting board to be awarded the full term in an initial accreditation. Dean Cole is especially proud of having received the Outstanding Faculty Member Award twice in his career as well as serving as moderator of the SPSU Faculty Senate. He has served the American Institute of Architects as an Intern Development Program Education Coordinator and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards as an NCARB advisor and has authored and edited a number of publications in his discipline.

Dean Cole has served as a director on the Georgia Board of the American Institute of Architects and remains active in several professional associations. He received his graduate degree from Georgia Tech and resides in Marietta. He is married to Lori Watters Cole (a.k.a., “The Lovely Mrs. Cole”) and they live in a house divided - their son, Zach, attends Georgia Tech and their daughter, Amy, the University of Georgia.
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Michael Lutin
Architecture
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Architecture
Zhenglong Qin
Architecture
Santiago Ramirez
Architecture
Mary L. Soley
Architecture
John Wilcox Tufts
Architecture

Bachelor of Science
Joshua David Allen
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December 13, 2016
7 p.m.
Sam Olens, President
Presiding

Prelude
Nathaniel Parker, Conductor
KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble

The audience is requested to stand as the processional begins
and remain standing throughout the singing of the national anthem.

Processional
Ode to Joy
Ludwig van Beethoven
Bagpiper: Tom Crawford
Chief Faculty Marshal: Ana-Maria Croicu

National Anthem
The Star-Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith
Francis Scott Key, Lyrics
Claire Pappas and Audience

Trustee Representatives
Scott C. Johnston

Welcome
Sam Olens, President

Commencement Address
Mrs. Jo Ann Chitty
Senior Vice President,
Selig Enterprises, Inc.

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees
W. Ken Harmon
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Graduate College
Mike Dishman, Interim Dean

Conferral of Degrees
Sam Olens, President
Kim West, Associate Vice President
and University Registrar
Merle S. King, Narrator

Charge to the Graduates
Sam Olens, President

Alumni Representative
Nayasia C. Coleman,
Integrative Studies ’13

Alma Mater
Gaudeamus Igitur
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks ’82
Claire Pappas and Audience

Recessional
Scotland the Brave
Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

Postlude
Nathaniel Parker, Conductor
KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble

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Jo Ann Chitty is a senior vice president of acquisitions, development, and project finance for Selig Enterprises. Since 2005, she has acquired more than $35 million of land and improved properties; structured over $300 million in mixed-use joint ventures; and $100 million in project financing. Chitty is very involved in the company’s strategic operations and planning. Each year, she plans and leads the company’s off-site annual strategic planning meetings, which include a full portfolio review and identification of financial resources to implement the company’s new investment efforts.

Prior to her tenure at Selig Enterprises, Inc., Chitty served for five years as founding executive director and president of the UGA Real Estate Foundation, Inc. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit was created as a public/private entity to acquire, develop, and finance real estate projects for the University of Georgia. During her five-year tenure, she acquired, developed, and financed more than $200 million in real estate assets.

Prior to that, Chitty was senior vice president of iStar Financial, the successor company of the 1999 merger of Tri Net Corporate Realty Trust and Starwood Financial Inc. She was with the companies a combined total of 16 years. During her tenure, she was responsible for all asset management and operations responsibilities, including leasing, dispositions, risk management, and acquisition underwriting of the company’s equity portfolio valued at approximately $2.5 billion.

Chitty received her undergraduate and MBA degrees from Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla.

Chitty, a graduate of Leadership Atlanta, is an active volunteer in the community. She currently serves as chair of the Kennesaw State University Foundation. Previously, she served as chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, chair of the Real Estate Committee, and vice chair. She has been awarded the Erwin Zaban Prize for Entrepreneurial Spirit in 2009; the Horace W. Sturgis Award for Strategic Leadership in 2011; and the Chairman’s Award in 2012. She recently served as a juror in the national ULI/Hines Competition.

Chitty is on the Board of the Town Center Community Improvement District in Cobb County.

She is past vice chair of the Capital Improvements Committee for the Piedmont Park Conservancy and was a member of Piedmont Park Conservancy’s Executive Committee.

She serves on the Managing Board of Urban Land Institute of Atlanta and is a past chair of Urban Land Institute’s Urban Plan program that brings government and urban planning into high school and college classrooms.

She is married to Steve Chitty, and will soon celebrate their 36th anniversary. They have two sons, Stephen Chitty, a Kennesaw State University graduate with a degree in international affairs, and David Chitty, a Georgia Tech finance and accounting major with a UGA master’s in tax accounting.
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

MICHAEL J. COLES
COLLEGE of BUSINESS

DOCTOR of BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Ryan L. Matthews
Dissertation Title: Recognizing and Exploiting New Opportunities in Times of Chaos and Unintended Impacts
Dissertation Co-Chairs:
Torsten Pieper, Ph.D. and Justin Webb, Ph.D.

Jeffrey Joe Risher
Dissertation Title: From Offshoring to Reshoring: A Conceptual Framework for Manufacturing Location Decisions in a Slow-Steam World
Dissertation Chair:
Joe Hair, Ph.D.

Diego Velez Montes
Dissertation Title: Capital Structure in the Family Firm: Exploring the Relationship between Financial Sources and Family Dynamics
Dissertation Co-Chairs:
Torsten Pieper, Ph.D. and Joe Astrachan, Ph.D.

LELAND and CLARICE C. BAGWELL COLLEGE of EDUCATION

DOCTOR of EDUCATION

Laura Barbara Astorian
Dissertation Title: Implementing Document-Based Lessons in High School Classrooms: A Case Study of World History Teachers’ Perspectives and Practices
Dissertation Chair:
Guichun Zong, Ed.D.

Kimberly Robertson Foster+
Dissertation Title: Culturally Relevant Pedagogy in the English Language Arts Classroom
Dissertation Chair:
Scott Ritchie, Ph.D.

Carol Kahrmann+
Dissertation Title: Efficacy of Math Video Tutorials on Student Perception and Achievement
Dissertation Chair:
Jo Williamson, Ph.D.

Abigail Marie May+
Dissertation Title: The Assistant Principal Position as Preparation for the Principalship
Dissertation Chair:
Arvin Johnson, Ed.D.

Barbara Elizabeth McClure+
Dissertation Title: Critical Literacy and Student Engagement
Dissertation Chair:
Mei-Lin Chang, Ph.D.

Lisa Fern Mozer
Dissertation Title: A Comparison of Online and Face-to-Face Achievement in Secondary Physical Science
Dissertation Chair:
Julie Moore, Ph.D.

Cheryl Denise Jones Pappy
Dissertation Title: Mathematics Engagement in Middle School: It’s a Family Affair
Dissertation Chair:
Desha L. Williams, Ph.D.

Leslie Ann Pourreau
Dissertation Title: Perceptions of Online Teaching Endorsement Program Effectiveness in Georgia: A Case Study
Dissertation Chair:
Anissa Vega, Ph.D.

Deena Wright Townsend+
Dissertation Title: Beyond a Meeting: A Case Study Examining the Impact of Data-Focused Professional Learning Communities on Teacher Practice and Student Learning
Dissertation Chair:
Julie Moore, Ph.D.

Carol Kahrmann+
Dissertation Title: Efficacy of Math Video Tutorials on Student Perception and Achievement
Dissertation Chair:
Jo Williamson, Ph.D.

Amy Elizabeth Vitala
Dissertation Title: From #edcamp to #edchat: A Case Study Exploring Innovative, Self-Directed Educator Professional Learning
Dissertation Chair:
Jo Williamson, Ph.D.

Daphne Mae Winkler
Dissertation Title: A New Approach to Parental Involvement: The Role of Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
Dissertation Chair:
Yanghee Kim, Ph.D.

Maureen Erinne-Kperogi
Dissertation Title: From the Creeks to the Community: The Reintegration of Ex-combatants in Nigeria’s Niger Delta
Dissertation Chair:
Akanmu Adebayo, Ph.D.

Catherine Ayugi Odera+
Dissertation Title: Peacebuilding in the Context of Displacement: Women’s Groups in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Settlements in Kenya
Dissertation Chair:
Akanmu Adebayo, Ph.D.

HONORS GRADUATE - 4.0 GPA
LELAND and CLARICE C. BAGWELL COLLEGE of EDUCATION

SPECIALIST in EDUCATION

Theresa Cole Anschutz+ Instructional Technology
Bryant E. Appling Instructional Technology
Amy Cheshire Archer Instructional Technology
Lee Anne Banks+ Instructional Technology
Sheri Marie Bashlor+ Instructional Technology
Kelly Parker Bodner+ Educational Leadership for Learning
Daniel Christopher Brown+ Instructional Technology
Kimberly Anne Burford+ Educational Leadership for Learning
Lisa Marie Champlin+ Instructional Technology
James Willie Chatmon Instructional Technology
Kathleen Congdon+ Instructional Technology
Pat M. Donaldson Educational Leadership for Learning
Andrew David Dunn Instructional Technology
Joshua St. John Dyer+ Instructional Technology
Tabitha Edmondson-Goodman+ Instructional Technology
Marranda Whitlow Edwards Educational Leadership for Learning
Evonia Elam-Jack+ Instructional Technology
Rolanda Burkett Fabien+ Educational Leadership for Learning
Kelly A. Edenfield Fortson+ Instructional Technology
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Elizabeth R. Freeman+ Instructional Technology
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Courtney K. Hardy+ Instructional Technology
Marlene McDuffie Harris+ Instructional Technology
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Lindsey Louise Harrison Instructional Technology
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Alicia Parks Hinson Instructional Technology
Julia Emily Hotchkiss Instructional Technology
Birgitta Donee’ Johnson+ Instructional Technology
Hillary M. Johnson+ Instructional Technology
Nkenze Jones+ Instructional Technology
Janie Lee Kossak+ Instructional Technology
Ayun Chong Kwon+ Instructional Technology
Termerion McCray Lakes+ Educational Leadership for Learning
Wayne Langford+ Instructional Technology
Daniel Kinte Lee Instructional Technology
Karmen Celeste Martin+ Instructional Technology
Tana Raimi Martin+ Instructional Technology
Robin Lynn Mathews Curriculum and Instruction
Marisa McClendon Educational Leadership for Learning
Daniel McMurry+ Educational Leadership for Learning
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Elizabeth Joy Rosner+ Instructional Technology
Zakayo Kamanga Ruoro Instructional Technology
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Christine Elizabeth Simerly+ Instructional Technology
Michael Dale Simmons Educational Leadership for Learning
Kasey Raye Smith+ Instructional Technology
Beth Ann Soons+ Instructional Technology
Anne Vickery Stocks+ Instructional Technology
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COLLEGE of
ARCHITECTURE and
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

MASTER of SCIENCE

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COLLEGE of
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WELLSTAR COLLEGE of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

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MASTER of SCIENCE in NURSING

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D. Camille Kleidysz
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Daryl Andre’ Renolds
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Applied Statistics

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Applied Statistics

Gina Colaianni
Applied Statistics

Havish Deepnarain
Integrative Biology

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Sam Olens became Kennesaw State University’s fourth president on Nov. 1, 2016.

Olens was elected Georgia’s 53rd attorney general in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. In his role, Olens worked with the governor and legislature to strengthen the penalties for sex trafficking and protect the victims. He also guided a comprehensive revision of Georgia’s sunshine laws and led the effort to stem the epidemic of prescription drug abuse. Additionally, in cooperation with the Georgia Food Bank Association and Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, Olens established the Georgia Legal Food Frenzy, which has collected the equivalent of over 5 million pounds of food for Georgia’s youth.

Prior to being elected attorney general, Olens was chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, serving from August 2002 through March 2010. He previously served as a county commissioner from 1999 through June 2002. He also served as chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission from December 2004 through 2009, and as vice-chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water District from 2005 through March 2010.

Olens is the recipient of numerous awards and honors for leadership and service. In 2016, Georgia Trend magazine named him the Georgian of the Year, and he has been listed among the publication’s “100 Most Influential Georgians” for 12 consecutive years. In 2015, Olens received the Charles L. Weltner Freedom of Information Award, and in 2013, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Emory University School of Law. Additionally, in 2011, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce honored Olens for his dedication to community and philanthropic service by naming its annual community service award the “Sam Olens Business Community Service Award.”

He recently served as vice president of the National Association of Attorneys General, having previously served as chair of the 13-state Southern Region both in 2013 and 2015. Olens is a registered mediator/arbitrator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and has been admitted to practice law in Georgia and the District of Columbia.

Olens received his juris doctorate from Emory University School of Law, and holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree from American University in international politics. He and his wife Lisa have two children, Lauren and Jonathan.

ABOUT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Since its founding in 1963, Kennesaw State University has been known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community. Kennesaw State is Georgia’s third-largest university, with more than 35,000 undergraduate and graduate students — nearly 5,200 residing on campus — representing 92 countries. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Kennesaw State offers more than 150 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees.

A comprehensive university, Kennesaw State is dedicated to research, teaching and service and provides a unique blend of academic excellence, vibrant student life and world-class facilities. Kennesaw State has been recognized for its First-Year Experience program and as one of the most innovative universities in the region by U.S. News & World Report. The University’s nursing program is the largest in Georgia. Its nursing students are highly sought-after in the medical community and have some of the highest passing rates on the statewide licensing exam. The Bagwell College of Education is the second-largest producer of teachers in the state, and the Michael J. Coles College of Business boasts one of the top 50 part-time MBA programs in the country as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

Since 2009, the University has awarded Global Engagement Certifications to graduate and undergraduate students as part of its commitment to expanding the global experience. Kennesaw State competes at the NCAA Division I level in the Atlantic Sun Conference. In 2015, the University’s first football team took the field, competing in the Football Championship Subdivision as an associate member of the Big South Conference.

As one of four comprehensive universities in Georgia, Kennesaw State is poised to become a world-class institution.
THE COMMENCEMENT

Rather than an ending, commencement — both the word and the ceremony — represents a beginning. It is appropriate that an occasion marking the beginning of a new phase of life should be conducted with pomp and circumstance, stateliness and tradition. The ceremony of commencement celebrated at colleges and universities throughout the world has its roots in the scholastic traditions of the Middle Ages. It is an ancient, dignified and highly symbolic ritual of conclusion and emergence, a rite of passage into a new life.

MARSHALS/BATONS

Faculty members from each college are chosen to serve as marshals and to assist with the ceremony. These marshals carry KSU batons — created for the inauguration of President Daniel S. Papp — as they lead the processional lines. Like the mace, the baton was originally a war club — though miniature in stature. The four batons, created by biology professor Bowman Davis, are hand-turned staff made out of walnut, featuring a hand-carved, stylized owl, complete with an ebony finish to reflect the styling of the mace. Gold and black tassels complete the batons.

THE DAIS PARTY

The dais party is the last group in the procession to enter the hall. The group consists of the president, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, cabinet members, the registrar, deans of the colleges and invited honored guests, such as the commencement speaker and recipients of awards. When members of the dais party reach their seats, the processional ends. The chief faculty marshal declares the candidates for graduation to be assembled and the ceremony begins.

THE KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY MACE

The honor of leading the academic procession as chief faculty marshal is given to a distinguished Teacher of the Year. Faculty members from each college are chosen to serve as student and faculty marshals and to assist with the ceremony. The ceremonial staff carried by the chief faculty marshal of the academic procession is a symbol of the rich traditions of higher education. The practice of carrying a mace dates back to the Middle Ages, when the mace was designed to be used as a weapon. It was carried by a respected senior member of the community who was chosen to protect and guide the leaders as their group traveled through crowded streets. Kennesaw State takes special pride in its mace, which was designed by Patrick Taylor, former chairman of the Department of Visual Arts, and handcrafted on campus. The polished bronze handgrip is actually a stylized owl. In addition to being Kennesaw State’s mascot, it is the symbol of Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom. The globe near the top of the mace represents graduates going out into the world. Topping the globe is the traditional symbol of higher education — a lamp of learning, with a flame representing the quest for knowledge. A large bronze medallion displaying the university seal is part of the globe and the festive ribbons streaming from the crown that cradles the globe represent the university colors.

THE CHAIN OF OFFICE

The president of the university wears a gold chain and medallion around his neck, denoting the status of president and the presiding authority over the ceremony. The medallion bears the official university seal. The Kennesaw State University seal is an adaptation of the state seal of Georgia with Kennesaw Mountain in the background. M. Thomson Salter III, professor emeritus of art and a charter member of the faculty, designed the seal.

GONFALONS

The third presidential inauguration at KSU ushered in many new changes, including the academic gonfalons. Banners suspended on a crossbar, gonfalons are another piece of medieval history that have been incorporated into academic tradition. Originally designed by Holly Miller, the gonfalons were redesigned following Consolidation to include all 13 colleges at Kennesaw State University.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The caps and gowns worn at commencement connect contemporary graduates with scholarly tradition that dates back as long as universities have existed. Clerics, ecclesiastics and scholars wore hoods or caps and heavy gowns at European universities during the Middle Ages. Beginning in the middle of the 14th century, scholars at English universities wore an academic costume of “bunge-and sand-colored habits.” A costume for commencement has been a tradition since the beginning of higher education in America. In 1895, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was created and a standard code of academic dress for commencements was adopted. It calls for the existing cap and gown (the traditional bachelor’s gown with long, open, pointed sleeves) and the master’s gown (with its long sleeves hanging down from the elbow) to set apart the graduates. The doctoral gown has bell- shaped sleeves, with three velvet stripes on each sleeve.
DISCIPLINE COLORS

Agriculture: Maize
Art, Letters and Humanities: White
Business Administration: Drab
Chemistry: Red and Gold
Construction Management: Gold
Dentistry: Lilac
Economics: Copper
Education: Light Blue
Engineering: Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture: Brown
Forestry: Russet
Home Economics: Maroon
Journalism: Crimson
Law: Purple
Library Science: Lemon
Medicine: Green
Music: Pink
Nursing : Apricot
Oratory: Silver Gray
Pharmacy: Olive Green
Philosophy: Dark Blue
Physical Education: Sage Green
Public Administration: Peacock Blue
Public Health: Salmon Pink
Science: Gold Yellow
Social Work: Citron
Theology or Divinity: Scarlet
Veterinary Science: Gray

HONOR SOCIETIES

During commencement, students who are members of honor societies at Kennesaw State University are eligible to wear the following approved designations of their respective society.

Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology–Teal Cords
Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice–Royal Blue and Gold Cords
Alpha Rho Chi, Architecture–Sanguine and Azure Cords
Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting–Red Ribbon with Medallion
Beta Gamma Sigma, Business–Blue and Gold Cords
Blue Key National Honor Society, All Majors–Blue Cords
Delta Phi Alpha, German–Black, Red, and Gold Cords
Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geography–Light Blue Stole
Golden Key International Honor Society, All Majors–Gold Medallion with Blue and Gold Ribbons
Kappa Delta Pi, Mathematics Education–Green, Purple, and Gold Cords
Lambda Alpha, Anthropology–White stole
Lambda Pi Eta, Communication–Red and White Cords
National Society of Collegiate Scholars, All Majors–Burgundy and Gold Cords
National Society of Leadership and Success, All Majors–Red and Black Cords
Nu Delta Alpha, Dance–Burgundy and Gold Cords
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics–Blue and Gold Cords
Order of Omega, All Majors–Gold and White Cords
Phi Alpha, Social Work–Gold Cords with Medallion
Phi Alpha Theta, History–Red and Blue Cords
Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars Society–Medallion with Red and Gold Ribbon
Phi Eta Sigma, All Majors–Black and Gold Cords
Phi Kappa Phi, All Majors–Gold, White, Blue Medallion, Royal-Blue Ribbon
Phi Lambda Upsilon, Chemistry–Blue and Pink Cords
Pi Delta Phi, French–Blue, White and Red Cords
Pi Kappa Lambda, Music–White and Gold Cords
Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics–Violet, Gold, and Lavender
Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science–Red, Black, and White Cords
Psi Chi, Psychology–Blue and Gold Cords
Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish–Gold and Red Cords
Sigma Iota Rho, International Affairs–Purple and Gold Cords
Sigma Lambda Chi, Construction Management–Green and Gold Cords and Medallions
Sigma Tau Delta, English–Red and Black Cords
Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing–Orchid and White Cords
Tau Upsilon Alpha, Human Services–Gold Stole with Royal Blue Lettering
Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Computer and Information Disciplines–Maroon and White Cords

KSU ARMED FORCES VETERAN RECOGNITION

White and Gold Stole with Red & Blue Stripes
Air Force–Air Force Insignia
Army–Army Insignia
Coast Guard–Coast Guard Insignia
Marines Corp–Marines Corp Insignia
Navy–Navy Insignia
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Treasured in this heart of mine.
For the candles you set burning,
Lighting paths of love of learning,
For the gifts you have given me,
Kennesaw, I will cherish thee.

Kennesaw, dear Kennesaw,
Fairest of the Southland’s fame,
Sons and daughters gathered here,
Stand to praise thy lovely name.
For the friendships that were made here,
For the dreams we dared to dream here,
Kennesaw, we will cherish thee,
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