Kennesaw State University

COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 14, 2016

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College of Science and Mathematics

2 p.m.
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Leland and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education
WellStar College of Health and Human Services
University College
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINTH COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 14, 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
Claire Pappas
and Audience

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President and CEO
LER Solutions, LLC

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Bridget D. Cantrell
Construction Management ‘03

ALMA MATER
Gaudamus Igitur
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks ‘82
Claire Pappas
and Audience

RECESSIONAL
Scotland the Brave
Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

POSTLUDE
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Lee E. Rhyant is president and CEO of LER Solutions, LLC. In this role, Rhyant coaches executives and government officials on complex operational, financial and organizational issues. His tenure as a corporate leader includes serving as executive vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin-Marietta, vice president of operations for Rolls Royce Aerospace, vice president for Allison Gas Turbine and plant manager as well as other senior leadership positions with General Motors.

As a business leader, Rhyant has led multi-billion-dollar operations through crisis, prosperity and change. He has a keen awareness of the impact leadership actions have on business results, stakeholders and the community. With a combination of highly developed business acumen and concern for the community, Rhyant’s talents have been recruited by business, government and community leaders. Over his more than 40 years in corporate leadership, he has developed a philosophy that addresses the business needs of 21st century enterprises and the communities where they operate.

As a consultant, Rhyant unravels many of the challenges executives face. He shares his proven success: integrating governance principles with his deep knowledge of situational leadership. As a mentor and coach to young and experienced executives alike, he is strategic, direct and often humorous in his approach to leadership development. Rhyant is also a highly sought-after speaker to a wide variety of audiences. He guides audiences past theoretical models of leadership into the actions executives must take to meet the challenges of today’s rapidly changing business environment.

His leadership has earned numerous awards including Executive of the Year from The National Management Association, the Outstanding HBCU Graduate Award, the Citizen of the Year Award from the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and most recently, induction into Kennesaw State University’s Coles College of Business Hall of Fame. The United States Senate and House of Representatives have also recognized Rhyant for his leadership and service.

Rhyant holds a bachelor’s degree and an honorary doctorate from Bethune-Cookman University and earned his MBA from Indiana University. He also attended professional leadership programs from Harvard Business School, The London School of Economics, Heidelberg University and the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Rhyant is currently Executive-in-Residence and a member of the Advisory Board at the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. He has been married to his wife, Evelyn, for 44 years. They have twin sons Roderick and Broderick, who are both medical doctors. Lee and Evelyn reside in Roswell.
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Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.
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DECEMBER 14, 2016

2 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

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Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks ‘82

RECESSIONAL
Scotland the Brave
Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

POSTLUDE
Nathaniel Parker, Conductor
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The audience is requested to stand and remain standing throughout the recessional.
Dr. Mark Tillman was appointed as the dean of the WellStar College of Health and Human Services in July 2016. The WellStar College is home to approximately 4,000 students who are pursuing degrees across four diverse departments.

Prior to his current appointment, he served as dean of Health and Human Services and chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at Troy University. After his initial training in engineering, he earned his doctorate in biomechanics at the University of Florida.

Dr. Tillman subsequently served as an assistant professor and associate professor at the University of Florida over a 13-year period. In his 18 years of university service, he has taught more than 10,000 undergraduate students, served on over 100 graduate student committees, been named Teacher of the Year at the college level twice, and recognized nationally as a Distinguished Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Dr. Tillman’s research is focused on lower extremity biomechanics and biomechanics for special populations. His interdisciplinary work has resulted in 74 refereed publications, 19 funded grants, and numerous scientific presentations. His specific leadership training includes participation in the Troy University Chancellor’s Fellows Program and National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education Leader Development Workshops. Dr. Tillman is currently working with faculty, staff, and students to further improve the WellStar College with particular emphasis on graduate studies.
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   Integrative Studies
Zachary Yost
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Honors Designations

*  Cum Laude - 3.5 grade-point average or above
** Magna Cum Laude - 3.7 grade-point average or above
*** Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 grade-point average or above
+ HONORS GRADUATE - 4.0 Graduate students only

Honors Statement

Students announced as Honors Scholars have completed the requirements of Kennesaw State's undergraduate honors program and wear red and gold epaulets on their left shoulder to signify this extraordinary academic accomplishment.

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Degree completion and honor designations are contingent upon final degree audits. Because the names must be provided to the printer in final form several days prior to commencement, one or more candidates listed herein may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree. Inability to remove a name at the last moment from the commencement program does not commit the university to grant the diploma to a person thus listed. Similarly, honor status as printed in this program was determined at the end of the previous semester. Final honor status will be noted on the diploma and on the official permanent record.

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Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.

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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  National Society of Leadership and Success, All Majors–Red and Black Cords
Art, Letters and Humanities: White  Nu Delta Alpha, Dance–Burgundy and Gold Cords
Business Administration: Drab  Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics–Blue and Gold Cords
Chemistry: Red and Gold  Order of Omega, All Majors–Gold and White Cords
Construction Management: Gold  Phi Alpha, Social Work–Gold Cords with Medallion
Dentistry: Lilac  Phi Alpha Theta, History–Red and Blue Cords
Economics: Copper  Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars Society–Medallion with Red and Gold Ribbon
Education: Light Blue  Phi Eta Sigma, All Majors–Black and Gold Cords
Engineering: Orange  Phi Kappa Phi, All Majors–Gold, White, Blue Medallion, Royal-Blue Ribbon
Fine Arts, Architecture: Brown  Phi Lambda Upsilon, Chemistry – Blue and Pink Cords
Forestry: Russet  Pi Delta Phi, French–Blue, White and Red Cords
Home Economics: Maroon  Pi Kappa Lambda, Music–White and Gold Cords
Journalism: Crimson  Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics–Violet, Gold, and Lavender
Law: Purple  Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science–Red, Black, and White Cords
Library Science: Lemon  Psi Chi, Psychology–Blue and Gold Cords
Medicine: Green  Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish–Gold and Red Cords
Music: Pink  Sigma Iota Rho, International Affairs–Purple and Gold Cords
Nursing: Apricot  Sigma Lambda Chi, Construction Management–Green and Gold cords and Medallions
Oratory: Silver Gray  Sigma Tau Delta, English–Red and Black Cords
Pharmacy: Olive Green  Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing–Orchid and White Cords
Physical Education: Sage Green  Tau Upsilon Alpha, Human Services–Gold Stole with Royal Blue Lettering
Public Administration: Peacock Blue  Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Computer and Information Disciplines–Maroon and White Cords
Public Health: Salmon Pink  KSU ARMED FORCES VETERAN RECOGNITION
Science: Gold Yellow  White and Gold Stole with Red & Blue Stripes
Social Work: Citron  Air Force–Air Force Insignia
Theology or Divinity: Scarlet  Army–Army Insignia
Veterinary Science: Gray  Coast Guard–Coast Guard Insignia

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  Kennesaw State University
Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice–Royal Blue and Yellow Cords  NATIONAL SOCIETIES
Alpha Rho Chi, Architecture–Sanguine and Azure Cords  American Societies of College and University Dancers
Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting–Red Ribbon with Medallion  Phi Kappa Phi, All Majors–Gold, White, Blue Medallion, Royal-Blue Ribbon
Beta Gamma Sigma, Business–Blue and Gold Cords  Phi Lambda Upsilon, Chemistry–Blue and Pink Cords
Blue Key National Honor Society, All Majors–Blue Cords  Pi Delta Phi, French–Blue, White and Red Cords
Delta Phi Alpha, German–Black, Red, and Gold Cords  Pi Kappa Lambda, Music–White and Gold Cords
Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geography–Light Blue Stole  Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics–Violet, Gold, and Lavender
Golden Key International Honor Society, All Majors–Gold Medallion with Blue and Gold Ribbons  Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science–Red, Black, and White Cords
Kappa Delta Pi, Mathematics Education–Green, Purple, and Gold Cords  Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars Society–Medallion with Red and Gold Ribbon
Lambda Alpha, Anthropology–White stole  Phi Eta Sigma, All Majors–Black and Gold Cords
Lambda Pi Eta, Communication–Red and White Cords  Phi Kappa Phi, All Majors–Gold, White, Blue Medallion, Royal-Blue Ribbon
Lambda Sigma Chi, Construction Management–Green and Gold Cords and Medallions  Phi Lambda Upsilon, Chemistry–Blue and Pink Cords
National Society of Collegiate Scholars, All Majors–Red and Black Cords  Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish–Gold and Red Cords
National Society of Leadership and Success, All Majors–Red and Black Cords  Sigma Iota Rho, International Affairs–Purple and Gold Cords
KSU ARMED FORCES VETERAN RECOGNITION
White and Gold Stole with Red & Blue Stripes  Sigma Lambda Chi, Construction Management–Green and Gold cords and Medallions
Air Force–Air Force Insignia  Sigma Tau Delta, English–Red and Black Cords
Army–Army Insignia  Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing–Orchid and White Cords
Coast Guard–Coast Guard Insignia  Tau Upsilon Alpha, Human Services–Gold Stole with Royal Blue Lettering
Marines Corp–Marines Corp Insignia  Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Computer and Information Disciplines–Maroon and White Cords
Navy–Navy Insignia
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