Kennesaw State University

Commencement

May 10, 2018

10 a.m.
College of Humanities and Social Sciences - School of Communication and Media
Leland and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education
College of the Arts
MAY 10, 2018
10 a.m.
W. Ken Harmon, Interim President
Presiding

PRELUDE   KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble
           David Kehler, Conductor

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

PROCессIOnAL
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 REPRESENTATIVE  Walton C. Bryde

WELCOME  W. Ken Harmon, Interim President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  Dr. Grant Rivera
Marietta City Schools Superintendent

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Linda Noble
Interim Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Communication
Leland H. and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education
College of the Arts

Robin Dorff, Dean
Arlinda Eaton, Dean
Patricia Poulter, Dean

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES  W. Ken Harmon, Interim President
Ana Edwards, Interim Registrar
Merle S. King, Narrator

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES  W. Ken Harmon, Interim President

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   KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble
           David Kehler, Conductor

The audience is requested to stand and remain standing throughout the recessional.
Dr. Grant Rivera serves as the superintendent of Marietta City Schools. He is the 13th superintendent since 1892, leading the district’s 11 schools, approximately 8,900 students and 1,200 employees.

Prior to this position, he served as the chief of staff for the Cobb County School District, which has 112 schools and more than 111,000 students. He was also a principal for nine years at three high schools: South Cobb High School in Austell (2005-2009), Campbell High School in Smyrna (2009-2011), and Westlake High School in Fulton County (2011-2014).

Rivera has been associated with numerous professional development activities in the areas of school law, school law enforcement officer research, and special education law. He also served as adjunct professor of educational law at the University of West Georgia.

Rivera has a bachelor’s degree in education and social policy from Northwestern University; and master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Alabama.

He and his wife, Jenn, live in Marietta with their two daughters.
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES and SOCIAL SCIENCES - SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION and MEDIA

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

MAJORS: Communication, Journalism and Emerging Media, Public Relations

Angelica Marie Acosta**
Communication
Naa Otoh-Mehmhle Akwetey-Kodjoe
Communication
Lily Andreas
Communication
Erté’ Dea Von Arnold
Communication
Asif Awal
Communication
Hannah Leigh Bagley
Communication
Cherish Ashley Baker
Communication
Alec Branton Barger
Communication
Ryan Parker Basden
Journalism and Emerging Media
Rachel Ann Blanchard
Communication
Kathryn Lindsey Boaen**
Communication
Tessa Marie Bost***
Communication
Jonathan Mack Bowers
Public Relations
Shrelle Shaquana Braddy
Communication
Jessica Rae Bradford
Communication
Bryan James Brandonisio
Communication
Jalynn Brannon
Communication
Daej C. Brooks
Communication
Austin Brown
Communication
Kenneth Jerome Brown
Communication
Sarah Elizabeth Brown
Public Relations
Anna Buttermore*
Public Relations
John B. Caine, III
Communication
Marina Hope Campbell*
Communication
Luis Carlos Carrasquilla, Jr.
Public Relations
Sarah Katherine Carson
Communication
Dulce Nicole Centeno
Public Relations
Caitlin Cooper Champion
Communication
Yoo Jin Choi**
Communication
Rebekah Loren Clegg**
Public Relations
Katie Leigh Cleghorn**
Communication
Grace Strong Clough
Public Relations
Joshua Paul Coats
Communication
Seth Aaron Cope
Public Relations
Robert Austen Council
Communication
Linda Evelyn Cuebas*
Communication
Tyleis D. Davidson
Public Relations
Natalie Davis
Public Relations
Miranda T. DeSandre
Communication
Danielle Alexandra Dlugasch
Public Relations
Nicholas Anthony Dodenhoff**
Public Relations
Alex Dudley
Communication
Colin Paul Edwards
Public Relations
Rachael Ijeoma Emefo
Public Relations
Sydney Ergle
Public Relations
Mary Elizabeth Evans
Public Relations
Audrey Margo Faulkner**
Communication
Emily Jacqueline Feble*
Communication
Devon Rae Fowler*
Public Relations
Arianna Teresa Franco
Communication
Neil Frawley
Communication
Neeley Gay
Communication
Matthew Gayles
Communication
Derik C. Gilbert
Communication
Alec Stephen Glavosek
Communication
Brittany May Glover
Communication
Arthur James Gray, III
Communication
Keyani Xavier Grier
Public Relations
Jessica Griffey*
Communication
Killian Rose Grina
Public Relations
Katherine Jeanette Hannan
Communication
Chandler McKenzie Harris*
Communication
Jordan Whittington Harris
Public Relations
Jabria Hazell
Communication
Ashleigh Healy
Communication
Meggi Nichole Hetzel
Communication
Ciara Lorraine Marie Hodges
Journalism and Emerging Media
Karly McKenzie Hodgson
Communication
Sally Hong*
Public Relations
Kathryn Monique Howser
Communication
Jourdan Marie Hunter**
Communication
Kimberly Onyinyechukwu Ikeh
Public Relations
Kamela Jaafar*
Communication
Cealise Jamika Jackson
Communication
Karly Rae Jackson
Public Relations
Rondarious Trevale Jackson
Communication
Angel Denise Johnson
Public Relations
Cori Slade Johnson
Public Relations

*KUM LAUDE   **MAGNA CUM LAUDE   ***SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Devin Jordan Johnson
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Jordan Wade Johnson*
  Communication
Shana Aigner Johnson
  Communication
Tailor Simone Johnson
  Public Relations
Hannah Johnston
  Public Relations
Shea Jones
  Communication
Sarah Michelle Karwisch**
  Public Relations
Emily Katnis*
  Communication
Shaina Rachel Kattaron
  Communication
Zachary Alexander Katz
  Communication
Matthew John Kaye
  Communication
Azhane’ Shauntell Kennedy
  Communication
Kevin R. Kersey
  Communication
Kylie Nicole Klipp
  Public Relations
Allen James Kondratev
  Journalism and Emerging Media
John Middlebrooks Kuester
  Communication
Madison Christine LaBelle
  Communication
Ariana Mercedes Lara
  Communication
Ian Leeds
  Communication
Aaron William Leonardy
  Communication
Paige Caroline Lowery
  Communication
Zachary Scott Marshall
  Communication
John Jay Marston
  Public Relations
Rose Mae Martin
  Communication
Sydney Nicole Mayben
  Public Relations
Courtney Elizabeth Mazza*
  Communication
Cassidy Mazzei
  Communication
Lauren Elizabeth McCanless
  Public Relations
Allison McGee
  Public Relations
Madeline Hope McGee***
  Communication
Tomiko Granada McGhee
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Donovan Eugene McKelvey
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Kelsey Rae McKenna
  Public Relations
Austin Talmadge McMillan**
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Paul McNally
  Communication
Jennifer Lee McNaughton**
  Public Relations
Nevin Simeon McRay
  Communication
Julia Marie Miller
  Communication
Karla LaCree Miller
  Communication
Lauriel Alesia Mills
  Communication
Cody Robert Minzer
  Public Relations
Caitlin Marie Monday
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Michael Joseph Montgomery
  Communication
Marquis Dareen Moody
  Communication
Michael Jabari Moore
  Communication
Boakai K. Morris II
  Public Relations
Kara Susan Morris
  Communication
Alexander C. Murphy
  Communication
Naeema Amina Nelson
  Public Relations
Kirsten Tram Anh Nguyen**
  Communication
Tracy Nguyen
  Communication
Leslie Diane Nimmons
  Public Relations
Joshua Brett Nix
  Communication
Joshua Edward Nunez*
  Communication
Temitope Opeoluwa Oladimeji*
  Communication
Lucy Olliff
  Communication
Alexandra Osibodu
  Communication
Esther Ruku Osim
  Public Relations
Camelia Ottaviano
  Communication
Chelsea Marie Owens-Beale
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Alli Elizabeth Palmatier
  Communication
Bonnie Jane Parker
  Communication
Anyssa Ashley Parsons*
  Communication
Lashawn Emily Kayla Pascall
  Communication
Daniel Alexander Patton
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Aaron Zachary Payne*
  Communication
Amy Nicole Pellegrini
  Communication
Daniel Bennett Prothero
  Public Relations
Kerby Brooke Reed
  Communication
Eric Gustav Riera
  Public Relations
Savannah Nicole Riley
  Public Relations
Kiera Le’Ane Robinson
  Communication
William Ross
  Public Relations
Spencer Paul Roush
  Communication
Marisa Ann Ruggiero
  Public Relations
Brittany Nicole Russell
  Communication
Jessica E. Russell
  Communication
Kirstin Elise Russell**
  Public Relations
Dena Saad
  Journalism and Emerging Media
Isidore Sam
  Public Relations

*CUM LAUDE  **MAGNA CUM LAUDE  ***SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Miguel Angel Santiesteban Rangel**  
*Cum Laude  
Journalism and Emerging Media  

Caroline Elise Severit  
Communication  

Nelly Shorrosh  
Communication  

Kayla Marie Shoup  
Public Relations  

Kimberly J. Simpson  
Communication  

Danae Nicole Singer  
Communication  

Terrell Singleton  
Communication  

Jonathan Taylor Smith  
Journalism and Emerging Media  

Whitney Erin Smith*  
Communication  

Imani Crissandra Spencer  
Journalism and Emerging Media  

Logan Spencer  
Communication  

Joseph Gray Stieren  
Communication  

Bethany Shelton Story  
Communication  

Anna Katherine Tankersley***  
Communication  

Madison Nicole Techau  
Public Relations  

Kaolin Tharpe  
Public Relations  

Cole Austin Thomas  
Public Relations  

Dollitia Thomas  
Public Relations  

Emma Nicole Thomas***  
Communication  

Kyle J. Thomas  
Communication  

Caitlyn Illy Thomson  
Public Relations  

Josselyn Elizabeth Thornton*  
Public Relations  

Max Austin Todd  
Communication  

Nikita Anastasia Toper  
Public Relations  

Macie Reid Vance  
Public Relations  

Colin Sebastien Velez*  
Communication  

Peter Waltz  
Journalism and Emerging Media  

Rebecca Alyse Washney  
Journalism and Emerging Media  

Kelsey Annmarie Watson  
Communication  

Matthew John Willard  
Communication  

Rachel Anna Wilson**  
Communication  

Kaylie Ryan Wooldridge  
Communication  

Lane Myer Yates*  
Communication  

Marisa N. Yates  
Communication  

Connor Zophy  
Communication  

LELAND and CLARICE C. BAGWELL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  

BACHELOR of SCIENCE  

MAJORS: Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten, Middle Grades Education  

Alexandra Rose Adamson**  
Early Childhood Education  

Courtney Jane Allen  
Early Childhood Education  

Rachel Elizabeth Allman***  
Early Childhood Education  

Lauren Leanna Anderson**  
Early Childhood Education  

Maria Guadalupe Arredondo***  
Middle Grades Education  

Lydia Bardwell-Duarte***  
Early Childhood Education  

Anuoluwa Abidemi Bello*  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Edna Elizabeth Bennett  
Middle Grades Education  

Tiara Nicole Blount  
Early Childhood Education  

Elizabeth Nicole Boyd  
Early Childhood Education  

Lindsey Maria Boyd**  
Early Childhood Education  

Sara Boyer***  
Early Childhood Education  

Jordan Belle Brittain  
Early Childhood Education  

Adrienne Sade Brown  
Early Childhood Education  

Christopher Edward Brown***  
Early Childhood Education  

April Renee Cox  
Early Childhood Education  

Lyndsey Crawford*  
Early Childhood Education  

Katherine Elizabeth D’Antonio**  
Early Childhood Education  

Dominique Gloria D’Heureux**  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Katelynn A. Dallman  
Early Childhood Education  

Cayla Elizabeth Dennis*  
Early Childhood Education  

Ashley Paige Dihigo*  
Early Childhood Education  

Jessica Dowda***  
Early Childhood Education  

Cassidy Erin Dunbar  
Early Childhood Education  

Crystal Dunn  
Early Childhood Education  

Taylor Evans***  
Early Childhood Education  

Corinne Rebecca Edwards**  
Early Childhood Education  

Elaina Arlene Eikev  
Early Childhood Education  

Barbara Sam Eleftheriou***  
Early Childhood Education  

Bethany Lynne Fort  
Early Childhood Education  

Jessica Sara Garber**  
Middle Grades Education  

Sarah Elizabeth Garner*  
Early Childhood Education  

Madison Anna Gentry  
Early Childhood Education  

Cherish Alexis Mercedes Rayne Gresham*  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Carolann Beattie Gifford*  
Early Childhood Education  

Kennedy Rebecca Gilliam  
Early Childhood Education  

Casandra L. Gosnell*  
Early Childhood Education  

Hannah Michelle Granger*  
Early Childhood Education  

*Cum Laude  
**Magna Cum Laude  
***Summa Cum Laude
Sierra Renee Green  
Early Childhood Education  

Kaitlyn E. Greene*  
Early Childhood Education  

Sarah Joanne Greer*  
Early Childhood Education  

Hannah Renea Gunter*  
Early Childhood Education  

Morgan Elizabeth Hall*  
Early Childhood Education  

Lauren Hindman***  
Early Childhood Education  

Victoria Grace Hipsher**  
Early Childhood Education  

Collin Van Holsomback*  
Early Childhood Education  

Macy Hooper***  
Early Childhood Education  

Keylaisha Jannay Hudson  
Early Childhood Education  

Kellie Anne Hunter**  
Early Childhood Education  

Ana Gabriela Isaac**  
Early Childhood Education  

Hannah Morgan Johnson*  
Early Childhood Education  

Emma Grace Jones  
Early Childhood Education  

Jocelyn Jones  
Early Childhood Education  

Lavondria Maria Jones  
Early Childhood Education  

Laura Ashley Jordan**  
Early Childhood Education  

McKenna Kandler  
Middle Grades Education  

Abigail Elizabeth Kennard  
Early Childhood Education  

Kaitlin Ann Kennard  
Early Childhood Education  

Tatiana Felice King*  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Mary Frances Elaine Kissel*  
Middle Grades Education  

Lisa Joanne Krizman**  
Early Childhood Education  

Kayla Jean Kroeger*  
Early Childhood Education  

Addison Elizabeth Lee  
Middle Grades Education  

Annabelle Jean Levy  
Early Childhood Education  

Kristine Maria Lodde***  
Middle Grades Education  

Taylor Morgan Maguire**  
Early Childhood Education  

Ali Eileen Malone  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Jessica L. Maney***  
Early Childhood Education  

Savannah Brooke Matlock  
Middle Grades Education  

Kaitlyn Leah McConnell**  
Early Childhood Education  

Olivia Christine McEvilly  
Middle Grades Education  

Hannah Morgan Miller  
Early Childhood Education  

Brooke Ashley Morgan  
Middle Grades Education  

Torrone Lane Mortimer  
Middle Grades Education  

Mishaundra Chantricia Moses***  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Heather Beatrice Neil  
Early Childhood Education  

Goldie Nwanwokoh  
Early Childhood Education  

Allison Nicole Paddock  
Early Childhood Education  

Jessica Leanne Paddock**  
Early Childhood Education  

Emily Taylor Pankey  
Middle Grades Education  

Briana Latrice Parks*  
Early Childhood Education  

Gati Rajesh Patel  
Early Childhood Education  

Marisa Hope Pearson  
Early Childhood Education  

Taylor Kaitlyn Phillips*  
Early Childhood Education  

Maya Brielle Pitcher  
Early Childhood Education  

Jessica Rachael Plott  
Early Childhood Education  

Samantha Brittany Porter  
Middle Grades Education  

Samantha Lin Quandt*  
Early Childhood Education  

Kimberley Sarah Ramdial***  
Early Childhood Education  

Timothy Reeck  
Middle Grades Education  

Morgan LeeAnn Reed***  
Early Childhood Education  

Leah Kathryn Register  
Middle Grades Education  

Alexander M. Riggin  
Middle Grades Education  

Deja Michele Ritter***  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Marina Jessica Rivers  
Early Childhood Education  

Tangela Nicole Robinson  
Middle Grades Education  

Edwin Rafael Rodriguez  
Middle Grades Education  

Melissa Khalsiaha Salania  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten  

Shirita Carmelita Sanjurjo  
Early Childhood Education  

Claire Elizabeth Seifter  
Early Childhood Education  

Morgan Elizabeth Shepherd**  
Early Childhood Education  

Kinsey Victoria Shrewsbury***  
Early Childhood Education  

Ethan Hunter Simms**  
Early Childhood Education  

Kadee Mckenzie Siter  
Early Childhood Education  

Cassandra Ann Smith  
Middle Grades Education  

Elise Renee Specht**  
Early Childhood Education  

Armela St. Charles  
Middle Grades Education  

Jessica Spivey  
Middle Grades Education  

Rachel Marie Staggss**  
Early Childhood Education  

Brenda J. Staton***  
Early Childhood Education  

Samantha Thayer  
Early Childhood Education  

Tyra Zorada Thomas  
Early Childhood Education
Erin Elizabeth Tinnell**
Early Childhood Education

Carson Nicolette Underwood
Early Childhood Education

Rosalyn Laquacer Vinson*
Early Childhood Education

Ansley Marie Vogel*
Early Childhood Education

Erin Caroline Waterworth
Early Childhood Education

Thomas Whited**
Middle Grades Education

Briana Williams
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten

Jennifer Ann Ziegler***
Early Childhood Education

COLLEGE of the ARTS

BACHELOR of APPAREL and TEXTILES

Naomi McDonnell
Apparel and Textiles

Haley Breann McHenry**
Apparel and Textiles

Amber Nashell Pressley
Apparel and Textiles

Carly Mackenzie Rollins*
Apparel and Textiles

DeAmbra Summage
Apparel and Textiles

Kayla Monika Tomsponks
Apparel and Textiles

BACHELOR of ARTS

MAJORS: Art History, Dance, Music, Theatre and Performance Studies

Daniella T. Ampudia***
Theatre and Performance Studies

Mashira Jessie Elnora Barrientos
Theatre and Performance Studies

Ashley Behrend***
Theatre and Performance Studies

Brady Conner Brown**
Theatre and Performance Studies

Brandel Craig Butler
Theatre and Performance Studies

Byron Michael Clemmons
Theatre and Performance Studies

Michelle Colbert
Art History

Cara Shaw Collier
Dance

Susannah Marie Cook**
Theatre and Performance Studies

Kyle Matthew Corbett
Theatre and Performance Studies

Britani Rachelle Edwards
Dance

Nicholas C. Edwards
Theatre and Performance Studies

Kyle Daniel Egelhoff
Theatre and Performance Studies

Cassandra Lynn Espinoza
Art History

Gabrielle D. Garrett
Art History

Shelby Joy Garrett
Theatre and Performance Studies

Gabriella Gordon
Theatre and Performance Studies

Christopher Kyle Green
Music

Jaslyn Leejoy Harris***
Dance

Breanna Christine Bell Hayworth***
Dance

Sydney Brooke Hilliard
Dance

Romei Anthony Hinds
Theatre and Performance Studies

Yewon Hwang**
Dance

Camille Rose Jones**
Dance

Sydney Lee
Theatre and Performance Studies

Connor Lyles
Theatre and Performance Studies

Kirklyn Paige Malone**
Dance

Rebekah Elizabeth Mez
Theatre and Performance Studies

Christine Daniille Neal***
Dance

Andrew Timothy Niehoff**
Music

Ana Moore Overton**
Theatre and Performance Studies

Lauren Elizabeth Pappafotis*
Dance

Joseph Jong Pendergrast
Theatre and Performance Studies

Simon Akil Phillips*
Dance

Brittany Claire Pietsch
Music

Rachel Catherine Rabeneck
Music

Eric Louis Ramos*
Music

Amy L. Reynolds***
Theatre and Performance Studies

Kayla Robbins
Art History

Isaac Abdullah Rose
Dance

Olivia Michelle Rowe**
Dance

Willa Grace Sanders**
Theatre and Performance Studies

Adam Sirak
Theatre and Performance Studies

Hannah Smith
Music

Jonathan David Smith
Theatre and Performance Studies

Victoria Michelle Thompson***
Theatre and Performance Studies

Wesley James Trull**
Music

William Taylor VanMeter
Dance

Calla Elizabeth Vaughn***
Dance

Emily Faith Willis*
Dance

Anneka Lauren Zee
Theatre and Performance Studies

BACHELOR of FINE ARTS

MAJOR: Art

Peter Junior Andrew
Art

Nicholas A. Baker
Art

Tyra Junae' Bullock
Art

Rachel Burgener*
Art

Aubrey Leigh Davis***
Art

Tany Fred Dejean
Art

Paige Taylor Dobos
Art
Kennesaw State University
Candidates for Graduation

CUM LAUDE          MAGNA CUM LAUDE          SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Mitchell Salvatore Douglas
Art

Jessica Summer Fields*
Art

Rachel Anita Garrison
Art

Sherrie Henderson
Art

Camille Carpenter Henriquez
Art

Minyoung Kim*
Art

Ryulrang Kim
Art

Kira Nicole Kowolik
Art

Reagan Benton Langston
Art

Lindsay Rebekah LeCroy
Art

Hope Kathleen Limansky*
Art

Preston Christopher Luk
Art

Jessica Ellen May
Art

Brittany McFetters
Art

Laura Katherine Minday*
Art

Angelica Gysseth Montealegre
Art

Crystal Newberry**
Art

Megan Nichole Pace
Art

Allison Claire Pursley***
Art

Rachel Elizabeth Ramsey
Art

Gabrielle Schlosser*
Art

Ashley Eryn Speer
Art

Katherine Elizabeth Steele
Art

Andrea Lynn Stocker*
Art

Lynnette Grace Torres**
Art

Jacob Daniel Volk
Art

Cara Marie Young**
Art

Ayesha Yunis
Art

BACHELOR of MUSIC

Joshua Louis Bouland
Music Education

Kynn Draa Clymore
Music Education

Patrick Andrew Collins***
Music Education

Joseph George Donohue
Music Performance

Rachel Leigh Fishback*
Music Performance

Emily Grace Hering***
Music Education

Mary Madison Jones***
Music Education

Rachel Ann LaRocca
Music Education

Huijeong Lee**
Music Education

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Music Performance

Crystal Maldonado*
Music Education

Jacob William Morgan
Music Education

Cody William O’Shea
Music Education

Michael Ollman
Music Performance

Brooks Mackenzie Payne
Music Education

Dustin Travis Price
Music Performance

Justin Aubrey Rawlings
Music Education

Shelby Marielle Reed
Music Education

Michael Stuart Roberts
Music Performance

Nathaniel T. Roberts**
Music Performance

Elizabeth Anne Shaver***
Music Education

Jordan Bryce Sommer*
Music Performance

Macy Lauren Swanson
Music Education

Nicole Marie Winney*
Music Education

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

MAJOR: Art Education

Phyllis Fulp***
Art Education

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 university honors program and wear red and gold epaulets on their left shoulder to signify this extraordinary academic accomplishment.

Final Degree Audits
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.

Note: This program is provided as a courtesy; it is by no means an official or complete record. Some names may not appear because of timing, production and editing processes, incomplete records or deadline/editing complications due to extensive lists of frequently changing names.

Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.
W. Ken Harmon
INTERIM PRESIDENT
Kennesaw State University

W. Ken Harmon began his term as Kennesaw State interim president on February 15, 2018, taking on his latest leadership role at the University.

Prior to his appointment, Harmon served as Kennesaw State’s provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2011. During that time, Harmon was instrumental in elevating Kennesaw State’s profile and stature through the development of new undergraduate and graduate degrees, establishment of community partnerships, and support of initiatives to strengthen key programs.

Harmon, a professor of accounting, came to KSU in 2006 to lead the University’s accounting program. He was promoted in 2009 to dean of Kennesaw State University’s Michael J. Coles College of Business, the second largest business school in Georgia.

Before joining Kennesaw State, Harmon was the dean of the Else School of Management at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., and chair of the accounting departments at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Middle Tennessee State University, and Arizona State University’s West Campus. He also served on the accounting faculties of the University of Missouri and Drexel University.

Harmon holds a doctorate in accounting with a minor in computer science from the University of Tennessee, where he also earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting. He is a certified public accountant.

Harmon’s areas of expertise include accounting information systems, internal auditing, leadership development, strategic planning, and business education. He previously was a staff auditor with Price Waterhouse, was president of his own software company, and has served as a consultant to numerous companies and universities.

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. The gonfalons reflect a timeless style, incorporate the university’s colors and represent 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 Yellow 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
Kappa Delta Pi, Anthropology–White stole
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 for Dance Arts
Blue and White Cord; Gold Pin
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

OTHER DEPARTMENT COLORS
Department of Athletics–Black Stole with gold trim and Lettering
Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery–Purple Cord
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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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