MAY 8, 2018

10 a.m.
Michael J. Coles College of Business

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
May 8, 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.

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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James Christopher Pike

WELCOME
W. Ken Harmon, Interim President

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Founder and Global CEO,
Silver Spirit Global LLC

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CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES
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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
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The audience is requested to stand and remain standing throughout the recessional.
Sid Mookerji is the Founder and Global CEO of Silver Spirit Global LLC, an organization focused on enabling U.S. startups through funding, mentorship and real estate initiatives. He is also co-founder of the Mookerji Foundation, which made a $1 million gift to the Georgia Tech Foundation in 2017 to promote retail tech startups. This has resulted in a retail tech startup initiative at the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC).

Prior to this, Mookerji co-founded and ran SPI, a tech services and products company for retailers worldwide. SPI was founded in 1994 to be “The Right Retail Partner” and grew to be a company with 3,000 employees in five continents servicing over 350 retail and CPG companies. Mookerji had an exit through a sale to Private Equity in September 2016.

SPI under Mookerji’s leadership has been recognized in the U.S. and overseas for its phenomenal growth and unique value proposition. SPI received the Indian government’s Excellence in IT Exports award multiple times and was recognized by U.S. based organizations: Inc 500 (fastest growing companies – U.S.), Atlanta Business Chronicle (Pacesetter Award), ACG (Georgia Fast40), Atlanta Business Magazine (Top Ten Fastest-Growing Companies) and USPAACC (fastest growing in U.S. – Asian owned).

Mr. Mookerji is the recipient of an Honors degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science. He also completed the Modular Executive MBA program at Emory’s Goizueta Business School in 2004. While earning his degree, he received the Al Bows Outstanding MEMBA Award, the Decision and Information Analysis Award and was distinguished for scholastic accomplishments with the Most Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Apart from business pursuits, Mr. Mookerji supports philanthropies in the United States and India through the Mookerji Foundation, which promotes startups and also supports the basic needs, health and education of needy children worldwide. Mookerji is an Entrepreneur In Residence at Goizueta and also at Georgia Tech’s Advanced Technology Development Center. He is also on the Academic Governance Board of SDM-IMD, one of India’s premier business schools and a member of NASSCOM’s Regional Council for South India.
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The audience is requested to stand as the processional begins  
and remain standing throughout the singing of the national anthem.

PROCESSIONAL  
Ode to Joy  
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Claire Pappas and Audience

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The audience is requested to stand and remain standing throughout the recessional.
Greg Teague is the president of Croy Engineering, an award-winning civil engineering firm based in Marietta, Ga., that serves the southeastern United States. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Kennesaw State University. Raised in Ellijay, Ga., Greg was active in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and was co-captain of the 1996 steel bridge team.

Following his graduation, he worked as a consulting engineer before becoming the city engineer and public works director for the city of Marietta. In 2007, Greg joined Croy Engineering to focus on applying his engineering experience to numerous clients across the Southeast.

During his tenure at Croy, the firm has won numerous awards, including the National Transportation Project of the Year for Kennesaw’s own Skip Spann Connector. Greg was recognized as a KSU Outstanding Alumni, not only for his contributions to the engineering field but also for the difference he makes in our communities. Active in the Cobb Chamber, the American Council of Engineering Companies and numerous non-profits, Greg strives to apply the values he learned at KSU’s Marietta Campus in all of his endeavors. Greg is most proud of his beautiful wife, Sabrina, and his three daughters: Madison, a KSU sophomore; Sydney, a KSU freshman; and Georgia, a high school sophomore.
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MAY 8, 2018
7 p.m.
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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.

PROCESIONAL
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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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.
Alisha T. Cromartie (formerly Alisha T. Morgan), M.Ed., is Superintendent of Schools at Ivy Preparatory Academies, a network of all-girls public charter schools of excellence. She is recognized nationally as a trailblazing education leader and has proven to be the transformational leader that Ivy Preparatory Academies needed.

Prior to fearlessly leading Ivy Prep Academies, Cromartie made history at age 23, by becoming the first African American to serve in the Georgia legislature representing residents of one of Georgia’s largest counties, Cobb County. Cromartie was elected to six terms in the Georgia House of Representatives, where she served on the Education, Appropriations and Health & Human Services Committees. During her tenure in the legislature, Cromartie led some of the most pivotal education reforms in the state. She coauthored the state’s Teacher and Leader Evaluation System, and authored the state intra-district transfer law, allowing parents to choose the best public school within their district, regardless of zip code. She was also appointed by Former United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan to a bipartisan working group to address the need to reauthorize ESEA, as well as look at the nation’s need to raise its academic standards.

As a leader on the House Education Committee, Cromartie met the scholars of Ivy Prep Academy. She was inspired to champion the effort to create the State Charter Schools Commission, a state-level, independent charter school authorizing entity. During the highly intense debate, Cromartie’s floor speech entitled “The Little Girls in Green Jackets” highlighted the inspiration the scholars sparked in her to expand public school choice opportunities for children in Georgia. Cromartie was a key sponsor of the successful constitutional amendment in 2012 that now empowers thousands of students across Georgia to access more public charter schools, including Ivy Preparatory Academies.

An award-winning leader, Cromartie has been featured as a thought leader in several publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post, CSPAN, Georgia Trend, Marie Claire, Ebony and Essence magazines. Superintendent Cromartie is a graduate of Spelman College with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Drama and holds a Master’s of Education in Educational Leadership from Kennesaw State University. Cromartie is also a current member of the 2017 Future Chiefs Cohort, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and an active board member of the Joseph & Evelyn Lowery Center for Human Rights Institute. She is the mother of a fifth-grade scholar of Ivy Prep and recently married to retired Cobb County firefighter Marcus Cromartie. She and her family reside in Cobb County.
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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 DAI'S 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
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, Chemistry–Blue and Pink Cords
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 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
PhiEta 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

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Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery
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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,
Kennesaw, we will cherish thee.