MAY 9, 2018

10 a.m.
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

2 p.m.
WellStar College of Health and Human Services
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W. Ken Harmon, Interim President
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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.

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

WELCOME  
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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  
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and Audience

RECESSIONAL  
Scotland the Brave  
Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

POSTLUDE  
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Dr. Tristan Denley currently serves as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at the University System of Georgia.

Before moving to Georgia in May 2017, he served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents from August 2013 until May 2017, and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Austin Peay State University from January 2009.

Originally from Penzance, England, Dr. Denley earned his PhD in Mathematics from Trinity College Cambridge, and held positions in Sweden, Canada, and the University of Mississippi before coming to Tennessee. At Ole Miss, he served as Chair of Mathematics, and Senior Fellow of the Residential College program.

Throughout his career, he has taken a hands-on approach in a variety of initiatives impacting student success. His most recent work has been to transform developmental education and advising at a system scale. His work continues in using a data informed approach to implement a wide variety of system scale initiatives surrounding college completion, stretching from education redesign in a variety of disciplines, to the role of predictive analytics and data mining, cognitive psychology and behavioral economics in higher education.
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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

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Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.
May 9, 2018
2 p.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

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE  Ralph W. Walker, III

WELCOME  W. Ken Harmon, Interim President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  Milton Overton
          Director of Athletics

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

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    Mark Tillman, Dean
College of Science & Mathematics
    Mark Anderson, Dean
University College
    Lynn Disbrow, 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.
Milton Overton has been the Director of Athletics at Kennesaw State University since December 2017. He is the fourth individual to hold the position at Kennesaw State.

A 25-year veteran of college athletics administration, Overton previously spent two years as director of athletics at Florida A&M University. Overton guided a remarkable transformation at FAMU. For the first time in more than a decade, the athletics department boasted a balanced budget in 2016-17, while achieving three consecutive years of record-breaking fundraising and ticket-sales growth. Florida A&M’s revenue increased by $2 million under Overton’s watch, and fan participation soared with the football team finishing among the top five in FCS attendance in 2015 and top three in 2016. One of his benchmark initiatives was the establishment of FAMU’s giving program, “Investing in Champions,” that was a key component of the increased revenue.

He also had a six-year stint as senior associate athletics director at the University of Alabama, and six years prior as associate athletics director at Texas A&M University.

Overton is a graduate of the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s Pathway Program, which provides senior-level athletics administrators with a rigorous curriculum and mentorship for preparation on becoming a director of athletics.

A four-year starter as an offensive lineman at the University of Oklahoma, Overton earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1995. He went on to earn two master’s degrees from OU in 1998, one in higher education and administration and the other in human relations.

Overton was the founder and CEO of Enki System Inc., from 2000-2011, which provided software solutions for athletic and academic support programs across the country, generating over $1 million in gross sales.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Overton has two sons — Micaiah and Lebbeus.
## WELLSTAR COLLEGE of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

### BACHELOR of SCIENCE

**MAJORS:** Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education, Human Services, Sport Management, Public Health Education

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COLLEGE of SCIENCE
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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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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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