

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

C O M M E N C E M E N T

JULY 29, 2016

10 a.m.

College of Architecture and Construction Management
College of Computing and Software Engineering
Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
University College

3 p.m.

Leland and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
College of Science and Mathematics



K E N N E S A W S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

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Presiding

PRELUDE David Kehler, Conductor
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PROCESSIONAL
Ode to Joy
Ludwig van Beethoven
Bagpiper
Chief Faculty Marshal
Tom Crawford
Ana-Maria Croicu

NATIONAL ANTHEM
The Star-Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith
Francis Scott Key, Lyrics
Emily Crisp
and Audience

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES
William M. Hayes
Trenton D. Turk

WELCOME Houston Davis, Interim President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Chip Nelson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Cobb EMC

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
W. Ken Harmon
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for Academic Affairs

College of Architecture and Construction Management
Svetlana Peltsverger, Associate Dean
College of Computing and Software Engineering
Thomas R. Currin, Dean
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Keisha L. Hoerrner, Dean
University College

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and University Registrar
Merle S. King, Narrator

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ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE
Frank L. Ziller,
Computer Science '07

ALMA MATER
Gaudeamus Igitur
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks '82
Emily Crisp
and Audience

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Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

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SPEAKER

Chip Nelson

President and Chief Executive Officer
Cobb EMC



Chip Nelson was named President and CEO of Cobb EMC in July 2011, making him the sixth president and chief executive officer to serve the distribution cooperative since its inception in 1938. His more than 40 years at Cobb EMC enabled Chip to bring a wealth of experience to his position. He interviewed at Cobb EMC in 1971 and was hired the same afternoon as a ground man on an overhead construction crew. Chip worked his way through the ranks to vice president of engineering and operations and chief operating officer, a post he filled for seven years before stepping in as interim CEO in February 2011.

Under his management, Cobb EMC's distribution system has experienced phenomenal growth in the number of meters, miles of line and technological advancements. Cobb EMC has one of the most advanced power distribution and management systems in the world today and the cooperative's electric rates are one of the lowest in the state. Cobb EMC is recognized as a model of efficiency for utilities throughout the U.S. and

abroad, and Chip played a key role on the team that made this system a reality.

Also under Chip's leadership, Cobb EMC has created a new mission statement and now operates under a corporate strategic plan. Additionally, Cobb EMC was awarded EMC of the Year for 2014-2015 for its dedicated service in being a good corporate citizen.

Chip is homegrown talent, having lived in Cobb County for most of his life. After graduating from Sprayberry High School, Chip began employment at Lockheed Martin in Marietta and chose to return to college following his second layoff at Lockheed in 1971. Newly married, Chip worked during the day in his ground man position at Cobb EMC and attended Southern Technical Institute (later named Southern Polytechnic State University) at night to pursue his degree in electrical engineering technology. Chip routinely volunteers in the community, participates in a host of civic activities and serves on multiple boards for nonprofit and private industries.

**COLLEGE of ARCHITECTURE
and CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT**

BACHELOR of ARCHITECTURE

Kier Kentrica Adams
Architecture
Clifton Adam Figaro
Architecture
Daniel Garcia
Architecture
Sarah Elizabeth King
Architecture
Michael Lutin
Architecture
Michael Lennart Martinson
Architecture
Santiago Ramirez
Architecture
Mary L. Soley
Architecture

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Timothy John Hudek
Construction Management
John Morgan Page
Construction Management
Christopher Dennis Rhinehart
Construction Management
Zainab Shekoni
Construction Management
Dustin Joel Thompson
Construction Management
Montrece Williams
Construction Management

**COLLEGE of
COMPUTING and
SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING**

BACHELOR of APPLIED SCIENCE

Christy Baker
Information Technology
James Frances Borton*
Information Technology
Clayton Garrett Brown
Information Technology
Chaniece L. Jones
Information Technology
Jonathon Jermaine McCutchen
Information Technology

Jill Laurin McKechnie
Information Technology
Caleb Beau Roberts
Information Technology
Morgan McKenzie Willis, Jr.
Information Technology

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Dominic M. Abrams
Computer Science
Deborah Amosu
Computer Science
Kevin Ball
Computer Science
Brandon W. Bell
Computer Science
Robert H. Bercovic
Computer Science
Frederick David Bingham
Computer Science
William Adam Brooks
Computer Science
Yonel Najee Brown
Computer Science
Ziyi Cai
Computer Science
Torin Franzen Chaffer**
Computer Science
Steven Michael Chaney*
Computer Science
Erik Thomas Chesnut
Computer Science
Jacob Adam Diaz
Computer Science
Daniel Alan Duttenhofer
Computer Science
Adetokunbo Ibidolapo Fayemi
Computer Science
Etienne Kengne Fokou
Computer Science
Eljay Fuentes**
Computer Science
Amine Teclai Ghilazghi
Computer Science
Thomas-Scot Kim Hamilton
Computer Science
Christopher Daniel Heffernan, III
Computer Science
Austin Richard Hickman
Computer Science
Kquane-David Ingram
Computer Science
Gregory Alan Johns
Computer Science

Harrison Whitehurst Jordan
Computer Science
Stefan Hart Leman
Computer Science
Martin McClain Marchman*
Computer Science
Chukunyere Nlewedim
Computer Science
Babajide Oke
Computer Science
Abifoluwa Abidemi Oni
Computer Science
Bharti Patel
Computer Science
Deontae Jareed Pharr
Computer Science
Evan Hunter Ross
Computer Science
Begad Ahmed Shaheen
Computer Science
Peter Thomas Southwick
Computer Science
Jonathan Raymond Suess
Computer Science
Minh-Duc D. Vu
Computer Science
Justin Ryan Wooten
Computer Science
Aly Wright
Computer Science
Timothy A. Zuspan
Computer Science

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in
COMPUTER GAME DESIGN
and DEVELOPMENT**

Shawn Day
Computer Game Design and
Development
Chane Grant
Computer Game Design and
Development
Michael Gwynn
Computer Game Design and
Development
Chris Harris*
Computer Game Design and
Development
Matthew Hubers
Computer Game Design and
Development
Nicole Lynn Jameson
Computer Game Design and
Development

Joshua Ryan Joy
Computer Game Design and
Development
Patrick Cole Miller*
Computer Game Design and
Development
Lee Rambo
Computer Game Design and
Development
Quintin Lee Wright
Computer Game Design and
Development
Shah Zain Zafrani
Computer Game Design and
Development
Ryan Anthony Zappulla
Computer Game Design and
Development

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Michael J. Barlow
Information Technology
Steven Andrew Bennett
Information Technology
Rebekah Hyun Ji Chang
Information Technology
Dong Hwang
Information Technology
Peter Michael Luxbacher, Jr.
Information Technology
Auner R. Moncada, Jr.
Information Technology
Abel Antonio Morales
Information Technology
Vicente Ochoa**
Information Technology
Craig Allan Pommells
Information Technology
Beniam Solomon Seyoum
Information Technology
Mack Erwin Taylor, Jr.
Information Technology
Bryan James Turner**
Information Technology
Quintin Jamal Williams
Information Technology

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**

Jason Alwyne Dyett
Software Engineering

Richard Fidencio Linares*
Software Engineering
Wyatt T. Shaffer
Software Engineering

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE of ENGINEERING
and ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY**

BACHELOR of APPLIED SCIENCE

Justice Mikel Gragg
Manufacturing Operations

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

James Claud Aiken
Mechatronics Engineering
Kevin Michael Andrews, Sr.
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Saad Ansari
Electrical Engineering Technology
Arysha Kiara Baker
Industrial Engineering Technology
Ethan Franklin Brown**
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Kyle Alexander Bullard
Industrial Engineering Technology
Wendell Bumie
Industrial Engineering Technology
Andrew Kyle Cheek
Industrial Engineering Technology
Caleb Andrew Crawford
Industrial Engineering Technology
Aaron Rudolph Cudnohufsky
Electrical Engineering Technology
Ethan Wayne Duke
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Matthew Fisher
Industrial Engineering Technology
Susan Nogh Fon
Industrial Engineering Technology
Alexander Eugene Friedman
Mechatronics Engineering
Jared B. Gilmer
Civil Engineering Technology
Tereza Gutierrez**
Industrial Engineering Technology
Raymond Anthony Hilliard
Mechatronics Engineering
Kenda Marissa Holt***
Industrial Engineering Technology
Austin Ivey Howell
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Saef Bin Iqbal
Industrial Engineering Technology
Mahfoudh Feruz Kayanda
Electrical Engineering Technology
Grace Iyee Lampton
Civil Engineering Technology
Kimberly Tidaphone Lattanaxay
Industrial Engineering Technology
William M. Lotz*
Civil Engineering Technology
David Kabiru Mathenge
Industrial Engineering Technology
Colin Meier
Surveying and Mapping
Mir Asif Mohammad
Industrial Engineering Technology
Ashley Amanda Nesmith
Industrial Engineering Technology
William Steve Payne, Jr.
Surveying and Mapping
Ethan Ross Pepin
Surveying and Mapping
Steven Michael Pitsos
Industrial Engineering Technology
Liem Prefontaine
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Sean Everett Preston
Computer Engineering Technology
Jacob Carson Reeves*
Computer Engineering Technology
Antonio M. Sample
Surveying and Mapping
Antoine Sams
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joseph Sangese
Mechatronics Engineering
Nathan Presley Szrama
Mechatronics Engineering
Kristie Joy Thomas
Industrial Engineering Technology
William Zachary Todd
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Udoukpong Albert Udoukpong
Civil Engineering Technology
Marc Shaun-Craig Whittaker
Industrial Engineering Technology
Jerin Xavier
Industrial Engineering Technology
George Young
Electrical Engineering Technology
David Andres Zambrano
Mechanical Engineering Technology

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C A N D I D A T E S F O R G R A D U A T I O N

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in CIVIL ENGINEERING

Joseph Kofi Amichia, Jr.
Civil Engineering
Omar Adnan Eid
Civil Engineering
Obinna Nnanyelugo Enweani
Civil Engineering
Nadar Farhat
Civil Engineering
Hindatou Ibrahim Foukori
Civil Engineering
Selma Hukic
Civil Engineering
Tshiteya Kalonji
Civil Engineering
Warren Lanorris Lee, III
Civil Engineering
Allison Mary Frost DeWeese Paraense
Civil Engineering
Tejash Satishkumar Patel
Civil Engineering
Stephen J. Tippet
Civil Engineering
Francisco Javier Ramirez Vanegas
Civil Engineering
Katherine Elizabeth Vilardo
Civil Engineering
William Harold Wiggins, Jr.
Civil Engineering

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

Roshni Roseanne Lawrence
Construction Engineering
Megan Larese Price
Construction Engineering

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

April Dawn Adams***
Electrical Engineering
Allan Anibal Arrue
Electrical Engineering
Mohamed Meera Sahib Buhari
Electrical Engineering
Colton Lucas Cloud
Electrical Engineering
Joshuwa M. Cook
Electrical Engineering

Eric LaBrandon Crowder
Electrical Engineering
Wesley Eugene Dobbins
Electrical Engineering
Joseph Stephen Francis
Electrical Engineering
Aaron Andrew Hankins
Electrical Engineering
Shaune David Hankins*
Electrical Engineering
Crystal Matheny
Electrical Engineering
Tyler Glenn Minix
Electrical Engineering
Amal Ragouba
Electrical Engineering
Ryan S. Robinson
Electrical Engineering
Arthur A. Townsend
Electrical Engineering
Hoang Xuan Tran
Electrical Engineering
Yinan Zhao*
Electrical Engineering

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in INDUSTRIAL and SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Tobore Chukwuemeka Imarah*
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Joao Baptista Sottano, Jr.
Industrial and Systems Engineering

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Scott Adams
Mechanical Engineering
Mustafa Mohamad Ali*
Mechanical Engineering
David Beltran
Mechanical Engineering
Peter Starr Brandt
Mechanical Engineering
Howard Adam Brown
Mechanical Engineering
Matthew Robert Burkart
Mechanical Engineering
David Timothy Byrd
Mechanical Engineering
Lo Yik Chow
Mechanical Engineering
Whittaker Emery Craig
Mechanical Engineering

Brent David Dion
Mechanical Engineering
Benjamin Dean Dittmer
Mechanical Engineering
Seth Tyler Gunnells
Mechanical Engineering
Jonathan Akil Hawkins
Mechanical Engineering
Jad Fuad Hudaib**
Mechanical Engineering
Farbod Karbasi
Mechanical Engineering
Mario Alan Lara
Mechanical Engineering
Edwin Scott Martin
Mechanical Engineering
Armin Memovic
Mechanical Engineering
Stephen Andrew Merritt
Mechanical Engineering
Robert Zachary Miller
Mechanical Engineering
Brandon Cole Mullins
Mechanical Engineering
Thien Hong Nguyen**
Mechanical Engineering
Joshua Michael Noll
Mechanical Engineering
Nnamdi O. Nwankwo
Mechanical Engineering
Matthew James Peska
Mechanical Engineering
Conner T. Richards
Mechanical Engineering
Logan C. Simon
Mechanical Engineering
Justin Taylor Smith*
Mechanical Engineering
Darius Thomas
Mechanical Engineering
Zachary Aaron Ures
Mechanical Engineering
Jeffery Scott Williams
Mechanical Engineering

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Brian Matthew Taylor
Telecommunications Engineering Technology

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C A N D I D A T E S F O R G R A D U A T I O N

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Shaham Vince Abraham
Integrative Studies
Jennifer Marie Louise Alexander
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Zachary Joseph Anello
Integrative Studies
Jordan Thomas Barr
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Charisse Bigham
Integrative Studies
Marika V. Blackmon
Integrative Studies
Bryan Joseph Blough
Integrative Studies
William Thaddeus Bowers
Integrative Studies
Antonio Lamar Bullard
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Jasmine Marie Cajigas
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Caitlin Elizabeth Campbell
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Khendal Amanda Capers
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Sarah Elizabeth Chatlen
Integrative Studies
Elizabeth Carol Chkoreff
Integrative Studies
Brenda Cobin
Integrative Studies
Kyle Coleman
Integrative Studies
Rebecca Michelle Cooley
Integrative Studies
Kayce Justine Courson
Integrative Studies
Luke Crawford
Integrative Studies
Catherine Ansley Crouch
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Anthony Lamar Davis
Integrative Studies

Cheryl Denise Davis
Integrative Studies
Eric Lee Davis
Integrative Studies
Curtis Allen Doemel
Integrative Studies
Lucy Bartlett Dorris
Integrative Studies
Rachelle Brianna Drawver
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
DeMario Jerome Easley
Integrative Studies
Cedric Edwards
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Kathryn Engelmaier
Integrative Studies
Tiffany Cherrelle Evans**
Integrative Studies
Emily Ann Fayette
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Erika Elise Fleming
Integrative Studies
Bea Anne M. Foncha
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Allison Galusha
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
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Integrative Studies
Christina Louise Garrison
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Taylor Shea Goldman
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Collin Harrison Hamlin
Integrative Studies
Ashley Nicole Hart
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Christina Michelle Johnson
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Markisha L. Lattimore
Integrative Studies
Tiffany Shaneiqua Law
Integrative Studies
Earnest Gene Lawrence, Jr.
Integrative Studies
Damarius Rashad Lyle
Integrative Studies

Ramando Lavar Lyons
Integrative Studies
Janice Denise Malone
Integrative Studies
Karla Denise McDearis
Integrative Studies
Chantee A. McNish
Integrative Studies
Jacinte R. Miller
Integrative Studies
Seth Coberly Miller
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Jessica Paige Milton
Integrative Studies
Jededah Mitchell
Integrative Studies
LaShala Necole Moore
Integrative Studies
Heather Nicole Mullins
Integrative Studies
Monica Adel Nawar
Integrative Studies
Briana Nicole Nesbitt
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Krupa Sunil Patel
Integrative Studies
Deanna Lea Pearson
Integrative Studies
Sina A. Rafieinejad
Integrative Studies
Kristen Tapley Reece
Integrative Studies
Horatio A. Reid
Integrative Studies
Kenyatta D. Richardson
Integrative Studies
Alondra Shanise Rivers
Integrative Studies
Josephine Sumner Rogers
Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality
Sunday Caroline Royce
Integrative Studies
Jordan Patricia Rucker
Integrative Studies
Latasha Salad
Integrative Studies
Lila Rose Schweppe
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Blakely Gayle Seay
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Jordyn Mariel Seay
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Petra AnnMarie Simpson
 Integrative Studies
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 Integrative Studies
 Ashley Nicole Snyder
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 Culinary Sustainability and
 Hospitality
 Kierra Nicole Natalie Stamps
 Integrative Studies
 Nicole Alicia Tate
 Integrative Studies
 Elandria Elaine Thurmond
 Culinary Sustainability and
 Hospitality
 Samuel David Tibbetts
 Culinary Sustainability and
 Hospitality
 Ryan Matthew Torres
 Integrative Studies
 Thomas Louis Turner
 Integrative Studies
 Bridgette Lee Usnik
 Integrative Studies
 Andrew William Van Gessel
 Integrative Studies
 Tabatha Denise VanHuss
 Integrative Studies
 Cheyenne Skye Wallace
 Integrative Studies
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 Integrative Studies
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 Natasha LeighAnn Widmer
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 Jamel Knight Williams
 Integrative Studies
 Joshua Wright
 Integrative Studies
 Timothy Jason Young
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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

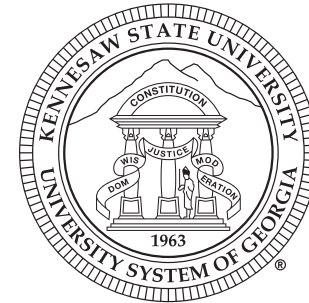
Students announced as Honors Scholars have completed the requirements of Kennesaw State's undergraduate honors program and wear red and gold epaulets on their left shoulder to signify this extraordinary academic accomplishment.

Final Degree Audits

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SPEAKER
Linda Noble

*Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University System of Georgia*



Linda Noble completed her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia in 1985 and began her career at Kennesaw State University (then Kennesaw College) in August of the same year.

She served as Department Chair of Psychology, as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and as Associate Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning during her 22 years at KSU.

She held several leadership positions in Division Two of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, including the Methods and Techniques Editor of the journal Teaching of Psychology and Division Two President in 2003.

In 2008, she assumed an Assistant Vice Chancellor position at the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and in 2011 was

promoted to Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. In that position, she oversaw faculty policies and procedures at USG institutions, system-wide faculty development and resources for campus-level faculty development, and Board approval of new academic degree programs.

She also worked collaboratively with other System office staff and campus leadership on key systemwide initiatives such as Complete College Georgia and consolidation.

From July to December of 2014, Dr. Noble was called upon to serve as the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fort Valley State University.

Dr. Noble retired from Kennesaw State University in July 2015 and is now working part-time at the Board of Regents.

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LELAND and CLARICE C. BAGWELL COLLEGE of EDUCATION

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Tresa Chidebele Anaeki
Early Childhood Education
Kayla Dianne Beshears
Early Childhood Education
Brittany Diane Harper
Early Childhood Education
Jessica Jouria**
Early Childhood Education
Birth Through Kindergarten
Sarah Elizabeth Klingler
Early Childhood Education
Joseph Uche Mbaegbu-Duru
Middle Grades Education
Callison Rae Payne*
Early Childhood Education
Christy Lynn Phillips**
Middle Grades Education
Jasmin Naimah Reese
Early Childhood Education
Carol Lee Taylor
Early Childhood Education
Elizabeth Connor Thompson
Early Childhood Education
Connie Tsay**
Early Childhood Education

COLLEGE of HUMANITIES and SOCIAL SCIENCES

BACHELOR of ARTS

Segun Kayode Afolabi
International Affairs
Danielle Alvarez
English
Tiffany Alvord
New Media Arts
Andrew J. Amerson
International Affairs
Maria Cecilia Andrade
International Affairs
Mary Therese Kost Baldwin***
History
Riley Thomas Barrington
History
Jacqueline A. Bartelmo
English
Rachel Elizabeth Beck
English

Kamaria Raeshaun Blocker
International Affairs
Danielle Raylaine Bond
English
Kelsey Toneya Bonham
History
Vivian Eunite Bonilla-Cruz
International Affairs
Valerie Carla Bouzy
International Affairs
Ysidora Cardenas
Modern Language and Culture
Ethan Robert Carey
History
Sarah Annabel Cheek
English
Ashley Craig-Gillard
English
Kelli Maria Crawford**
International Affairs
Rebecca Jean Davis
English
William Edwards
History
Gabrielle Bianca Fabiano
History
Isaac Matthew Fenwick
Modern Language and Culture
Elad Roman Fitoussi
International Affairs
Tyler Meagan Forbes
Modern Language and Culture
Tony Maxwell Foster
African and African Diaspora Studies
Terasas T. Glance-Richards
Modern Language and Culture
Maxwell Ryan Gross**
History
Gerardo Guerra
International Affairs
William Ryan Hames
English
Lauren Taaffe Heron
English
Haley Kiersten Kaye Hetrick
English
Hannah Hibbard
English
Aura Camila Jimenez Ramirez
International Affairs
Sarah Jomaa
English
Stacy-Ann Jance Knott
New Media Arts

Emily Rose Kraus***
Modern Language and Culture
Erwynique Leszczynski
History
Afiya Grace Lunda
History
James Sterling Marsh
English
Yohiris Martin
Modern Language and Culture
Jordan Patrick Mason
History
Phillip Gregory Mason
English
Marcus Matkins
Modern Language and Culture
Robert Nicholas Maynard
International Affairs
Chelyan Marie McComas
English
Sarah Caitlin McDonald
English
Ashley Kim Melton
English
Michael Harden Murphy
History
Michael Brian Olson
Philosophy
Alexandria Asher Parvin
Modern Language and Culture
Rolando Anthony Quispe
New Media Arts
Mary Nicole Reynolds**
New Media Arts
Gabriela Reynoso
Modern Language and Culture
Kolbi Synclair Robinson
International Affairs
Katlyn Amber Rogers
English
Bryce Woerner Ros
History
Janine Karen Rowe
English
Johnny Edward Sands II
Geography
Charles McManus Selman
International Affairs
Christy Marie Shears*
New Media Arts
Brianna Trenise Simmons
Modern Language and Culture
Jacob Daniel Vinyard**
International Affairs

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C A N D I D A T E S F O R G R A D U A T I O N

Victoria Alexis Waddell
English
Michael Jamal Wells
English
Shaye Marie Whiten
Modern Language and Culture
Christopher-Lee C. Williams
New Media Arts
Cory Grant Worley
History
Gerald E. Wyble, III
History
Jeffrey Scott Zajdel**
Modern Language and Culture

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Justin Tanner Adams
Political Science
Oluwatosin Ehi Akogun
Political Science
Andres Mauricio Alba
International Studies
Austin David Allen*
Political Science
Kaleigh Kline Allen
Communication
Bianca Nache't Anderson*
Communication
Katelyn Marie Anderson
Anthropology
Luculious Nelson Anderson II
Political Science
Taylor Charisse Ashby
Communication
Taylor Charisse Ashby
Psychology
Jamiella D. Atkinson
Criminal Justice
Kathleen Elizabeth Atkinson
Communication
Princess Oluwadamilola Atobatele
Communication
Gloria Kenie Badio
Sociology
Krystal Marie Bailey
Psychology
Karina DeAnn Baker
Political Science
Mary Lauren Ballard
Communication
Lauren Ashley Bando
Psychology
Josh Barnard
History Education

Emily Elizabeth Barnett
Public Relations
Janice Nicole Barrett
Sociology
Steven Scott Graham Baskin
Psychology
Autumn Victoria Batson
Psychology
Taylor Danielle Belcher
Communication
Kelsey Ann Bellefeuille*
Psychology
Ivonne Lilian Beltran*
Psychology
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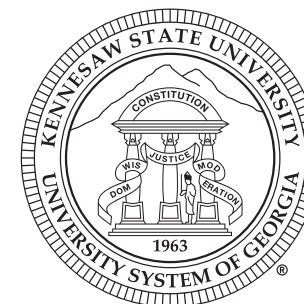
Students announced as Honors Scholars have completed the requirements of Kennesaw State's undergraduate honors program and wear red and gold epaulets on their left shoulder to signify this extraordinary academic accomplishment.

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Houston Davis
INTERIM PRESIDENT
Kennesaw State University

Dr. Houston Davis, the chief academic officer for the University System of Georgia, was appointed interim president of Kennesaw State University by USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby. He assumed his new duties on July 1, 2016.

Davis has served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer with the USG since May 2012. In his role, he has been responsible for meeting the academic needs of more than 318,000 students and approximately 13,300 University System faculty members. Specifically, Davis oversaw all matters related to academics and students. He led the division of academic affairs that encompassed academic programs and policy, tenure and promotion, faculty development, intercollegiate athletics, distance education, academic and public libraries, teacher preparation, accreditation and other areas.

Prior to his role with the USG, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, a system consisting of 25 universities and colleges as well as constituent agencies. He also served as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents (2005-2007) and worked in the field of academic leadership and on the faculty for Austin Peay State University (2001-2005).

Davis also worked in the areas of fiscal and academic affairs for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (1997-2001) and as a regional student recruitment and advancement representative for the University of Memphis (1995-1997).

In addition to his professional duties, he served in the role of director for the National Educational Needs Index project from 2004-2011, an initiative measuring educational, economic, and population pressures in the 50 states that influence policy and planning at local, regional, and national levels.

Davis was selected as part of the 2005 class of the National Center for Higher Education and Public Policy Associates program, a mid-career leadership opportunity for professionals engaged in policy impacting higher education.

He is involved in research projects and writing in the areas of higher education access, governance, economic development, and accountability issues in higher education and serves on several national advisory groups on higher education policy, degree completion, academic preparation, and accountability.

A native of Clarksville, Tennessee, Davis received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, a bachelor's in political science from the University of Memphis, and a master's in education from Tennessee State University.

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 33,000 undergraduate and graduate students — nearly 5,200 residing on campus — representing 130 countries. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Kennesaw State offers nearly 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

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

HONOR SOCIETIES

Students who are members of honor societies at Kennesaw State University are eligible to wear the following designations of their respective society at graduation:

Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology – teal honor cord
 Alpha Psi Omega, Theater – blue and gold cords
 Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting – red ribbon with medallion
 Beta Beta Beta, Biology – green ribbon with medallion
 Beta Gamma Sigma, Business – blue and gold honor cords
 Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geography – light blue stole
 Kappa Delta Pi, Education – green, purple and gold honor cords
 Lambda Alpha, Anthropology – white stole
 Lambda Pi Eta, Communication – red and white honor cords
 Nu Delta Alpha, Dance – burgundy and gold honor cords
 Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics – blue and gold honor cords
 Pi Delta Phi, French – blue and red honor cords
 Pi Kappa Lambda, Music – white and gold cords
 Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science – purple and gold honor cords
 Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish – gold and red honor cords
 Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing – orchid and white honor cords
 Sigma Tau Delta, English – red and black honor cords
 Tau Upsilon Alpha, Human Services – gold with royal blue lettering
 Phi Alpha, Social Work Honor Society – gold honor cord
 Phi Alpha Theta, History – red and blue honor cords
 Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars Society – medallion with red and gold ribbon
 Phi Eta Sigma – black and gold cords
 Phi Kappa Phi, all majors – gold, white and blue medallion with royal-blue ribbon
 Phi Lambda Upsilon, National Chemistry Honor Society – red and gold epaulets
 Psi Chi, Psychology – blue and gold honor cords
 Blue Key National Honor Society – blue honor cords
 Golden Key International Honor Society – gold honor medallion with blue and gold ribbons
 National Society of Collegiate Scholars, all majors – burgundy and gold cords

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Nestled in the Georgia pines,
What a special place you hold,
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.*