Kennesaw State University

Commencement

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
July 29, 2016
10 a.m.
Houston Davis, Interim President
Presiding

PRELUDE  
David Kehler, Conductor  
KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble

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PROCISIONAL  
Ode to Joy  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
Bagpiper  Tom Crawford  
Chief Faculty Marshal  Ana-Maria Croicu

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
The Star-Spangled Banner  
John Stafford Smith  
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  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Richard Cole, Dean  
Svetlana Peltsverger, Associate Dean  
Thomas R. Currin, Dean  
Keisha L. Hoerrner, Dean  
Houston Davis, Interim President  
Kim West, Associate Vice President and University Registrar  
Merle S. King, Narrator

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES  
Houston Davis, Interim President

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

RECESSONAL  
Scotland the Brave  
Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

POSTLUDE  
David Kehler, Conductor  
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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.

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# Candidates for Graduation

## 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 Luin
- Architecture
- Michael Lennart Martinson
- Architecture
- Santiago Ramirez
- Architecture
- Mary L. Soley
- Architecture

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE**

- Dustin Joel Thompson
- Construction Management
- Christopher Dennis Rhinehart
- Construction Management
- John Morgan Page
- 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

- Chanice L. Jones
  - Information Technology

- Jonathan Jermaine McCutchen
  - Information Technology

- Jill Laurin McKechnie
  - Information Technology

- Caleb Beau Roberts
  - Information Technology

- Morgan McKenzie Willis, Jr.
  - Information Technology

## College of Engineering and Technology

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE**

- Dominick 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 Chaffee**
  - Computer Science

- Michael J. Barlow
  - Information Technology

- Steven Andrew Bennett
  - Information Technology

- Rebekah Hyun Ji Chang
  - Information Technology

- Dong Hwang
  - Information Technology

- 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

- Chase Grant
  - Computer Game Design and Development

- Michael Gowyn
  - 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

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**

- Jason Alwyne Dyett
  - Software Engineering

- Richard Fidenco Linares*
  - Software Engineering

- Wyatt T. Shafer
  - Software Engineering

**SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE of ENGINEERING and TECHNOLOGY**

**BACHELOR of APPLIED SCIENCE**

- Justice Mikel Gragg
  - Manufacturing Operations

- James Claud Aiken
  - Mechatronics Engineering

- Kevin Michael Andrews, Sr.
  - Mechanical Engineering Technology

- Saad Ansari
  - Electrical Engineering Technology

- Aryshka Kiara Baker
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Ethan Franklin Brown**
  - Mechanical Engineering Technology

- Kyle Alexander Bullard
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Wendell Burrie
  - 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 Neigh Fon
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Alexander Eugene Friedman
  - Mechatronics Engineering

- Jared B. Gilmer
  - Civil Engineering Technology

- Tereza Gutierrez**
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Quintin Lee Wright
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**

- Saeid Bin Iqbal
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Mahfoudh Feruz Kayanda
  - Electrical Engineering Technology

- Grace Iye Lampton
  - Civil Engineering Technology

- Kimberly Tidaphone Lattanuzay
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- William M. Lotz*
  - Civil Engineering Technology

- David Kabiru Mathenge
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Colin Meier
  - Surveying and Mapping

- Mir Asif Mohammad
  - Mechanical Engineering Technology

- Ashley Amanda Nesmith
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- William Steve Payne, Jr.
  - Surveying and Mapping

- Steven Michael Pitso
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Leland Pottruff
  - Mechanical Engineering Technology

- Sean Everett Preston
  - Computer Engineering Technology

- Jacob Carson Reeves*
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Antonio M. Sample
  - Surveying and Mapping

- Antoine Sarns
  - Industrial Engineering Technology

- Joseph Sangse
  - Mechatronics Engineering

- Nathan Presley Sarama
  - Electrical Engineering Technology

- Shreya Sinha
  - Civil Engineering Technology

- Robbie Skelton
  - Civil Engineering Technology
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in
CIVIL ENGINEERING

Joseph Kofi Amichia, Jr.
Civil Engineering

Omar Adnan Eid
Civil Engineering

Obinna Nananyologo Enwegwe
Civil Engineering

Nadar Farhat
Civil Engineering

Hindatou Ibrahim Foukori
Civil Engineering

Selma Hukic
Civil Engineering

Tshiyeya Kalu
Civil Engineering

Warren Lanorris Lee, III
Civil Engineering

Allison Mary Frost DeWeese Paraense
Civil Engineering

Tejas Satoshi Kumar Patel
Civil Engineering

Stephan J. Tippett
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 Lance Price
Construction Engineering

BACHELOR of SCIENCE in
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

April Dawn Adams***
Electrical Engineering

Allan Anjil Arrue
Electrical Engineering

Mohamed Meera Sahib Buhari
Electrical Engineering

Colton Lucas Cloud
Electrical Engineering

Joshua M. Cook
Electrical Engineering

Joshuwa M. Crown
Electrical Engineering

Eric LaBrandon Crowder
Electrical Engineering

Wesley Eugene Dobbins
Electrical Engineering

Joseph Stephen Francis
Electrical Engineering

Aaron Andrew Hankins
Electrical Engineering

Shauna 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 Imahar*
Industrial and Systems Engineering

Joao Baptista Sottomo, 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 Gannells
Mechanical Engineering

Jonathan Akil Hawkins
Mechanical Engineering

Jad Fuaad Hudabbi**
Mechanical Engineering

Farbod Karkasi
Mechanical Engineering

Marte Alan Lara
Mechanical Engineering

Edwin Scott Martin
Mechanical Engineering

Armin Memovic
Mechanical Engineering

Stephen Andrew Merritt
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Robert Zachary Miller
Mechanical Engineering

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Thuan Hong Nguyen**
Mechanical Engineering

Joshua Michael Noll
Mechanical Engineering

Nnamdi O. Nwankwo
Mechanical Engineering

Matthew James Peska
Mechanical Engineering

Connor 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

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

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Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT

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Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University System of Georgia

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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.
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

LELAND and CLARICE C. BAGWELL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR of SCIENCE
Tresa Chidebele Aneaki
Early Childhood Education
Kayla Dianne Beshbears
Early Childhood Education
Brittani 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 Tyas**
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

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Victoria Alexis Waddell
English
Michael Jamal Wells
English
Shaye Marie Whitens
Modern Language and Culture
Christopher Lee C. Williams
New Media Arts
Cory Grant Worley
History
Gerald E. Wylbe, 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’i Anderson*
Communication
Katelyn Marie Anderson
Anthropology
Lucilous Nelson Anderson II
Political Science
Taylor Charisse Ashby
Communication
Taylor Charisse Ashby
Psychology
Jamiella D. Atkinson
Political Science
Kathleen Elizabeth Atkinson
Communication
Princess Oluwademilola Atohatele
Communication
Gloria Kenie Badio
Sociology
Krystal Marie Bailey
Psychology
Katrina D'Ann Baker
Political Science
Mary Lauren Ballard
Communication
Lauren Ashley Bandoo
Psychology
Josh Barnard
History Education

Katherine Marie Clark
Public Relations
Morgan Allyson Clark*
Psychology
Satia Vontae Clay
Psychology
Stephanie Clay*
Communication
Nicole Bennett Cleveland
Communication
Katira Comstock***
Psychology
Alexis L. Conrad
Sociology
Kimberly Ann Cox***
Communication
Christina M. Craft
Communication
Leah Elizabeth Craig
Psychology
Jaely Elizabeth Cruz-Lopez
Psychology
Jasmine Sabrena Culberson
Psychology
Robert J. Dalton
Political Science
Sean Lenard Dears
Criminal Justice
Angela Delaney
Communication
Manuel Antonio Delgado
Political Science
Danielle Demery
Psychology
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Honors Statement

Students announced as Honors Scholars have completed the requirements of Ken-nessaw State's undergraduate 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.

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Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.
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 accompanied 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 procession. The baton is an ancient symbol of authority. The four batons, crafted by biology professor Bowman Davis, are hand-turned from 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 procession 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. Thompson 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 coat 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 shoulders) to be set apart from the graduates. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves, with three velvet stripes on each sleeve.
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Maize: Agriculture
White: Art, Letters and Humanities
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- Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish – gold and red honor cords
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- 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
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Lighting paths of love of learning,
For the gifts you have given me,
Kennesaw, I will cherish thee.

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Fairest of the Southland’s fame,
Sons and daughters gathered here,
Stand to praise thy lovely name.
For the friendships that were made here,
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