Kennesaw State University

Commencement

May 9, 2019

10 a.m.
College of Humanities and Social Sciences - School of Communication
Leland and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education
College of the Arts
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

Chief Faculty Marshal
Jennifer W. Purcell

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith
Francis Scott Key, Lyrics

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Theodore L. Parrish

WELCOME

Pamela S. Whitten, President

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

College of Humanities and Social Sciences – Kerwin Swint, Interim Dean
Leland and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education – Cynthia Reed, Dean
College of the Arts – Ivan Pulinkala, Dean

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Pamela S. Whitten, President
Ana Edwards, University Registrar
Merle S. King, Narrator

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Pamela S. Whitten, President

ALMA MATER

Gaudeamus Igitur
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks ’82

RECESSONAL

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.
BACHELOR of SCIENCE

MAJORS: Journalism and Emerging Media, Media and Entertainment, Organizational and Professional Communication, Public Relations

Bria Camille Alexander
Media and Entertainment

Tekeysia Nakia Alston
Public Relations

Alexandra Gennadiy Avchukov
Journalism and Emerging Media

Melanie Simmons Banks
Organizational and Professional Communication

Toni Imanni Baraka*
Organizational and Professional Communication

Matthew Sam Batson
Media and Entertainment

Nicholas D. Becker
Public Relations

Evan C. Belyea
Journalism and Emerging Media
Waynesia Bland**
Media and Entertainment

Ashley Bonds***
Public Relations

Samantha Taylor Bookout
Organizational and Professional Communication

Caroline Elizabeth Bourne*
Organizational and Professional Communication

Derwin Barrington Brown, Jr.
Media and Entertainment

Jawaniecea Diane Bryant
Organizational and Professional Communication

Rachel Hannah Buchanan
Public Relations

Kemiah Semaj Bundrage
Public Relations

Khadijah Jane’ Cantrell
Media and Entertainment

Lucas W. Carmean
Public Relations

William Hartrampf Carver
Public Relations

Brenda Cisneros
Media and Entertainment

Phoebe Jenna Clark*
Public Relations

Adric Wendell Coker
Journalism and Emerging Media

Tyhi Conley
Journalism and Emerging Media

Megan Cooper**
Journalism and Emerging Media

Sarah Catherine Crawley
Public Relations

Cannon Mackenzie Croce
Media and Entertainment

Giovanna T. Cruz*
Journalism and Emerging Media

Taylor Ashley Cunningham
Media and Entertainment

Kira Tani Czyrklis
Media and Entertainment

Nichole Zoe D’Angelo**
Organizational and Professional Communication

Bekah Ansley Danforth*
Public Relations

Sabrina Dekle
Public Relations

Hannah Nicole Duncan
Organizational and Professional Communication

Katherine Celia Dunn*
Public Relations

Stephanie Ann Eglitis***
Organizational and Professional Communication

Morgan Fitzgerald
Public Relations

Holden B. Fromayan
Public Relations

Paige Gaines
Public Relations

Deja Glover
Public Relations

Rebecca Genevieve Good***
Organizational and Professional Communication

Ashlyn Kaylee Gordon***
Organizational and Professional Communication

Gerald Michael Graham
Public Relations

Jacob Luke Grant
Public Relations

Allana Credise Green
Organizational and Professional Communication

Andrew Seth Greenberg
Public Relations

Elizabeth Greene
Public Relations

Ashley Taylor Haire**
Public Relations

Emilie Hanes*
Public Relations

Katie Marie Harlow
Media and Entertainment

Alana Rene Hill
Media and Entertainment

Rachael Grace Hodges
Media and Entertainment

Lauren Elizabeth Hoffman*
Journalism and Emerging Media

Devon Holloman
Organizational and Professional Communication

Eric Dewayne Hunter
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Ayesha I. Hussain
Public Relations

Darrin Sean Hypsher II
Journalism and Emerging Media

Victoria Anita James
Media and Entertainment

Leah Taylor Jeffreys*
Journalism and Emerging Media

Carson Maria Jenkins
Media and Entertainment

Lillian Ann Jennison*
Public Relations

Aaron Jeter
Public Relations

Cassidy-Rae Jodesty
Public Relations

Jacob Charles John
Public Relations

Breon Cheree Jordan
Media and Entertainment

Ngosa C. Katongo
Organizational and Professional Communication

Alexander William Keller
Journalism and Emerging Media

Lance Tyler Kenerly
Journalism and Emerging Media

Sidra Khan
Journalism and Emerging Media

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Kilpatrick
Public Relations

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Natalyn Faith Kingry  
Organizational and Professional Communication  
Tomi Leigh Krepps  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Yong Lee  
Media and Entertainment  
Nicholas C. Lefferdo  
Organizational and Professional Communication  
Erica Len  
Public Relations  
Brittany Marie Lewis  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Casey Barbara Lewis  
Public Relations  
Alisa Clara Ligman  
Public Relations  
Ashley Longenecker  
Media and Entertainment  
Justine Rae Lookenott  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Brandon Antonio Lopez  
Media and Entertainment  
Wesley Sikes Lopez  
Media and Entertainment  
Kirstin Nicole Lyter  
Public Relations  
Tristyn Paige Magee  
Public Relations  
Kenley Brooke Manion  
Public Relations  
Lindsey LeAnne Manion  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Malkia Malaika Mann  
Media and Entertainment  
Kendra Lasha Marshall  
Public Relations  
Isabelle Selena Martinez  
Public Relations  
Tiana Aliah Mason  
Media and Entertainment  
Joshua Aaron McClain  
Public Relations  
Allen Culley McCloud, Jr.  
Public Relations  
Molly Elizabeth McSwain  
Public Relations  
Samuel Harrison McSweeney  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Rebecca Marie Medina  
Media and Entertainment  
Morgan Brianna Mezile  
Public Relations  
Greyson Miller  
Media and Entertainment  
Corrina Lee Milner  
Media and Entertainment  
Kendra Monroe  
Media and Entertainment  
Amanda Brooke Moore  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Gentry Susan Moore  
Public Relations  
Boakai K. Morris II  
Public Relations  
Brianna Michelle Muir  
Public Relations  
Elizabeth Nouryeh  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Bronwen A. O’Dell  
Organizational and Professional Communication  
Oluwadamilola Omole  
Public Relations  
Jennifer Erin Osborne  
Media and Entertainment  
Cayleigh J. Palen  
Public Relations  
Savannah Patrick  
Media and Entertainment  
Kaci Nicole Pedersen  
Public Relations  
Allen Victor Perez  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Cydney Jordan Proctor  
Public Relations  
Daniel Bennett Prothero  
Public Relations  
Morgan Lindsey Raines  
Public Relations  
Samantha Garcia Ramirez  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Daniel Ellis Ridgeway  
Media and Entertainment  
Steven Herbert Rigsby  
Media and Entertainment  
Rebecca Carol Riley  
Media and Entertainment  
John Wilson Robinson  
Public Relations  
Ora Rosenbaum  
Public Relations  
Abbey Elizabeth Sattele  
Public Relations  
Courtney Nicole Sharp  
Organizational and Professional Communication  
Moriah Aaliyah Shephard  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Megan Deborah Simms  
Media and Entertainment  
Rileigh Simpkins  
Public Relations  
Austin Mitchell Smith  
Media and Entertainment  
Kyle Smith  
Public Relations  
Matthew Rutherford Smith  
Media and Entertainment  
Michelle Huoe Jung So  
Media and Entertainment  
Jarred James Sparks  
Media and Entertainment  
Paige Alexandra Stafford  
Public Relations  
Raeann Denise Strickland  
Media and Entertainment  
Austen Michael Taylor  
Media and Entertainment  
Sabrina Collette Taylor  
Public Relations  
Emily Elizabeth Thurmond  
Public Relations  
Grayson Andrew Traylor  
Public Relations  
Austin Ross Trivett  
Organizational and Professional Communication  
Moriah Christina Ugi  
Media and Entertainment  
Katelyn Rae Van Loan  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Alison Mae Vicente  
Media and Entertainment  
Khalil Vincent  
Media and Entertainment  
Hannah Elizabeth Walker  
Public Relations  
Iceis Bria Walker  
Media and Entertainment  
Jordan Vanessa Watkins  
Media and Entertainment  
Jensyn Cathleen Wells  
Public Relations  
Emily Anne White  
Media and Entertainment  
Jordan Matthew Wilkinson  
Media and Entertainment  
Breonne Williams  
Media and Entertainment  
Cassidy Williams  
Public Relations
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

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Communication
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Media and Entertainment

LELAND and CLARICE C. BAGWELL COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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

Emilee Margaret Adams
Elementary Education
Emily Adams*
Middle Grades Education
Jenna Lynn Allen
Elementary Education
Caitlyn Sheree Anderson***
Elementary Education
Mallory Lane Arnold***
Elementary Education
Nadia Atchison
Early Childhood Education Birth
Through Kindergarten
Marisa Baert
Middle Grades Education
Stephen Jacob Baxley
Elementary Education
Breanna Shay Beavers*
Elementary Education
Courtney Carroll Bell***
Elementary Education
Shakira Janise Bell**
Elementary Education
Ashley Nicole Boling**
Elementary Education
Maylin Sangni Boller**
Elementary Education
Vanessa Rae Boone**
Elementary Education
Amanda Elizabeth Bradfield
Middle Grades Education
Casey N. Brewer**
Elementary Education
Chenia LaSheena Brown
Middle Grades Education
Hannah Kristen Brown**
Elementary Education
Precious Chanel Brown*
Elementary Education
Tayler Camille Buster
Elementary Education
Jasmine Caldwell*
Elementary Education
Ashley Ann Case
Middle Grades Education
Aubrie Casey
Elementary Education
Anna Kathryn Caudell*
Elementary Education
Meleia Elizabeth Chafin**
Elementary Education
Rebecca Clark**
Elementary Education
Katie S. Clayton**
Elementary Education
Jessica McClaine Culberson
Elementary Education
Randi Elaine Daniel
Elementary Education
Jamie Deady
Elementary Education
Amanda Marie Duff**
Elementary Education
Katie Elizabeth Dutton
Elementary Education
Auburn Lee Eastall***
Elementary Education
Julianna Marie Edwards**
Elementary Education
Alicia Stephanie Estrada***
Elementary Education
Jeremy Lee Fair
Middle Grades Education
Katherine Toni Farmer**
Elementary Education
Gloria Denise Fleming
Elementary Education
Terrica Fleming
Middle Grades Education
Janelle Briggs Ford*
Elementary Education
Kiana Dominique Futrell
Elementary Education
Callie Marie Garland***
Elementary Education
Chelsey Nicole Garland
Elementary Education
Ashley McKinzie Gibson
Elementary Education
Alyssa Lynne Giglio**
Middle Grades Education
Adrianna Laurelle Grant
Middle Grades Education
Akilah Kimara Guzman
Early Childhood Education Birth
Through Kindergarten
Emily Brianna Hall***
Elementary Education
Rania S. Hamadeh
Elementary Education
Marisa Gabrielle Hammitt*
Middle Grades Education
Faren G. Hart**
Elementary Education
Trey Kelton Hart***
Middle Grades Education
Victoria Renee Hartigan
Elementary Education
Tanner Leigh Harvey**
Elementary Education
Thapelo T. Haughton
Middle Grades Education
Mari Noelle Heimlich*
Elementary Education
Gabrielle Hendrix***
Elementary Education
Halie Elizabeth Hicks**
Elementary Education
Katherine Hocut**
Elementary Education
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Elementary Education
Kayla Michele Hood
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Elementary Education
Kaitlyn Ann Imbriano**  
Middle Grades Education
Eran Denae Jackson*  
Elementary Education
Emily Anne Jacobs  
Elementary Education
Anna Johnson**  
Elementary Education
Cassandra Lynn Johnson  
Elementary Education
Deanna Louise Johnson  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Caroline Elizabeth Jones**  
Elementary Education
Kendall Delaine Kinsey***  
Elementary Education
Lacey Taylor Lambert**  
Elementary Education
Kendall Catherine Lawrence  
Elementary Education
Michael James Legg*  
Middle Grades Education
Samantha Shea Lockamy*  
Elementary Education
Nikole M. Lomeli***  
Elementary Education
Daniela Macias  
Elementary Education
Carly Ann Manning  
Elementary Education
Jessica Taylor Marques  
Elementary Education
Moriah Joy Mason**  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Jenna Elizabeth McDannell**  
Elementary Education
Rebecca Nancy McDowell  
Elementary Education
Savannah Lynn McPherson**  
Elementary Education
Taylor Michelle Mclain  
Elementary Education
Julie Elizabeth Miller  
Elementary Education
Laura Elizabeth Miller  
Elementary Education
Alexandrea Blake Minick***  
Elementary Education
E'lice A. Mitchell***  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Madison Molina*  
Elementary Education
Marlee Alourdes Mompremier**  
Elementary Education
Rebecca Lauren Monkus  
Elementary Education
Nicholas Austin Moore  
Elementary Education
Dionni Loliyah Moultrie  
Elementary Education
Lauren Kristine Murray*  
Elementary Education
Jacob Tyler Neils**  
Middle Grades Education
Aaron Michael Newton  
Middle Grades Education
Subira A. Nisbeth***  
Middle Grades Education
Kayla Grace Nobinger**  
Elementary Education
Madison Cristina O'Hara*  
Elementary Education
Genesis Gabriella Ortiz***  
Elementary Education
Savannah Nicole Peak***  
Elementary Education
Whitney Peek  
Middle Grades Education
Kaylee Elizabeth Pettit**  
Middle Grades Education
Lisa Dianne Phillips**  
Elementary Education
Alexandria Nicole Pierre-Paul*  
Elementary Education
Jasmyn Piggott  
Elementary Education
Karen Daniela Ponce Gutierrez**  
Elementary Education
Brittney Lynn Porche  
Elementary Education
Jessica Louise Powell*  
Elementary Education
Sarah Catherine Reagan*  
Elementary Education
Ryan William Richards  
Middle Grades Education
Brianna Rinaldi**  
Elementary Education
Kimberly Yvonne Roach*  
Elementary Education
Mahirah Rokarya**  
Elementary Education
Allison Neal Ross**  
Elementary Education
Kathryn Runyon  
Elementary Education
Suzannah Mercedes Sasser  
Elementary Education
Sara Ann Satterfield  
Elementary Education
Colette Catherine Schrock  
Elementary Education
Sierra Lynn Shipley  
Elementary Education
Ashley Victoria Shook**  
Elementary Education
Summer Helene Slay  
Middle Grades Education
Aimee Elizabeth Smith***  
Elementary Education
Chanel Jane' Smith  
Elementary Education
Margaret Erin Frances Smith  
Elementary Education
Addison Stewart***  
Elementary Education
Erika Elaine Stiner***  
Elementary Education
Madison Bailey Strauss**  
Elementary Education
Nissa Michelle Summerlin  
Elementary Education
Rebecca Grace Swanson**  
Middle Grades Education
Hanna Tegegne Tadesse**  
Elementary Education
Kim Teefy***  
Elementary Education
Tamera Kiana Tillman  
Elementary Education
Ayako Ugawa*  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Molly Nicole Van Klee***  
Elementary Education
Carol Elizabeth Varenas  
Elementary Education
Allison Susanna Wagner*  
Middle Grades Education
Taylor Christen Waldrip  
Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Cassidy Darlene Walker**  
Elementary Education
Sarah Walker  
Elementary Education
Tara Lynnette Wallace*  
Elementary Education

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Lindsey Elizabeth Watts
Elementary Education
Brittany Allison Weaver**
Elementary Education
Madalyne Kay Weaver*
Elementary Education
Jacelyn Sade Wells**
Elementary Education
Lacey Marie Welth
Elementary Education
Emma Marie Whitt**
Middle Grades Education
Anna Elizabeth Williams**
Elementary Education
Baylee Shaye Williams*
Elementary Education
Desire Williams
Elementary Education
Virginia James Willis*
Elementary Education
Kayla Larie Winbigler
Elementary Education
Celin Eunji Yu**
Middle Grades Education
Rachel Elisabeth Zendejas
Elementary Education

BACHELOR of ARTS

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

Brandy Joy Bell
Theatre and Performance Studies
Lauren Nicole Blackstock
Art History
Andrew Carter**
Theatre and Performance Studies
Dylan C. Carter**
Theatre and Performance Studies
LaTasha D. Carter
Theatre and Performance Studies
Chloe J. Davis
Dance
Abigail Dawkings
Theatre and Performance Studies
Gabrielle Duncan**
Dance
Lindsay Catherine Duncan*
Dance
Maria Teresa Eckart***
Dance
Nicholas Felder***
Music
Harper Truett Ford**
Theatre and Performance Studies
Carly Michelle Franco**
Dance
Greta Claire Goldberg**
Theatre and Performance Studies
Eliott Paul Grenier
Theatre and Performance Studies
Nicole Betty Jane Hamel
Music
Bailey Jo Harbaugh**
Dance
Morgan Faithe Harrell
Dance
Justin Richard Hart
Theatre and Performance Studies
Sydney Brooke Hilliard
Dance
Susan A. Hiltner
Theatre and Performance Studies
Malcom Maxwell Hornes
Theatre and Performance Studies
Kristin Houston**
Music Performance
Sarah Genevieve Hyde
Dance
Kathleen Kellner
Art History

Katie Charlotte Kennedy**
Art History
Amber Nicole Kirchner*
Dance
Nicole Alexandra Koontz*
Dance
Kenan Noah Mitchell
Music
Shannon Morgan Murphy
Theatre and Performance Studies
Alexander Christian Peneton*
Music
Kristina Rivero
Theatre and Performance Studies
Abigail Jordan Roshaven
Theatre and Performance Studies
Jordan Elaine Slaton
Dance
Caleb James Stack**
Music
Sophia Elizabeth Steele
Theatre and Performance Studies
Elaina Christine Trent**
Theatre and Performance Studies
Julia Anne Verrington*
Theatre and Performance Studies
Paige Ryan Wiggins*
Theatre and Performance Studies
Alyssa Hope Woodall
Art History

BACHELOR of FINE ARTS

MAJORS: Art, Digital Animation

Daniel E. Barnard, Jr.*
Art
Bryan William Brasuk
Art
Steven Daniel Brewer
Digital Animation
Anna Catherine Brown
Art
Payton Lane Butler*
Art
Courtney Bechet Carless
Digital Animation
Elise Yoon Chang
Art
Douglas Sheridan Cline
Digital Animation
Alexandria Pertina Colquitt**
Art
Sian May Condon
Art

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William Marcus Cook
Art
Ryan Drescher
Digital Animation
Sara Katharine Evans*
Art
Rachel Anne Fred***
Art
Cameron William Goff**
Art
Madison Elaine Goodwin
Digital Animation
Tyler Junnosuke Greene
Digital Animation
Lorenzo Terrell Hammonds
Art
Justin Hilton
Art
Danielle A. Jackson*
Art
Amanda Marie Jordan
Art
Courtney Blair Linebarger**
Art
Agata Magelis**
Art
Karen Maximos
Art
Karen Maximos
Digital Animation
Ann Marie Olson
Art
Rian Matthew Penrod***
Art
Rian Matthew Penrod***
Digital Animation
Christopher Matthew Preheim
Art
Shelesa Seay
Art
Sarah Ann Sigg
Art
Stephanie C. Simmons
Art
Crystal Nicole Skee*
Art
Bridgette Nicole Stephens
Art
Haley Alexandra Swift*
Art
Mary Kathryn Turner**
Digital Animation
Jacob Volk
Art
Leslie Faye Whiddon
Art
Ayanna Shantrell Wright
Art

BACHELOR of MUSIC

MAJORS: Music Education, Music Performance

Samuel A. Boeger***
Music Performance
Miles Paul Bonaker**
Music Education
Emma Victoria Bryant*
Music Education
Nicolas H. Chambers**
Music Education
Briana Dolores Curtis
Music Education
Nassar Jalil-Salim Edwards
Music Education
Lauren Alexandria Greene*
Music Performance
Ziara Charde Greene**
Music Education
Jacob Robert Greifinger**
Music Performance
Mary Allison Hamby
Music Education
Dalton Hancock***
Music Education
Robert L. Herrington II
Music Performance
Kristin Houston**
Music
Mia Gabriella Jordan*
Music Education
Daniel Kim*
Music Education
Ra Sheed Lamaar Lemon II
Music Performance
Michael Thomas Long
Music Education
Sierra Renee Manson
Music Education
Ericka Morgan Palmer
Music Education
Claire Marie Pappas**
Music Education
Jeremy James Perkins**
Music Performance
Sarah Bethany Shiver*
Music Education

Foster James Simmons
Music Education
Chiaman Samantha Tang**
Music Education
Tessa Raye Walker***
Music Education
Madelyne Rood Watkins*
Music Education
Matthew James Christian Welsh
Music Performance
Devin Aaron Witt
Music Performance

BACHELOR of SCIENCE

MAJOR: Art Education

Chloe Alaine Redstone
Art Education

Honors Designations

* Cum Laude - 3.5 grade-point average or above
** Magna Cum Laude - 3.7 grade-point average or above
*** Summa Cum Laude - 3.9 grade-point average or above
+ HONORS GRADUATE - 4.0 Graduate students only

Honors Statement

Students announced as Honors Scholars have completed the requirements of Ken-
nessaw State's undergraduate honors pro-
gram 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
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status will be noted on the diploma and on the
official permanent record.

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and editing processes, incomplete records or dead-
line/editing complications due to extensive lists of
frequently changing names.

Beginning with spring commencement 2008,
graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.
Pamela S. Whitten was named Kennesaw State University’s fifth president on June 12, 2018 by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, following a nationwide search. Whitten began her tenure on July 16, 2018, bringing with her a strong emphasis on expanding successful outcomes and meaningful learning experiences for students, boosting faculty research, and providing greater outreach services to the community.

Previously, Whitten served as senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia (UGA), from February 2014 to June 2018. As the chief academic officer, she was responsible for overseeing instruction, research, public service and outreach, student affairs, and information technology.

During her tenure at UGA, Whitten worked with campus leadership to implement a number of enhancements and innovations to the learning environment, including reducing class sizes, enhancing advising services, and ensuring that all undergraduate students engaged in hands-on learning through internships, research, and other forms of experiential learning opportunities. Her office also identified three Signature Research Themes – improving human health, creating a more secure future, and strengthening communities – and spearheaded enhancements to grants administration and supported faculty hiring initiatives that dramatically increased UGA’s research activity. Through her leadership, the university also deepened its commitment to public service and outreach with new programs related to economic development, community revitalization, and cybersecurity.

Prior to serving as provost at UGA, Whitten was director for telemedicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center before she joined Michigan State University, where she worked her way through the faculty ranks and eventually served as dean of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences.

An internationally recognized expert in the field of telemedicine – the remote delivery of health care services and information – Whitten has conducted research with funding from multiple state and federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Commerce. She has published two books and more than 100 peer-reviewed research articles and book chapters.

Whitten holds a Ph.D. in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas, a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Tulane 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 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. 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 the chair of the Faculty Senate. 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 her 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  
Lambda Alpha, Anthropology–White stole  
Lambda Pi Eta, Communication–Red and White Cords  
National Honor Society for Dance Arts–Blue and White Cord; Gold Pin  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars, All Majors–Burgundy and Gold Cords  
National Society of Leadership and Success, All Majors–Black and Platinum 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 Alpha, Public Administration–Teal and Gold 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  
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  
Marine Corp–Marine Corp Insignia  
Navy–Navy Insignia  
OTHER DEPARTMENT COLORS  
Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery–Purple Cord  
Department of Athletics–Black Stole with gold trim and Lettering  
Thrive Scholars Program/Dept. First-Year Transition Studies–Teal and Silver Cords
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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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