



**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

**MAY 10, 2018**

10 a.m.

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





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

TWO HUNDRED NINTH COMMENCEMENT

MAY 10, 2018

10 a.m.

**W. Ken Harmon, Interim President**  
Presiding

**PRELUDE**      KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble  
David Kehler, Conductor

*The audience is requested to stand as the processional begins  
and remain standing throughout the singing of the national anthem.*

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

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*      Claire Pappas  
John Stafford Smith      and Audience  
Francis Scott Key, Lyrics

**TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE**      Walton C. Bryde

**WELCOME**      W. Ken Harmon, Interim President

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**      Dr. Grant Rivera  
Marietta City Schools Superintendent

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

College of Humanities and Social Sciences      Robin Dorff, Dean  
School of Communication  
Leland H. and Clarice C. Bagwell College of Education      Arlinda Eaton, Dean  
College of the Arts      Patricia Poulter, Dean

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**      W. Ken Harmon, Interim President  
Ana Edwards, Interim Registrar  
Merle S. King, Narrator

**CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES**      W. Ken Harmon, Interim President

**ALMA MATER**  
*Gaudeamus Igitur*      Claire Pappas  
Anonymous, 18th Century German Melody      and Audience  
Lyrics by Cynthia Parks '82

**RECESSIONAL**  
*Scotland the Brave*      Tom Crawford, Bagpiper

**POSTLUDE**      KSU School of Music Brass Ensemble  
David Kehler, Conductor

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TWO HUNDRED NINTH COMMENCEMENT

MAY 10, 2018

SPEAKER

**Dr. Grant Rivera**

*Marietta City Schools Superintendent*



Dr. Grant Rivera serves as the superintendent of Marietta City Schools. He is the 13th superintendent since 1892, leading the district's 11 schools, approximately 8,900 students and 1,200 employees.

Prior to this position, he served as the chief of staff for the Cobb County School District, which has 112 schools and more than 111,000 students. He was also a principal for nine years at three high schools: South Cobb High School in Austell (2005-2009), Campbell High School in Smyrna (2009-2011), and Westlake High School in Fulton County (2011-2014).

Rivera has been associated with numerous professional development activities in the areas of school law, school law enforcement officer research, and special education law. He also served as adjunct professor of educational law at the University of West Georgia.

Rivera has a bachelor's degree in education and social policy from Northwestern University; and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Alabama.

He and his wife, Jenn, live in Marietta with their two daughters.

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

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

**COLLEGE of HUMANITIES  
and SOCIAL SCIENCES -  
SCHOOL OF  
COMMUNICATION  
and MEDIA**

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE**

*MAJORS: Communication, Journalism and  
Emerging Media, Public Relations*

Angelica Marie Acosta\*\*  
Communication  
Naa Otoh-Mehmleh Akwetey-Kodjoe  
Communication  
Lily Andreas  
Communication  
Erte' Dea Von Arnold  
Communication  
Asif Awal  
Communication  
Hannah Leigh Bagley  
Communication  
Cherish Ashley Baker  
Communication  
Alec Branton Barger  
Communication  
Ryan Parker Basden  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Rachel Ann Blanchard  
Communication  
Kathryn Lindsey Boaen\*\*  
Communication  
Tessa Marie Bost\*\*\*  
Communication  
Jonathan Mack Bowers  
Public Relations  
Shrelle Shaquana Braddy  
Communication  
Jessica Rae Bradford  
Communication  
Bryan James Brandonisio  
Communication  
Jalynn Brannon  
Communication  
Daeja C. Brooks  
Communication  
Austin Brown  
Communication  
Kenneth Jerome Brown  
Communication  
Sarah Elizabeth Brown  
Public Relations  
Anna Buttermore\*  
Public Relations

John B. Caine, III  
Communication  
Marina Hope Campbell\*  
Communication  
Luis Carlos Carrasquilla, Jr.  
Public Relations  
Sarah Katherine Carson  
Communication  
Dulce Nicole Centeno  
Public Relations  
Caitlin Cooper Champion  
Communication  
Yoo Jin Choi\*\*  
Communication  
Rebekah Loren Clegg\*\*  
Public Relations  
Katie Leigh Cleghorn\*\*  
Communication  
Grace Strong Clough  
Public Relations  
Joshua Paul Coats  
Communication  
Seth Aaron Cope  
Public Relations  
Robert Austen Council  
Communication  
Linda Evelyn Cuevas\*  
Communication  
Tyleis D. Davidson  
Public Relations  
Natalie Davis  
Public Relations  
Miranda T. DeSandre  
Communication  
Danielle Alexandra Dlugasch  
Public Relations  
Nicholas Anthony Dodenhoff\*\*  
Public Relations  
Alex Dudley  
Communication  
Colin Paul Edwards  
Public Relations  
Rachael Ijeoma Emefo  
Public Relations  
Sydney Ergle  
Public Relations  
Mary Elizabeth Evans  
Public Relations  
Audrey Margo Faulkner\*\*  
Communication  
Emily Jacqueline Feble\*  
Communication  
Devon Rae Fowler\*  
Public Relations  
Arianna Teresa Franco  
Communication

Neil Frawley  
Communication  
Neeley Gay  
Communication  
Matthew Gayles  
Communication  
Derik C. Gilbert  
Communication  
Alec Stephen Glavosek  
Communication  
Brittany May Glover  
Communication  
Arthur James Gray, III  
Communication  
Keyani Xavier Grier  
Public Relations  
Jessica Griffey\*  
Communication  
Killian Rose Grina  
Public Relations  
Katherine Jeanette Hannan  
Communication  
Chandler McKenzie Harris\*  
Communication  
Jordan Whittington Harris  
Public Relations  
Jabria Hazell  
Communication  
Ashleigh Healy  
Communication  
Meggi Nichole Hetzel  
Communication  
Ciara Lorraine Marie Hodges  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Karly McKenzie Hodgson  
Communication  
Sally Hong\*  
Public Relations  
Kathryn Monique Howser  
Communication  
Jourdan Marie Hunter\*\*  
Communication  
Kimberly Onyinyechukwu Ikeh  
Public Relations  
Kamela Jaafar\*  
Communication  
Cealise Jamika Jackson  
Communication  
Karly Rae Jackson  
Public Relations  
Rondarious Trevale Jackson  
Communication  
Angel Denise Johnson  
Public Relations  
Cori Slade Johnson  
Public Relations

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

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

Devin Jordan Johnson  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Jordan Wade Johnson\*  
Communication

Shana Aigner Johnson  
Communication

Tailor Simone Johnson  
Public Relations

Hannah Johnston  
Public Relations

Shea Jones  
Communication

Sarah Michelle Karwisch\*\*  
Public Relations

Emily Katnis\*  
Communication

Shaina Rachel Kattaron  
Communication

Zachary Alexander Katz  
Communication

Matthew John Kaye  
Communication

Azhane' Shauntell Kennedy  
Communication

Kevin R. Kersey  
Communication

Kylie Nicole Klipp  
Public Relations

Allen James Kondratev  
Journalism and Emerging Media

John Middlebrooks Kuester  
Communication

Madison Christine LaBelle  
Communication

Ariana Mercedes Lara  
Communication

Ian Leeds  
Communication

Aaron William Leonardy  
Communication

Paige Caroline Lowery  
Communication

Zachary Scott Marshall  
Communication

John Jay Marston  
Public Relations

Rose Mae Martin  
Communication

Sydney Nicole Mayben  
Public Relations

Courtney Elizabeth Mazza\*  
Communication

Cassidy Mazzei  
Communication

Lauren Elizabeth McCanless  
Public Relations

Allison McGee  
Public Relations

Madeline Hope McGee\*\*\*  
Communication

Tomiko Granada McGhee  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Donovan Eugene McKelvey  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Kelsey Rae McKenna  
Public Relations

Austin Talmadge McMillan\*\*  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Paul McNally  
Communication

Jennifer Lee McNaughton\*\*  
Public Relations

Nevin Simeon McRay  
Communication

Julia Marie Miller  
Communication

Karla LaCree Miller  
Communication

Lauriel Alesia Mills  
Communication

Cody Robert Minzer  
Public Relations

Caitlin Marie Monday  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Michael Joseph Montgomery  
Communication

Marquis Dareen Moody  
Communication

Michael Jabari Moore  
Communication

Boakai K. Morris II  
Public Relations

Kara Susan Morris  
Communication

Alexander C. Murphy  
Communication

Naeema Amina Nelson  
Public Relations

Kirsten Tram Anh Nguyen\*\*  
Communication

Tracy Nguyen  
Communication

Leslie Diane Nimmons  
Public Relations

Joshua Brett Nix  
Communication

Joshua Edward Nunez\*  
Communication

Temitope Opeoluwa Oladimeji\*  
Communication

Lucy Olliff  
Communication

Alexandra Osibodu  
Communication

Esther Ruku Osim  
Public Relations

Camelia Ottaviano  
Communication

Chelsea Marie Owens-Beale  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Alli Elizabeth Palmatier  
Communication

Bonnie Jane Parker  
Communication

Anyssa Ashley Parsons\*  
Communication

Lashawn Emily Kayla Pascall  
Communication

Daniel Alexander Patton  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Aaron Zachary Payne\*  
Communication

Amy Nicole Pellegrini  
Communication

Daniel Bennett Prothero  
Public Relations

Kerby Brooke Reed  
Communication

Eric Gustav Riera  
Public Relations

Savannah Nicole Riley  
Public Relations

Kiera Le' Ane Robinson  
Communication

William Ross  
Public Relations

Spencer Paul Roush  
Communication

Marisa Ann Ruggiero  
Public Relations

Brittany Nicole Russell  
Communication

Jessica E. Russell  
Communication

Kristin Elise Russell\*\*  
Public Relations

Dena Saad  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Isidore Sam  
Public Relations

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

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

Miguel Angel Santiesteban Rangel\*\*  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Caroline Elise Severit  
Communication  
Nelly Shorosh  
Communication  
Cayla Marie Shoup  
Public Relations  
Kimberly J. Simpson  
Communication  
Danae Nicole Singer  
Communication  
Terrell Singleton  
Communication  
Jonathan Taylor Smith  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Whitney Erin Smith\*  
Communication  
Imani Crissandra Spencer  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Logan Spencer  
Communication  
Joseph Gray Stieren  
Communication  
Bethany Shelton Story  
Communication  
Anna Katherine Tankersley\*\*\*  
Communication  
Madison Nicole Techau  
Public Relations  
Kaelin Tharpe  
Public Relations  
Cole Austin Thomas  
Public Relations  
Dollitia Thomas  
Public Relations  
Emma Nicole Thomas\*\*\*  
Communication  
Kyle J. Thomas  
Communication  
Caitlyn Ihly Thomson  
Public Relations  
Josselyn Elizabeth Thornton\*  
Public Relations  
Max Austin Todd  
Communication  
Nikita Anastasia Toper  
Public Relations  
Macie Reid Vance  
Public Relations  
Colin Sebastien Velez\*  
Communication  
Peter Waltz  
Journalism and Emerging Media

Rebecca Alyse Washney  
Journalism and Emerging Media  
Kelsey Annmarie Watson  
Communication  
Matthew John Willard  
Communication  
Rachel Anna Wilson\*\*  
Communication  
Kaylie Ryan Wooldridge  
Communication  
Lane Myer Yates\*  
Communication  
Marisa N. Yates  
Communication  
Connor Zophy  
Communication

**LELAND and CLARICE C.  
BAGWELL COLLEGE of  
EDUCATION**

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE**

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

Alexandra Rose Adamson\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Courtney Jane Allen  
Early Childhood Education  
Rachel Elizabeth Allman\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Lauren Leanna Anderson\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Maria Guadalupe Arredondo\*\*\*  
Middle Grades Education  
Lydia Bardwell-Duarte\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Anuoluwa Abidemi Bello\*  
Early Childhood Education Birth  
Through Kindergarten  
Edna Elizabeth Bennett  
Middle Grades Education  
Tiara Nicole Blount  
Early Childhood Education  
Elizabeth Nicole Boyd  
Early Childhood Education  
Lindsey Maria Boyd\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Sara Boyer\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Jordan Belle Brittain  
Early Childhood Education

Adrienne Sade Brown  
Early Childhood Education  
Christopher Edward Brown\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
April Renee Cox  
Early Childhood Education  
Lyndsey Crawford\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Katherine Elizabeth D'Antonio\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Dominique Gloria D'Heureux\*\*  
Early Childhood Education Birth  
Through Kindergarten  
Katelynn A. Dallman  
Early Childhood Education  
Cayla Elizabeth Dennis\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Ashley Paige Dihigo\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Jessica Dowda\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Cassidy Erin Dunbar  
Early Childhood Education  
Crystal Dunn  
Early Childhood Education  
Corinne Rebecca Edwards\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Elaina Arlene Eikey  
Early Childhood Education  
Barbara Sam Eleftheriou\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Taylor Evans\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Carson Nicolette Fierke  
Early Childhood Education  
Bethany Lynne Fort  
Early Childhood Education  
Jessica Sara Garber\*\*  
Middle Grades Education  
Sarah Elizabeth Garner\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Madison Anna Gentry  
Early Childhood Education  
Cherish Alexis Mercedes Rayne Gresham\*  
Early Childhood Education Birth  
Through Kindergarten  
Carolann Beattie Gifford\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Kennedy Rebecca Gilliam  
Early Childhood Education  
Casandra L. Gosnell\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Hannah Michelle Granger\*  
Early Childhood Education

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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

Sierra Renee Green Early Childhood Education	Kristine Maria Lodde*** Middle Grades Education	Samantha Brittany Porter Middle Grades Education
Kaitlyn E. Greene* Early Childhood Education	Taylor Morgan Maguire** Early Childhood Education	Samantha Lin Quandt* Early Childhood Education
Sarah Joanne Greer* Early Childhood Education	Ali Eileen Malone Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten	Kimberley Sarah Ramdial*** Early Childhood Education
Hannah Renae Gunter* Early Childhood Education	Jessica L. Maney*** Early Childhood Education	Timothy Reeck Middle Grades Education
Morgan Elizabeth Hall* Early Childhood Education	Savannah Brooke Matlock Middle Grades Education	Morgan LeeAnn Reed*** Early Childhood Education
Lauren Hindman*** Early Childhood Education	Kaitlyn Leah McConnell** Early Childhood Education	Leah Kathryn Register Middle Grades Education
Victoria Grace Hipsher** Early Childhood Education	Olivia Christine McEvilly Middle Grades Education	Alexander M. Riggin Middle Grades Education
Collin Van Holsomback* Early Childhood Education	Hannah Morgan Miller Early Childhood Education	Deja Michele Ritter*** Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Maci Hooper*** Early Childhood Education	Jessie Miller Early Childhood Education	Marina Jessica Rivers Early Childhood Education
Keylaisha Jannay Hudson Early Childhood Education	Darrian LaRue Moore Early Childhood Education	Tangela Nicole Robinson Middle Grades Education
Kellie Anne Hunter** Early Childhood Education	Erin Kimberly Moore Early Childhood Education	Edwin Rafael Rodriguez Middle Grades Education
Ana Gabriela Isaac** Early Childhood Education	Destiny Louise Moreno Cruz Early Childhood Education	Melissa Khalisakha Salania Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten
Hannah Morgan Johnson* Early Childhood Education	Brooke Ashley Morgan Middle Grades Education	Shirita Carmelita Sanjurjo Early Childhood Education
Emma Grace Jones Early Childhood Education	Torre Lane Mortimer Middle Grades Education	Claire Elizabeth Seifter Early Childhood Education
Jocelyn Jones Early Childhood Education	Mishaundra Chantricia Moses*** Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten	Morgan Elizabeth Shepherd** Early Childhood Education
Lavondria Maria Jones Early Childhood Education	Heather Beatrice Neil Early Childhood Education	Kinsey Victoria Shrewsbury*** Early Childhood Education
Laura Ashley Jordan** Early Childhood Education	Goldie Nwankwoh Early Childhood Education	Ethan Hunter Simms** Early Childhood Education
McKenna Kandler Middle Grades Education	Allison Nicole Padgett Early Childhood Education	Kadee Mckenzie Siter Early Childhood Education
Abigail Elizabeth Kennard Early Childhood Education	Jessica Leanne Padgett** Early Childhood Education	Cassandra Ann Smith Middle Grades Education
Kaitlin Ann Kennard Early Childhood Education	Emily Taylor Pankey Middle Grades Education	Elise Renee Specht** Early Childhood Education
Tatiana Felice King* Early Childhood Education Birth Through Kindergarten	Briana Latrice Parks* Early Childhood Education	Armela St. Charles Middle Grades Education
Mary Frances Elaine Kisee* Middle Grades Education	Gati Rajesh Patel Early Childhood Education	Jessica Spivey Middle Grades Education
Lisa Joanne Krizman** Early Childhood Education	Marisa Hope Pearson Early Childhood Education	Rachel Marie Staggs** Early Childhood Education
Kayla Jean Kroeger* Early Childhood Education	Taylor Kaitlyn Phillips* Early Childhood Education	Brenda J. Staton*** Early Childhood Education
Addison Elizabeth Lee Middle Grades Education	Maya Brielle Pitcher Early Childhood Education	Samantha Thayer Early Childhood Education
Annabelle Jean Levy Early Childhood Education	Jessica Rachael Plott Early Childhood Education	Tyra Zorada Thomas Early Childhood Education

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

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

Erin Elizabeth Tinnell\*\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Carson Nicolette Underwood  
Early Childhood Education  
Rosalyn Laquacer Vinson\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Ansley Marie Vogel\*  
Early Childhood Education  
Erin Caroline Waterworth  
Early Childhood Education  
Thomas Whited\*\*  
Middle Grades Education  
Briana Williams  
Early Childhood Education Birth  
Through Kindergarten  
Jennifer Ann Ziegler\*\*\*  
Early Childhood Education

**COLLEGE of the ARTS**

**BACHELOR of APPAREL  
and TEXTILES**

Naomi McDonnell  
Apparel and Textiles  
Haley Breann McHenry\*\*  
Apparel and Textiles  
Amber Nashell Pressley  
Apparel and Textiles  
Carly Mackenzie Rollins\*  
Apparel and Textiles  
DeAmbra Summage  
Apparel and Textiles  
Kayla Monika Tompkins  
Apparel and Textiles

**BACHELOR of ARTS**

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

Daniella T. Ampudia\*\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Mashira Jessie Elnora Barrientos  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Ashley Behrend\*\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Brady Conner Brown\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Brendel Craig Butler  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Byron Michael Clemons  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Michelle Colbert  
Art History

Cara Shaw Collier  
Dance  
Susannah Marie Cook\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Kyle Matthew Corbett  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Britani Rachele Edwards  
Dance  
Nicholas C. Edwards  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Kyle Daniel Egelhoff  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Cassandra Lynn Espinoza  
Art History  
Gabrielle D. Garrett  
Art History  
Shelby Joy Garrett  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Gabriella Gordon  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Christopher Kyle Green  
Music  
Jaslyn Leejoy Harris\*\*\*  
Dance  
Breanna Christine Bell Hayworth\*\*\*  
Dance  
Sydney Brooke Hilliard  
Dance  
Romei Anthony Hinds  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Yewon Hwang\*\*  
Dance  
Camille Rose Jones\*\*  
Dance  
Sydney Lee  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Connor Lyles  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Kirklyn Paige Malone\*\*  
Dance  
Rebekah Elizabeth Mez  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Christine Danielle Neal\*\*\*  
Dance  
Andrew Timothy Niehoff\*\*  
Music  
Ana Moore Overton\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Lauren Elizabeth Pappafotis\*  
Dance  
Joseph Jong Pendergrast  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Simon Akil Phillips\*  
Dance

Brittany Claire Pietsch  
Music  
Rachel Catherine Rabeneck  
Music  
Eric Louis Ramos\*  
Music  
Amy L. Reynolds\*\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Kayla Robbins  
Art History  
Isaac Abdullah Rose  
Dance  
Olivia Michelle Rowe\*\*  
Dance  
Willa Grace Sanders\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Adam Sirak  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Hannah Smith  
Music  
Jonathan David Smith  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Victoria Michelle Thompson\*\*\*  
Theatre and Performance Studies  
Wesley James Trull\*\*  
Music  
William Taylor VanMeter  
Dance  
Calla Elizabeth Vaughn\*\*\*  
Dance  
Emily Faith Willis\*  
Dance  
Anneka Lauren Zee  
Theatre and Performance Studies

**BACHELOR of FINE ARTS**

**MAJOR:** *Art*

Peter Junior Andrew  
Art  
Nicholas A. Baker  
Art  
Tyra Junae' Bullock  
Art  
Rachel Burgener\*  
Art  
Aubrey Leigh Davis\*\*\*  
Art  
Tany Fred Dejean  
Art  
Paige Taylor Dobos  
Art

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K E N N E S A W   S T A T E   U N I V E R S I T Y  
 C A N D I D A T E S   F O R   G R A D U A T I O N

Mitchell Salvatore Douglas

Art

Jessica Summer Fields\*

Art

Rachel Anita Garrison

Art

Sherrie Henderson

Art

Camille Carpenter Henriquez

Art

Minyoung Kim\*

Art

Ryulrang Kim

Art

Kira Nicole Kowolik

Art

Reagan Benton Langston

Art

Lindsay Rebekah LeCroy

Art

Hope Kathleen Limyansky\*

Art

Preston Christopher Luk

Art

Jessica Ellen May

Art

Brittany McFetters

Art

Laura Katherine Minday\*

Art

Angelica Gysseth Montealegre

Art

Crystal Newberry\*\*

Art

Megan Nichole Pace

Art

Allison Claire Pursley\*\*\*

Art

Rachel Elizabeth Ramsey

Art

Gabrielle Schlosser\*

Art

Ashley Eryn Speer

Art

Katherine Elizabeth Steele

Art

Andrea Lynn Stocker\*

Art

Lynnette Grace Torres\*\*

Art

Jacob Daniel Volk

Art

Cara Marie Young\*\*

Art

Ayesha Yunis

Art

**BACHELOR of MUSIC**

**MAJORS:** *Music Education,  
 Music Performance*

Joshua Louis Bouland

Music Education

Kynan Draa Clymore

Music Education

Patrick Andrew Collins\*\*\*

Music Education

Joseph George Donohue

Music Performance

Rachel Leigh Fishback\*

Music Performance

Emily Grace Hering\*\*\*

Music Education

Mary Madison Jones\*\*\*

Music Education

Rachel Ann LaRocca

Music Education

Huijeong Lee\*\*

Music Education

Huijeong Lee\*\*

Music Performance

Crystal Maldonado\*

Music Education

Jacob William Morgan

Music Education

Cody William O'Shea

Music Education

Michael Ollman

Music Performance

Brooks Mackenzie Payne

Music Education

Dustin Travis Price

Music Performance

Justin Aubrey Rawlings

Music Education

Shelby Marielle Reed

Music Education

Michael Stuart Roberts

Music Performance

Nathaniel T. Roberts\*\*

Music Performance

Elizabeth Anne Shaver\*\*\*

Music Education

Jordan Bryce Sommer\*

Music Performance

Macy Lauren Swanson

Music Education

Nicole Marie Winney\*

Music Education

**BACHELOR of SCIENCE**

**MAJOR:** *Art Education*

Phyllis Fulp\*\*\*

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 Kennesaw State's university 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.*

*Note: This program is provided as a courtesy; it is by no means an official or complete record. Some names may not appear because of timing, production and editing processes, incomplete records or deadline/editing complications due to extensive lists of frequently changing names.*

*Beginning with spring commencement 2008, graduation ceremonies are individually numbered.*

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**W. Ken Harmon**  
**INTERIM PRESIDENT**  
**Kennesaw State University**

W. Ken Harmon began his term as Kennesaw State interim president on February 15, 2018, taking on his latest leadership role at the University.

Prior to his appointment, Harmon served as Kennesaw State's provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2011. During that time, Harmon was instrumental in elevating Kennesaw State's profile and stature through the development of new undergraduate and graduate degrees, establishment of community partnerships, and support of initiatives to strengthen key programs.

Harmon, a professor of accounting, came to KSU in 2006 to lead the University's accounting program. He was promoted in 2009 to dean of Kennesaw State University's Michael J. Coles College of Business, the second largest business school in Georgia.

Before joining Kennesaw State, Harmon was the dean of the Else School of Management at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., and chair of the accounting departments at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Middle Tennessee State University, and Arizona State University's West Campus. He also served on the accounting faculties of the University of Missouri and Drexel University.

Harmon holds a doctorate in accounting with a minor in computer science from the University of Tennessee, where he also earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He is a certified public accountant.

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#### **ABOUT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**

Since its founding in 1963, Kennesaw State University has been known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community. Kennesaw State is Georgia's third-largest university, with more than 35,000 undergraduate and graduate students — nearly 5,200 residing on campus — representing 92 countries. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Kennesaw State offers more than 150 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

A comprehensive university, Kennesaw State is dedicated to research, teaching and service and provides a unique blend of academic excellence, vibrant student life and world-class facilities. Kennesaw State has been recognized for its First-Year Experience program and as one of the most innovative universities in the region by U.S. News & World Report. The University's nursing program is the largest in Georgia. Its nursing students are highly sought-after in the medical community and have some of the highest passing rates on the statewide licensing exam. The Bagwell College of Education is the second-largest producer of teachers in the state, and the Michael J. Coles College of Business boasts one of the top 50 part-time MBA programs in the country as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

Since 2009, the University has awarded Global Engagement Certifications to graduate and undergraduate students as part of its commitment to expanding the global experience. Kennesaw State competes at the NCAA Division I level in the Atlantic Sun Conference. In 2015, the University's first football team took the field, competing in the Football Championship Subdivision as an associate member of the Big South Conference.

As one of four comprehensive universities in Georgia, Kennesaw State is poised to become a world-class institution.

## THE COMMENCEMENT

Rather than an ending, commencement — both the word and the ceremony — represents a beginning. It is appropriate that an occasion marking the beginning of a new phase of life should be conducted with pomp and circumstance, stateliness and tradition. The ceremony of commencement celebrated at colleges and universities throughout the world has its roots in the scholastic traditions of the Middle Ages. It is an ancient, dignified and highly symbolic ritual of conclusion and emergence, a rite of passage into a new life.

## MARSHALS/BATONS

Faculty members from each college are chosen to serve as marshals and to assist with the ceremony. These marshals carry KSU batons — created for the inauguration of President Daniel S. Papp — as they lead the processional lines. Like the mace, the baton was originally a war club — though miniature in stature. The four batons, created by biology professor Bowman Davis, are hand-turned staff made out of walnut, featuring a hand-carved, stylized owl, complete with an ebony finish to reflect the styling of the mace. Gold and black tassels complete the batons.

## THE DAIS PARTY

The dais party is the last group in the procession to enter the hall. The group consists of the president, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, cabinet members, the registrar, deans of the colleges and invited honored guests, such as the commencement speaker and recipients of awards. When members of the dais party reach their seats, the processional ends. The chief faculty marshal declares the candidates for graduation to be assembled and the ceremony begins.

## THE KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY MACE

The honor of leading the academic procession as chief faculty marshal is given to a distinguished Teacher of the Year. Faculty members from each college are chosen to serve as student and faculty marshals and to assist with the ceremony. The ceremonial staff carried by the chief faculty marshal of the academic procession is a symbol of the rich traditions of higher education. The practice of carrying a mace dates back to the Middle Ages, when the mace was designed to be used as a weapon. It was carried by a respected senior member of the community who was chosen to protect and guide the leaders as their group traveled through crowded streets. Kennesaw State takes special pride in its mace, which was designed by Patrick Taylor, former chairman of the Department of Visual Arts, and handcrafted on campus. The polished bronze

handgrip is actually a stylized owl. In addition to being Kennesaw State's mascot, it is the symbol of Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom. The globe near the top of the mace represents graduates going out into the world. Topping the globe is the traditional symbol of higher education — a lamp of learning, with a flame representing the quest for knowledge. A large bronze medallion displaying the university seal is part of the globe and the festive ribbons streaming from the crown that cradles the globe represent the university colors.

## THE CHAIN OF OFFICE

The president of the university wears a gold chain and medallion around his neck, denoting the status of president and the presiding authority over the ceremony. The medallion bears the official university seal. The Kennesaw State University seal is an adaptation of the state seal of Georgia with Kennesaw Mountain in the background. M. Thomson Salter III, professor emeritus of art and a charter member of the faculty, designed the seal.

## GONFALONS

The third presidential inauguration at KSU ushered in many new changes, including the academic gonfalons. Banners suspended on a crossbar, gonfalons are another piece of medieval history that have been incorporated into academic tradition. The gonfalons reflect a timeless style, incorporate the university's colors and represent all 13 colleges at Kennesaw State University.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The caps and gowns worn at commencement connect contemporary graduates with scholarly tradition that dates back as long as universities have existed. Clerics, ecclesiastics and scholars wore hoods or caps and heavy gowns at European universities during the Middle Ages. Beginning in the middle of the 14th century, scholars at English universities wore an academic costume of "bunge-and sand-colored habits." A costume for commencement has been a tradition since the beginning of higher education in America. In 1895, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was created and a standard code of academic dress for commencements was adopted. It calls for the existing cap and gown (the traditional bachelor's gown with long, open, pointed sleeves) and the master's gown (with its long sleeves hanging down from the elbow) to set apart the graduates. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves, with three velvet stripes on each sleeve.

**DISCIPLINE COLORS**

Agriculture: Maize  
 Art, Letters and Humanities: White  
 Business Administration: Drab  
 Chemistry: Red and Gold  
 Construction Management: Gold  
 Dentistry: Lilac  
 Economics: Copper  
 Education: Light Blue  
 Engineering: Orange  
 Fine Arts, Architecture: Brown  
 Forestry: Russet  
 Home Economics: Maroon  
 Journalism: Crimson  
 Law: Purple  
 Library Science: Lemon  
 Medicine: Green  
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 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 Society of Collegiate Scholars,  
 All Majors–Burgundy and Gold Cords  
 National Society for Dance Arts  
 Blue and White Cord; Gold Pin  
 National Society of Leadership and Success,  
 All Majors–Red and Black Cords  
 Nu Delta Alpha, Dance–Burgundy and Gold Cords  
 Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics–Blue and Gold Cords  
 Order of Omega, All Majors–Gold and White Cords  
 Phi Alpha, Social Work–Gold Cords with Medallion  
 Phi Alpha Theta, History–Red and Blue Cords  
 Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars Society–Medallion with Red and Gold Ribbon  
 Phi Eta Sigma, All Majors–Black and Gold Cords  
 Phi Kappa Phi, All Majors–Gold, White, Blue Medallion, Royal-Blue Ribbon  
 Phi Lambda Upsilon, Chemistry–Blue and Pink Cords  
 Pi Delta Phi, French–Blue, White and Red Cords  
 Pi Kappa Lambda, Music–White and Gold Cords  
 Pi Mu Epsilon, Mathematics–Violet, Gold, and Lavender  
 Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science–Red, Black, and White Cords  
 Psi Chi, Psychology–Blue and Gold Cords  
 Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish–Gold and Red Cords  
 Sigma Iota Rho, International Affairs–Purple and Gold Cords  
 Sigma Lambda Chi, Construction Management –Green and Gold Cords and Medallions  
 Sigma Tau Delta, English–Red and Black Cords  
 Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing–Orchid and White Cords  
 Tau Upsilon Alpha, Human Services–Gold Stole with Royal Blue Lettering  
 Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Computer and Information Disciplines–Maroon and White Cords

**KSU ARMED FORCES VETERAN RECOGNITION**

White and Gold Stole with Red & Blue Stripes  
 Air Force–Air Force Insignia  
 Army–Army Insignia  
 Coast Guard–Coast Guard Insignia  
 Marines Corp–Marines Corp Insignia  
 Navy–Navy Insignia

**OTHER DEPARTMENT COLORS**

Department of Athletics–Black Stole with gold trim and Lettering  
 Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery –Purple Cord

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*Gaudeamus Igitur*  
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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.*