

Augusta University
Fall Commencement

December 10-11, 2025

Augusta, Georgia

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

In 1828, eight ambitious doctors founded a medical academy in the heart of Augusta, Georgia. Little did they know the school they created, now the Medical College of Georgia, would go on to become part of a much larger university. Nor could the Academy of Richmond County founders have foreseen the impact of chartering the state's first junior college, the Junior College of Augusta, in 1925. Today, the legacies of these institutions continue to develop, grow and flourish together, creating a life-saving, life-changing experience.

Augusta University provides a world-class academic and social community that positions students for opportunity and success. As Georgia's innovation center for education, health care and cybersecurity, Augusta University is training the next generation of innovators, leaders and health care providers in classrooms, communities and clinics on four campuses in Augusta and locations across the state.

Augusta University is at the forefront of groundbreaking research focused on improving and enriching the human experience and addressing the challenges of our world. The university's colleges and schools include the state's only public medical school, only dental school and only public academic health center, where our students are creating a safer, healthier and more prosperous Georgia. As the state's designated health sciences center of excellence, we offer students a well-rounded education preparing them for a lifetime of critical thinking, creativity and success.

Students choose Augusta for educational opportunities and experiential learning in fields as diverse as the arts and humanities to the health sciences. Students from undergraduate to post-doctoral levels are mentored and inspired by a world-class faculty that includes prestigious scientists, clinicians, scholars and artists.

Augusta University is the home of the Jaguars' nationally recognized NCAA Division I men's golf team, the NCAA Division II national runner-up men's basketball team, and many other men's and women's varsity sports.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

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Dr. Zachary Powell

CEO and Chief Dental Clinician, The Georgia Smile Group

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Dr. Zach Powell grew up near Lake Lanier in north Georgia and earned two Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Georgia in zoology and biology. Dr. Powell graduated from the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry (now the Dental College of Georgia) with his Doctor of Dental Medicine and has practiced general dentistry for 25 years. Deeply dedicated to his profession, Powell served as the 2022 president of the Georgia Dental Association, representing over 4,000 dentists. He is the incoming 2026 president of Georgia Dental Insurance Services (GADIS) and currently serves on the Georgia Delegation to the American Dental Association.

Dr. Powell has been named by his peers as an Honorary Fellow with the Georgia Dental Association (2011), the Pierre Fauchard Academy (2014), the American College of Dentists (2023), and the International College of Dentists (2024). Powell has been named three times to the University of Georgia's Bulldog 100. In 2023, he was appointed to an adjunct faculty position at the Dental College of Georgia, and in 2025 he assumed a trustee position on the Augusta University Foundation Board. He is a member of the esteemed Hinman Dental Society and has served on the Dental Advisory Board of Affinity Bank for nearly two decades.

Dr. Powell operates as the CEO and chief dental clinician of The Georgia Smile Group, which has owned and managed 18 practices throughout the state. He has enjoyed treating patients of all ages, from all walks of life, all over the great state of Georgia, and is deeply committed to patient advocacy, especially for seniors and children. He has completed multiple programs in advanced dental implant restoration and authored numerous articles and presentations on the profession.

Dr. Powell is married to his college sweetheart, Elizabeth, who serves as the COO of the Georgia Smile Group. They have two children, Anna Jane and Zachary. Powell owns a commercial farm in Screven, Georgia, and enjoys hunting, fishing, agriculture, boating, old cars, and spending time with his family.

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The Honorable Jon Burns

Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Speaker Jon Burns is a husband, father, grandfather, and Georgia's 75th speaker of the House of Representatives. He represents the 159th legislative district that includes Screven County and parts of Effingham and Bulloch counties. He was first elected to the House in 2004 and as speaker in 2023.

As speaker, he serves as the House's chief administrative officer. Speaker Burns also presides over House floor sessions, assigns bills to committees, and calls matters before the House for debate.

Speaker Burns has prioritized improving education, expanding access to health care, strengthening public safety, and building on Georgia's economic success through job creation, tax cuts, and workforce development.

Speaker Burns previously served as House majority leader from 2015 until his nomination as speaker. Prior to serving as majority leader, he served as chairman of the House Game, Fish & Parks Committee and as chairman of the House Special Rules Committee.

Speaker Burns was born and raised in Effingham County. He graduated from Effingham County High School and earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Georgia Southern College. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from John Marshall Law School. He spent his life on the family farm, raising livestock, growing crops, and harvesting timber. His interests expanded to serving his community and running an agribusiness company. Much of this work continues today as Speaker Burns works to make Georgia the best place to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

Speaker Burns and his wife, Dayle, live on the family farm in northern Effingham County. Mrs. Burns is a retired educator. The Burnses are active members at Mizpah Church. Family remains key to them, and they cherish any time they get to spend with their children and five grandchildren. Speaker Burns often says grandchildren are the best part of life!

ABOUT THE STUDENT SPEAKERS

The student speakers were selected by their peers as representatives of the Class of 2025.

Dr. Natalie Mseis-Jackson

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker

Dr. Natalie Mseis-Jackson graduated from Winthrop University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in chemistry. She also holds an Associate of Science degree from Scott Community College in Iowa. In June 2025, Mseis-Jackson successfully defended her doctoral dissertation titled: "Modulating NeuroD1 Dynamic Expression Levels to Improve Astrocytes-to-Neuron Conversion by Using Retro-NeuroD1-124T Novel Construct." Today, she graduates with a Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience.

During her time as a graduate student at Augusta University, Mseis-Jackson served as a graduate student mentor from 2021 to 2025. She also served as the committee chair for seminar speaker invitations from 2022 to 2023 and was the director of community relations for Service Program in Neuroscience Education (SPINE) from 2022 to 2024. She also published several scientific papers during her graduate training and was awarded for her excellence in research in 2024.

Following her defense, Mseis-Jackson began working in Dr. Lynn Hedrick's laboratory as a postdoctoral fellow at the Immunology Center of Georgia, where she continues to advance her career and broaden her research experience.

Dr. Mseis-Jackson started her college journey as an international student. She and her spouse, Nathaniel Jackson, are the parents of one child, Ezekiel.

Mr. Landon Cole Gilbert

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker

Landon Gilbert is a 2020 alumnus of Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Georgia. Today he graduates with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

During his time at Augusta University, Landon served as president and event planner of the Hull Business Society, Social Chair and sergeant at arms for The Delta Chi Fraternity, and as a general member of the Student Advisory Council for the Division of Enrollment and Student Affairs. While pursuing his degree, he also worked for the American Heart Association, contributing to community engagement and event coordination efforts.

After graduation, Gilbert plans to begin a career in logistics with the Savannah Port Authority, where he looks forward to applying his leadership and business skills to support Georgia's growing economy.

A native of Jefferson, Georgia, he is the son of Ramone and Misty Gilbert.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Russell T. Keen, Ed.D., President, Augusta University, presiding

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CONVENING OF COMMENCEMENT	President Russell T. Keen
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NATIONAL ANTHEM	Ms. Megan Reagan
INVOCATION	Chaplain Henry Holt
STUDENT SPEAKER	Dr. Natalie Mseis-Jackson
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Dr. Zachary Powell CEO and Chief Dental Clinician, The Georgia Smile Group
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS	The Honorable Jon Burns Speaker, Georgia House of Representatives
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Lester Pretlow, Dean, College of Allied Health Sciences

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Other Platform & Program Participants

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**Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Dima Waleed Mohammed Alhamad
Dissertation:

The Role of Tryptophan Metabolites and Osteoblastic Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor (AhR) in Skeletal Maintenance with Aging

Angela L. Allen
Dissertation:

Exploring the Role of Hospital Characteristics in CMS Risk Adjustment Models: Assessing the Impact of Hospital Characteristics on Acute Myocardial Infarction and Heart Failure Outcomes

Ronny Amamoo
Dissertation:

Metabolic and Lipid Regulation in Retinal Pigment Epithelium: Implications for Retinal Health

Shafisha Bamfield Cummings
Dissertation:

Advancing Beyond CRAB Signs and Symptoms: Examining the Role of NCRNAS and Clinical Manifestations in Bortezomib-Resistant Patients with Multiple Myeloma

Aubrey Lyn Bennett
Dissertation:

The Role of the Paraventricular Nucleus of the Thalamus in Alcohol Withdrawal and Subsequent Behavioral Consequences

Frederick Bonsack
Dissertation:

18 kDa Translocator Protein Regulates Brain Injury Following Intracerebral Hemorrhage

Emily C. Burns-Ray
Dissertation:

Investigation of Sexually Divergent Molecular Mechanisms Contributing to the Pathogenesis of Salt-Sensitive Hypertension and Associated Renal Injury

Ronda Lee Anne Greaves
Dissertation:

Resocialization of Residents in Nursing Homes Following Closure due to Waves of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focused Ethnography

Natalie Mseis-Jackson
Dissertation:

Modulating NeuroD1 Dynamic Expression Levels to Improve Astrocytes-to-Neuron Conversion by Using Retro-NeuroD1-124T Novel Construct

Asma Jodeiri Akbarfam
Dissertation:

Designing Secure and Modular Blockchain Frameworks for Digital Forensics and Automated Access Control

Mercy Ewaoluwa Kehinde-Ige
Dissertation:

Multi-Omics Profiling of Stat5a-Mediated Epigenetic and Metabolic Regulation of CD4⁺T Cells for Adoptive Cell Therapy

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Dissertation:

A Bayesian Solution to Change Point Analysis Using an Infinite Hidden Markov Model

Devin Parker Lundy
Dissertation:

Extension of the Cross-Entropy Method for Computing Marginal Likelihood and its Novel Application in Bayesian Linear Regression

Kristopher Marvin Mayes
Dissertation:

Astrocytic DICER1 Gene Deletion Induces Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis-Relevant Phenotypes in Mice

Sheila Fosca Ngumbi
Dissertation:

Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Diabetes-Induced Retinal Vascular Senescence and its Impact on Diabetic Retinopathy

Neea Rusch
Dissertation:

Applied Implicit Computational Complexity

Hunter Gage Sellers
Dissertation:

Modeling Obesity in Mice using Novel AAVs: Weight Gain, Weight Loss, and Metabolic Resilience

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DeAnna Marie Brown
Kendra Jade Browning
Emily Alidessa Bryant
Janet M. Buckley
Jayme Nicole Click
Kristen Coca
Caitlyn Cowart
Tybee B. Denton
Olivia Diaz

Beth Douglas
Zhanai Lashè Du'Brey
Elizabeth Fletcher
Emily Flynt
Catherine Gayle
Shelli S. Goodman
Chloe Sheree Grace
Tesa Lyshon Gunby
Ja'Kara Monique Harden
Sarah Elizabeth Harrell Thomason
Jasmine Lola Knecole Holiday
Tyler Janson Hollomon
Abigail Paige Hubbard
Jennifer L. Jetter
Britney A. Johnson
Yamini Kilaru
Maltesia Cierra Kindle
Lemuel Levin Lackey
Julie A. Laipple Binkley
Sarah Langley
Abby L. Ledbetter
Rachael Graham May
Sarah L. Mayberry
Danielle Shanice McAllister
Christyan Marye McGriff
Heidi Catherine Melton
Kristen Casey Morehead
Haley Ann Morrisette
Kelsie Olivares
Jessica Leigh Oliver
Joyce Courtney O'Neal
Giedre Parrado
Benjamin Y. Pickering
Dasha Lanier Rackley
Treasure Nicole Reid
Staci Jo Reiter
Rachel Elizabeth Richmond
Catherine Marie Rivera-Wescourt
Alyson Lousie Rizk
Derrick Andrew Roberts
Chris Jamal Robinson
Timothy Marcelle Roy
Franziska M. Salvatore
Nuam Deih San
Haley Nicole Sanders
Lauren Nicole Sapp
Chandler Manay Seawright
Arpita Akhilesh Shrivastava
Cassandra Silvey
Aisia Slaton
Alexis Meshone Stewart
Marra Lorraine Stone
McKaela Katie Kramer Stroud
Kokouvi Guy Tegnama
Erin Sarrett Toney
Carsen Irene Turner

Earneisha Turner
Marcus Walden
Alicia Grace Walker
Tylik Frederick Wells
Erin Mary Whitlock
Abigail Lee Wilby
Kiana N. Williams
Kwanzasia D. Williams
Caroline Christine Wold
Paetyn Jeanne Wyble
Ashley Ann Yawn

Bachelor of Arts Sports Management

Okechukwu Chinaecherem Iwuji
Kevin Patel
Bailee Rena Roberts
Cadance Lee Winder
Marah Paige Zenner

Bachelor of Science in Education Elementary Education

Romonica Laryan Brown
La'Angel Qua'Miracle Cummings
Sydney Catherine DeBow
Kaitlin Faith Hodge
Taija Janai Johnson
Makayla Lee Larsh
Mariana Londoño**
Shacoria Monique Moore
Montana Hope Mosher
Sydney Bryson Radford
Lillian Elizabeth Scarborough
Gracie Lane Sidener

Bachelor of Science in Education Middle Grades Education

Judith Lorraine Park
Yasmin Yanez**

Bachelor of Science in Education Special Education

Jacob Monroe Shryock**

Bachelor of Science Health Promotion

Rebecca Janeth Coral

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Madina Shamcy Afzali
Antinett Abena Abeka Ampiah*
Hebah Mariam Anwar**
Anagabriela Ayala Cosme
Lexie McKenna Bailey
Caitlin Jean Barry*
Jaylen McArthur Bates
Margaret Boone**
Brandi Abby Gail Bramwell
Morgan Layne Brantley
Tyler Douglas Brown
Kalyb Jamarr Bussey
Amiya Carter
Oluwabusola Opeyemi Edward
Wesley C. Frost Jr.
Tenley Hanhardt**
Mary Sarah Houk
Jamaria Jayline Howard
Brianna Jiles
Audrey Johnson
Jada Morgan Johnson
Makinzie Virginia Louthan
Emily Ann McBride
Makahyla Grayce Meade*
Chayce A. Moreno**
Samantha Layla Nobles
Olivia Nekayah Ottley
Jose Antonio Padilla Jr.
Alexandria Grace Ramkissoon
Philip Antoni Schultheis*
Kendra Nicole Sterling*
Kent Allen Thompson
Christina Rena'e Tyler
Malaysia LaKiya Yolanda Williams

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Kelly K. Apau
Amy Lynn Bales
Fuquan Beeks
Madison Stephens Begitschke
Marianne Tomberlin Carter
Kevin Nimitz Chem
Carson Kendle Ciamachelo
Amber Brianna Davis
Kelsee Ellyn Fargo
Alison Evans Finnerty

Kojo Darko Frimpong
Emmylou Frost
Cory Evan Gibson
Dalton Nicholas Gilliam
Nora T. Hadid
Lori Hatchitt
Samantha Henderson
Satrina Muhammanetta Hill
Benjamin Seth Hodges
Hannah Smith James
Juanita Joseph
Nada Jean Kent
Rebecca Greene Kerko
Catherine Stilley King
Madison Nix Martin
Susanna McKeown McBride
Frances Renee Milanese
Brandi Miller
John Drury Mims Jr.
Tyra L. Newton
Walker Nugent
Ashley Bailey Perkins
Jaden Justin Peterson
Lindsey Nicole Pettis
Macy Polk
Kylie Poss
Barrett Dent Pritchard
Darrell Lynn Ragan
Zekelia Tamesia Rembert
Gabriel Salami
Kendall Dean Santamaria
Kenneth John Sheffield
Stephen Michael Smith
Caroline Haley Spratling
Nicole Renee Strickland
Cecilia Nicole Thomas
Justin Paul Thompson
Heather Hubbard Tiftickjian
Jillian Tomol
Scott James Tuggle
Alysa Whitney
Daniel Lee Williamson
Amber Willis
Ellis Lamar Wynn IV

Master of Science in Nursing Clinical Nurse Leader

NeQuana ShaQuay Alexander
Rachel Marie Ashmen
Kelley Rochelle Bailey
Arianna Barrantes
Deja Beasley
Brandon Beck
Breanna Lee Hall Bell
Moriama Bhadmos

Jasmine Ke'Liyha Blaxton
Chelsea Aiyanna Analise Blunt
Sydney Bokor
Ava Leigh Bowling
Kailah Simone Brantley
Jadyn Brooks
Adam Brown
Kadeija Brown
Annette Camargo-Vera
Asia Keyuanne Carter
Gabrielle Carter
Claire Mckinlee Cox
Andrew C. Cribbs
Liberty Dauphin
Ami Joanne Davis
Elizabeth Carter Dean
Oumou Marieme Diallo
Kira Marie Dobbs
Lizabeth Anne Doerr
Hunter Dollander
Zachyya N'Danna Marie Elmore
Millicent Frost Fisher
Jolaina Elonda Fogle
Kristina Elizabeth Ford
Kaylee Rose Friedman
Olivia Grace Gardner
Anna Costello Godwin
Ariana Nicole Harmon
Naomi Eun Joo Heist
Jane Elizabeth Hensley
Marchea D'Marae Herrington
Lauren McKenzie Hightower
Hannah Catherine Hodges
Yen-Lin Hou
Taryn Hudson
Avery Irby
Julia Iverson
Robert Jackson
Abby Morgan Johns
Raegan Michaela Johnson
Haley Ann Jordan
Nancy Chinonso Kibs
Kaylee King
Samuel Knighton
Lian Marie Laycock
Minjeong Lee
Kaitlyn Leonard
Sydney Marie Lovelace
Tiana Lowe
Trevor Maddox
Callie Matthews
Garrett Michael McCarthy
Kathryn Elder McMichael
Laila Mercer
Porsha LaSheala Mitchell

Michaela Alexis Moore
 Sara Moore
 David Odiwuor Owiti
 Yaw Parry
 Mariah Chantel Peeples
 Laquantha Takesha Peters
 Cate Pickering
 Kritika Pokharel
 Amanda Polonus
 Sarah Virginia Povie
 Matthew Preston
 Jamie Amyah Price
 Benjamin Puhlovich
 Gillian McLeod Quinn
 Migdalexis Quintana Serrano
 Gabrielle Ramus
 Faith Victoria Reed
 Marc Andrew Rhodes Jr.
 Sadie Marie Rhodes
 Amanda Jane Richardson
 Annalee Grace Rodgers
 Allanson Rodrigues
 Makayla R. Roland
 Alyssa Taylor Ruark
 Kayla Ruff
 Rodrigo Isak Ruiz-Tello
 Sydney Holland Sasser
 Isabella Saudo
 Emma Carolyn Shaw
 Savannah Sherrer
 DiAsia Simmons
 Amani Singleton
 Kayra Situ
 Kennedy Jaden Stewart
 Maquaysia Shaquangela Dyseree
 Teaste
 Kasandra Torres
 Annabel Tremps
 Alyssa Turner
 Goran Georgiev Uzunov
 Gabrielle Van Daam
 Kippen Alana Wallace
 Lauren Grayson Waters
 Sabrina Webb
 Shantavios Webb
 Christopher Ryan Wehmeyer
 Britney Wellington
 Meghan Wenzel
 Holly M. Willingham
 Tanyla Wimberly
 Brogan Siobhan Wright
 Dahja Renee Wright

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Brooke Nicole Bini**
 Lillian Danielle Fritz
 Treazure Amoyé Holman
 La'Nique Lake
 Rylan Aubrey Lawyer
 Priya Patel***
 Macie Caroline Patridge***
 Caleb B. Smith
 Anna Ulrich**
 Madison Marie Warren
 Mallory Malone Weaver

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science Biology

Jasmine Zohal Afzali
 Rylee Brumbaugh
 Claire Trieu Dinh
 Kayla Sarah Farquharson
 Ruth Margaret Germann
 Brian Scott Grace
 Emily Harmon
 Savion Harris
 Daleah Cheyenne Hobbs
 Melony Johnson
 Samuel Scott Kahler
 Jackson P. Krecskay
 Karleigh Madison Landrum**
 Jacey Lin
 Colleen A. McCord
 Folusogbon Odediran
 Molly Elizabeth Pate
 Awais Qadir
 Danielle Alyssa Reese
 Dylan Roberson**
 Tyler Schultz
 Miniya Sharif
 Joel Ivan Silverio Cruz**
 Isabel Soto

Bachelor of Science Cell and Molecular Biology

Tofunmi Adeyinka Adewumi***
 Madison Anne Badgett***

Esha Chaudhary***
 Eli Bryan Davis*
 Nhien An Do*
 Jana Tamer Elkoshairi***
 Teja Krishna Gadde***
 Varun Goel***
 Shreya Sree Gunji***
 Shaan Abbas Haider***
 Makenzie Lynn Jane
 Anjali K. Joshi***
 Shivum Kumar Lal***
 Ryan John Lee***
 Elizabeth Efetobore Nelson
 Folasade Precious Oduneye
 Trisha Patil***
 Anvi Reddy Peddi***
 Emani Chanelle Rollins*
 Dev N. Shah***
 Mehek Sharma***
 Saad Syed Tanzeem**
 Caroline Ann Troedsson
 Rachel White***

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

Jeffrey David Brainard
 Katherine Conkright
 Gabriela A. Flores Irizarry
 Nakya Nalicia Hattie Garnett
 Andrew G. Perez-Manso
 Kyara Idalit Vences*
 Alexi Wilcher
 Justin Vincent Winborne
 Deborah Haeun Yang
 Kira H. Yun***

Bachelor of Science Ecology

Emma Herndon*
 Ashley G. Roberts
 Treston Michael Ridge Sanders

Bachelor of Science Mathematics

Orion Kotas*

Bachelor of Science Physics

Kathryn Dunstan

HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

Jeffrey Lamar Archie Jr.
John Benjamin Armistead
Ellie Beach
Baker Carter Melear
Judith Joohee Chang
Ashley Keith Christman
Anna Louise Finks
Stefanie Ann Frickey
Dream M. Gibbs
Matthew Paul Halter
Lauren Ashley Horton
Jacob Keady
Dane Edward Kellum
Anita Kovacs-Kasa
Alex Kwan
Jennifer G. Leisey
Lissa Renee Moreland
Siva Shankar Panda
Maria Belen Portorricco
Booker Regan
Alex Ray Richardson
Zavier Rasard Smedley
Kevonta D'shawn Standifer
Davis Clark Starnes
Matthew David Sterrett
George Stoller

Bachelor of Business Administration

Serra A. Aiello**
Carter DeVaughn Avery
Carson Adler Reid Berry*
Christian Hakeem Boyd
Kohl Ryan Chambers**
Brooke Chantry
Alexis Charles
Josey Allyson Cornett
Kayci Lauren Craig
Benjamin Lee Cushman
Elizabeth Damron
Zarna Pratul Desai
Yaire Gissel Disciplina
Gautam Dutta
Annastasia Paris Eskew***
Landon Cole Gilbert
Joshua Ha
Brandon Harris**
Rylie K. Harris
Kenley R. Hatin
Gifford Christopher Maurice Jones

Kendall Logan Kennedy
Connor Koch
Rylan Trevor Laird
Charles Wesley Lane
Cuyler Miles Lewis***
Michael Lillard
Jasmine Alyssa Martin
Sierra Metts
Zachary J. Miller
Haley Christine Montgomery
Gilbert Morgan III
Desiree Nina Munro
Briana Janae' Pichardo
Lauren Claire Price*
Kurstene E. Rector
Mary Richards
Bryce Haselden Simmons
Imo Sunday
Matilda Mildred Torres
Micaela LaShe'Walker*
Kristen Alexis Wigginton
Jeffreion Wilcher
Naomi Sade Wilson

Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting

Sebastian Wallace Childers
Andrew Franklin Elkin***
Courtney Dianne Johnson**
Jill Renee Riles

PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts Intelligence and Security Studies

Sharon Ruth Barber Holmes
Bailey Burns
John Shapleigh Driscoll
Michael D. English Jr.
Nelson Godbolt
Christine M. Grove
Alexis J. Pickeral
LeighAnna Lois Poss
Hunter Lee Rhodes
Elton S. Smith

Master of Public Administration

Marcy M. Ayuso
Jennifer Marie Foskey
Alicia Lydia Jimille Frontera
Treasur'e Hill-Bynum
John Anthony Jean
Gabrielle Johnson
Julianna Therese'-Maria Johnston
Alissa Briana Long
Lee James Peck
Julia Elaine Showman
Caroline Greer Sims
Aleah Taylor
Shamargaret Lorena Temple
Matthew O. Torain
Anthony Tony Washington Jr.
Sidney Gerald Anthony Watkins

Master of Science Psychology

Natalie Adams
Jonathan Hunter Chavis
Emily Cudzilo
Asa Charles Daniels
Aisha Alanna Duck
Alaina A. Head
Katherine E. Hinton
Cassidy Robin McCann
Taylor Milan Sharpe

Bachelor of Arts Anthropology

Sara Lindsay Adkins
Kessiah Ainsley Apple
Dalton Grant Burnley
David Patrick Orth

Bachelor of Arts Communication

Ashleigh Grace Ahlstrom
Brandon Woodrow Barton
Christie Marly Benjamin
Denaisha Monai Cain
Andrew Cameron Chalker*
Leanne Dudash*
Ryan C. Eastman
Kelyisha Monee Hayden
Jordan T. Jones
Tyliyah R. Mosley
Madeline Shae Sahn
Katelen Michelle Selph
Maxwell A. Shaffer
David Wall Jr.

Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice

Deja Archer
Jaylen Bailey
Madison Emilee Corley*
Kaylen Janai Dorsey
Elijah Joseph Frails
Demitri Gardner
Edward Cole Glaser V
Jayden M. Hall
Nia Hardy
Ashleigh Marie Holmes
Apollo Huss
Joshua Phillip Jones**
Nicole Kulbacki
Katherine Brenna Larkey
Abigail Violet McCue
Bellamy Sophia McPhail
William Raymond Myers
Aeryn-Elayna Phillips
Allyson Elisabeth Renner***
Cierra Reynoso
Joseph Carter Smith**
Tigee Jayron Smith
Idaja B. Strowbridge
Sophia Mackenzie Wise
Aaron Woodward
Davin K. Wyche

Bachelor of Arts English

Katherine B. Crozier***
Sydney Highfield
Kevin Anthony Lambert

Bachelor of Arts Health, Society, and Policy

Janeria Louise Monique Ann Noel
Edouard
Elizabeth Hooper
Yvonne Khathy Tu

Bachelor of Arts History

Zachary Colton Copher*
Aidan Jacob Grayson*
Sebastian Crawford Greene*
Zachary Thomas Hulsey*
Kevin Patel
John Bresnahan Weigle III
Sawyer Huff Whatley

Bachelor of Arts Integrated Studies

Jackson Conrad Hodnick

Jagger Cole Iovinelli
Richard D. Jackson*
Raigen Alyse Jeter
Nicolette Long
Cornelius Leon Myles
Jada Robinson
Elyanna Andrea Vigil*
Jacob Mercer Wright
David Alexander Young
Nijah D. Young

Bachelor of Arts Music

Ricardo Lambert
Brody Jamison McLaughlin

Bachelor of Arts Nonprofit Leadership and Ad- ministration

Lena E. Garrard***
Jenna Wells

Bachelor of Arts Political Science

Arman Shawn Ahmadipour
Wyatt Riley Cairns**
Sebastian Wallace Childers
Lauren Ashleigh Cornett
Madelynn M. Griffin
Nizhia Harrison**
William John Huffman*

Bachelor of Arts Sociology

Ethan Bush
Rebecca A. Cranford
Joy Christina Murray
Synthia Sadot Shalom Abdulhaqq

Bachelor of Arts in World Languages

Liam Bynoe*

Bachelor of Fine Arts Art

Nicole Kathleen Mazelin Aarts
Ashanti Allen**
Quatterious D. Brundage
Justen C. Clark
William Harrison Dunbar**
Katherine East
Leon Asa Farrer Jr.
Caleb Neal Hale
Leia Colleen Hand
Brigid Ansley Colleen Lowery*

Donald Joshua McRavin
Jaquayla Shontise Medlock
Marie Emilie Peacock
Jillian Pemberton*
Stephany Rodriguez Cardona**
Taylor Shockley**
Brynna Grace Shouse
Chloe Marissa Weeks

Bachelor of Fine Arts Digital and Visual Storytelling

Mia Tenae Dickens

Bachelor of Music Music Education

Zachary Thomas Hulsey*

Bachelor of Science Psychology

Alma Adel Almasarwah**
Farzana Barati*
Victoria Kay Blanchard
Dequanna Butler
Mary Peyton Chandler
Addisen Coker*
Jacque Rain Copeland**
Sarah Elizabeth Cummings
Mya A. Davis
Alia Harrison
Jocelyn Holloway**
Shelia Shanta' Joyner
Keiarah Nycole King
Jillian Krapes
Breanna M. Lewis*
Lauren Kennedy Luke
Martha Dawson Mapp
Gabrielle E. Mason
Malori Kaylene McCraney
D'Kalyn Morris
Malia C. Pryear*
Allyson Elisabeth Renner***
Corina Sophia Roberts
Cam'Ron Ja'Cobey Sims
Lindsey Brooke Stickler
Afra Syeda
Damita Trehan
Mily Ulloa*
Nyasia Monae Williams
Alexis Elease Wilson
Amanda Mackenzie Wolbert
Katelyn Michelle Wood**

Bachelor of Social Work

Emilia Faith Williams

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND CYBER SCIENCES

Master of Science Computer Science

Neda Seifi

Master of Science Information Security Management

Adetoun Akinawo
Olawale Badamosi
Asia Marne Bonam
Christina Bonner
Jonathan Russell Brochinsky
Dallin Willard Bunting
Jared Campbell
Selena Castro
Calvin S. Clayson
Tyrell Ranard Davis
Maria Renee Drew
Tekikil Endalew
Napoleon Harris
Conner Vincent Jarrio
Wayne Daren Johnson
Collin S. Lairamore
Christopher J. Martin
Benjamin Lee McDaniel
Sanal Ninan
Benjamin Robert Oravec
Fernando Perez
Mary Margaret Redd
Breanna Tiara Ricks
Kareem Sellers
John Vincent Siquian
Jeffrey Aaron Smith
Andrew Southworth
Spencer Taylor

Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Logan Beatty**
Matthew Tyler Davis
Timothy Lyle Dolin
Brett Hancock
Beyza Koseoglu*
Samantha Lorraine LaBon
Matthew Steven Lanham
Grant Paxton McKinnon
Artur Nawrot
Timothy Vincent Price
Caleb Reining

Sutton A. Roberts
Elizabeth M. Robles
Minna Sanders
Will Shaver**
Chandler Thomas Sibert
Charles Leslie Smith III
Heyabel Tekle
Mia R. Thompson
Nicholas Paul Ward
Randi Williams
D. Abidjan Yond

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity

Ethan Babcock
Justin Wyatt Bailey
Caleb Boachie
Michael J. Chargualaf
Madison Lee Davis
Byron Douglas Gibson
Kevin Gonzalez
Jordana Rose Harris*
Robert A. Hollands
Lawrence Johnson
Thomas Patrick Kent Jr.
RC King
Jaysen Lami
Cassandra Lopez*
Hunter David Martin***
Jazmine Medlock**
Alyssa Mitchell
Jamarco Monroe
Michael Evan Montesclaros
Nathan M. Palfy*
Brandon Michael Ramirez
Heath Turner Scruggs
Daniel Alvarez Stincer
Nickolas Sweazea-Fogle
Tristan Thomas*
Ashton Amari Thompkins
Elliston Ranford Hassan Waugh IV

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity Engineering

Evan Bradford Minor

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Robert E. Barrow
Tyleen Brown
Kiran Rakesh Gandhi
Alexis Nicole Jones
Noah Milford
Tran Thanh Thanh Nguyen
Anurag Mahendra Patel

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health

Zeina Leila Ali-Yallah
Josiah Deshaun Barnes
Cierra W. Crews
Ashlee Marie Davis
Sara Katherine Doerr
Madeline A. DuTeau
Hannah Ndongo Ekema
Eric Scott Elder II
Faridah Omorinade Fadesire
Oluwatosin Adebimpe Falola
Catherine Marleni Gomez Arevalo
Khaly Green
Ashanti Kare' Howard
Jasmine Jones
Catherine Wambui Karanja
Morgan Krause
Jocelyn McCloud
Sarabeth Noelle McClure
Amber Leann Smith McIntire
Bray-Yon Moss
Adrienne D. Munitz
Ekta Patel
Jill Viral Patel
Elizabeth Maude Patton
Karen Quintanilla
Michael Wiley
Jalisa Williams

Master of Science Biostatistics

Obed Koomson
Fang Liu
Devin Parker Lundy

Master of Science Epidemiology

Zahriyah Denson

*** Summa Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

* Cum Laude

† Awarded Posthumously

HONORS PROGRAM

Honors Program graduates are undergraduate students in a variety of majors who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.3 while completing a program of work designed specifically for honors students.

Jasmine Zohal Afzali
Lexie McKenna Bailey
Farzana Barati
Brandi Abby Gail Bramwell
Rylee Brumbaugh
Nhien An Do
William John Huffman
Elizabeth Efetobre Nelson

LEGACY GRADUATES

Generations of families have continued Augusta University's rich tradition, and we celebrate this unique relationship by listing graduates whose parent or grandparent graduated from Augusta University or one of her legacy institutions.

NeQuana ShaQuay Alexander
Hebah Mariam Anwar
Carter DeV Vaughn Avery
Ethan Babcock
Kelley Rochelle Bailey
Dana Tameria Battle
Breanna Lee Hall Bell
Elizabeth Cassidy Bentley
Julie A. Laipple Binkley
Tyler Douglas Brown
Charles William Brunson III
Liam Bynoe
Laura Campen Cansfield
Laura Christine Clardy
Lauren Ashleigh Cornett
Heidi A. Coulson
Claire McKinlee Cox
Katherine B. Crozier
Sarah Elizabeth Cummings
Sydney Catherine DeBow
Olivia Dhandapani
Hunter Dollander
Tanisha Hampton Dorsey
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Ryan C. Eastman
Janeria Louise Monique Ann Noel
Edouard
Andrew Franklin Elkin
Anna Louise Finks
Alison Evans Finnerty
Kaylee Rose Friedman
Kiran Rakesh Gandhi
Chloe Sheree Grace
Glynda S. Gracey
Tammy Childs Hall
Matthew Paul Halter

Brandon Harris
Savannah Lindsay Haynes
Sydney Highfield
Meredith M. Hinson
Jasmine Lola Knecole Holiday
Elizabeth Hooper
Allyson Rachels Horton
Jessica Howard
Taryn Hudson
William John Huffman
Julia Iverson
Joshua Phillip Jones
Alissa Briana Long
John Bresnahan Weigle III
Sawyer Huff Whatley
Jenna Wells
Courtney Dianne Johnson
Haley Christine Montgomery
Lauren Claire Price
Michael Lillard
Naomi Sade Wilson
Sierra Metts
Zachary J. Miller
Brynna Grace Shouse
Molly Elizabeth Pate
Cassandra Lopez
Elliston Ranford Hassan Waugh IV
Nathan M. Palfy
Tristan Thomas
Caroline Ann Troedsson
Rachel White
Sutton A. Roberts
Mariana Londono
Montana Hope Mosher
Sydney Bryson Radford
Alexis Nicole Jones
Emily Ann McBride
Kendra Nicole Sterling
Olivia Nekayah Ottley
Lauren Kennedy Luke
Malori Kaylene McCraney
Neea Rusch
Adrian Kaye Mahler
Gabriel Wayne Meadows
Jason Daniel Phillips
Laura Clark Walker
Rachel Love
Rebecca Wilson Todd

Shelley Elisabeth Snyder
LeighAnna Lois Poss
Benjamin Y. Pickering
Chris Jamal Robinson
Kiana N. Williams
Booker Regan
Tabatha Bowles Tillman
Cole Rodgers Taylor
Emma E. Hughey Mouna
Seth Ryan Pauls
Sidney Gerald Anthony Watkins
Julia Elaine Showman
Lee James Peck
Mary Margaret Redd
K'Andra James Thompson
Lenna Eileen Williams
Nia Kori Jones
Septembre Smith
Esther Shirley Seiter
Amanda Polonus
Dahja Renee Wright
Emma Carolyn Shaw
Gabrielle Ramus
Holly M. Willingham
Jamie Amyah Price
Kayla Ruff
Marc Andrew Rhodes Jr.
Migdalexis Quintana Serrano
Porsha LaSheala Mitchell
Sydney Holland Sasser
Trevor Maddox



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The style of academic regalia worn in today's Commencement originated in medieval European universities and has undergone little modification since the 16th century. As in the Middle Ages, the attire denotes the wearer's academic accomplishment. In 1895, a code was adopted to specify design and appropriate colors for various degrees.

The modern dress consists of a gown or robe, headpiece and hood. The gown denotes the wearer's level of education, with the baccalaureate gown being the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by open, flowing sleeves, which end in a point. The master's gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve that is open at the wrist. The doctoral gown is full flowing and has bell-shaped sleeves. It is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominant color, the color of the gown may denote the wearer's university. Augusta University follows the guidelines of the Intercollegiate Regalia Costume Code and has adopted the use of black gowns. The color of the trim denotes the wearer's discipline.

The headpiece in most American universities is a mortarboard. At Augusta University, mortarboards are worn by those attaining bachelor's, master's or specialist degrees while a soft tam is worn by candidates receiving doctoral degrees. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned.

It is the hood that adds meaning to the academic regalia. Changed little since the Middle Ages, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of color. It is edged in velvet, which by its color denotes the discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned. It is lined in two colors of silk, which represent the university from which the degree was awarded. The hood lining of Augusta University graduates consists of blue and silver fields with a red saltire cross superimposed.

A partial listing of colors signifying disciplines as standardized in the 1895 Intercollegiate Code includes:

Arts and Letters – white
Commerce and Accounting – drab
Dentistry – lilac
Education – light blue
Kinesiology – sage green
Mathematics – science gold
Medicine – kelly green
Music – pink
Nursing – apricot
Philosophy – dark blue
Psychology – gold
Public Administration – peacock blue
Public Health – salmon pink
Science – golden yellow
Social Science – citron

A braided cord, worn draped from the neck on the front of the gown, designates the wearer as an honor graduate. At Augusta University, honor cords are silver and blue. Members of Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary honor society, are designated by medallions suspended from the neck by ribbon and bearing the society's insignia. Some disciplines may have their own honor society, which distinguishes its honor graduates the same way. Normally, the color of the ribbon is unique to the honor society.

THE AUGUSTA ARSENAL BELL

The Augusta Arsenal Bell was cast a century ago – in 1918 – by the famous Meneely and Company, a foundry in West Troy, New York. The bell was part of the U.S. Arsenal property acquired by the Junior College of Augusta in 1955. Many historic Arsenal structures, like Bellevue Hall and the Benet House, still stand today and serve as administrative offices on the Summerville Campus. The Augusta Arsenal Bell weighs 586 pounds and is topped by a hand-crafted wooden cap with an inset of the Arsenal Oak. This miniature version of the storied oak was created using wood from the original tree. The bell was refurbished and capped by the skilled craftsmen in the Division of Facilities Services at Augusta University.

Bells peal at colleges, statehouses, churches, and corporate buildings throughout the United States and other countries. They ring for many reasons and more commonly signal the time of day or announce the start of special occasions and celebrations. The Augusta Arsenal Bell is rung to begin the commencement ceremony and as it concludes. The bell and bell tower are part of the modern Augusta University brand, and the Arsenal Bell is part of its history. The ringing of the bell marks a resounding celebration of Augusta University's past, present, and future.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

President Russell T. Keen is wearing a medallion and chain of office during today's commencement ceremony. The medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President. The chain of office refers to the authority granted to the president by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to confer degrees and lead the university.

The President's Medallion

The President's Medallion of Augusta University is a finely detailed silver medallion that hangs from the chain of office. Approximately 3 inches in diameter, it features the university's name and the date of its founding, 1828. Oak leaves are used on either side of the founding date and symbolize strength, endurance, eternity and honor. Above the date is the Latin phrase "*Vivere Discere*", which means "live to learn."

Appearing on the shield are four images: the Arsenal Oak, the Lamp of Knowledge, the Rod of Asclepius, and the old Medical College of Georgia building. Atop the shield is the Unity Flame, an element representing the university.

In a circle surrounding the shield are words incorporated in the vision statement of Augusta University that denote the university as a destination of choice in health, innovation, discovery, creativity, and education.

The Chain of Office

The Augusta University Chain of Office symbolizes the authority vested in the Office of the President by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The sculpted medallions pay homage to the history of the Summerville and Health Sciences campuses and merge together at the presidential stone. The presidential stone is turquoise, and its color is representative of President Russell T. Keen's discipline of education. The stone also represents the president's role in uniting the legacy institutions.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A mace is a symbol used to communicate and to designate authority. The era in which the mace came into use is not known, but the first recorded use was during the Middle Ages when maces, made wholly or partly of metal and often spiked, were used for breaking armor. Medieval bishops, who were forbidden to shed blood, carried maces instead of swords. Gradually, maces became ceremonial and were used symbolically as protection for the king. The use of maces extended into America by the middle of the 18th century, and they now are used principally in universities as traditional symbols of the authority of the president.

The Augusta University mace was designed and hand carved in the spring of 2016. The mace features two medallions. The first represents the official Augusta University seal, and the other represents the seal of Georgia.

The mace and handcrafted wooden seal are made possible through a gift from the foundations.

GRADUATE OATH

As I embark on my career, now a graduate of Augusta University, I pledge to represent my discipline honorably and in a professional manner. I will strive to show compassion and collegiality, embrace inclusivity, and above all, uphold excellence that I should become a worthy role model and ambassador of Augusta University.

With this affirmation, I acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me, while seeking truth and the advancement of knowledge in all my actions. I will strive to act so as to preserve the highest tenets of my calling and incorporate both the art and science of my profession in the products of my labor. I will lead with integrity, demonstrating ethical and moral principles in all that I do, and faithfully ensure that the results of my professional activities illuminate my alma mater, and, ultimately, benefit our world.

for Augusta University Past, Present and Future

AUGUSTA: THE BELL RINGS FOR ME

(Alma Mater)

by Robert W. Smith (ASCAP)

Solemn (♩ = 76) **With Warmth**

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In the shade of the might-y oak we forge our de - sti - ny. Through

9 knowl - edge, truth and hon - or our jour - ney clear to see. We draw up - on the cour - age and

15 guid - ance of the past. We bold - ly build our fu - ture with friends that ev - er - last.

Majestic

21 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

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Au - gus - ta Au - gus - ta, the bell rings for me. Au - gus - ta, Au - gus - ta, it

25 tolls our his - to - ry Au - gus - ta Au - gus - ta, sound - ing to the world. With

28 *rit.*

vi - sion for the ag - es, Au - gus - ta, we are A - U!

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