



*Commencement*

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SUMMER 2022 CEREMONIES

# *Alma Mater*

Felton Dunn

Bruce Borton



In the west-ern pines of Georgia stand-ing strong and true,



Our wise Al-ma Ma-ter beck-ons to the Red and Blue,



Though you be in learn-ing found-ed youth-ful yet you be,



While thus guid-ed by tra-di-tion yet you still breathe free,



Dear West Geor-gia Dear West Geor-gia stand-ing strong and



true, Our wise Al-maMa-ter beck-ons to the Red\_ and the Blue.

Officially Adopted Spring 1984

*Commencement*  
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SUMMER 2022 CEREMONIES



University of West Georgia  
July 23, 2022  
The Coliseum  
Carrollton, Georgia

*Summer Semester Commencement July 23, 2022 • The Coliseum*

9:00 a.m.

Graduate Degree Candidates

12:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Michael Hester, *Director of UWG Debate and Coordinator of UWG's African American Male Initiative*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Theresa Rochowski, *Graduate Student in Music*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, *President*

SGA WELCOME

Sydney Severin, *President, Student Government Association*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Ralitsa Akins, *Vice Provost*

Dr. André Fortune, *Vice President for Student Affairs*

Clint Samples, *Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry*

Dr. Christopher Johnson, *Dean of the Richards College of Business*

Dr. Mike Dishman, *Dean of the College of Education*

Dr. Brad Yates, *Dean of the School of Communication, Film, and Media*

Dr. Jennifer Schuessler, *Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing*

Dr. Karen Owen, *Interim Dean of University College*

Dr. Matt Varga, *Interim Dean of the Graduate School*

Dr. Janet Donohoe, *Dean of the Honors College*

Andrea Stanfield, *Dean of Libraries*

HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Dr. Georgia Evans, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership*

Dr. Jean Ferguson Ruffin, *Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership*

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Brad Mock, *Chair of Alumni Association Board of Directors*

ALMA MATER

Rochowski

FACULTY MARSHAL

9:00 a.m.

Dr. David Ayers, *Assistant Professor of Criminology*

12:30 p.m.

Dr. Kimberly Green, *Professor of Management*

MACE BEARER

9:00 a.m.

Dr. Sooho Lee, *Graduate Coordinator of Public Administration*

12:30 p.m.

Dr. Nathan Walter, *Professor of Geosciences*

# *A Message from the President*

*Brendan B. Kelly, Ph.D.*

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the University of West Georgia, it gives me great pleasure to commend you on this momentous occasion! This significant milestone represents a tremendous achievement of which you and your families should be extremely proud.

The accomplishment of attaining your degree is immense, but your successes and contributions will not end here. This experience will open pathways to even more powerful opportunities well into your future and to the lives of those around you. I look forward to seeing the indelible impact you will make in your communities.

As a graduate of UWG, your educational credentials and experience, as well as your personal and professional successes, will forever be interwoven into the success of this institution. As such, it is vital for you to continue advocating for and supporting your university as it continues to build the value of your degree. Your continued involvement and engagement in your university will enhance and bolster our ability to continue serving future generations of students who will follow in your footsteps.

No matter what challenges we face in the future, I know the world needs you, your ideas, and your creativity now more than ever. So go out, as alumni of UWG, and do amazing things!

Go West, and Go Wolves!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.B. Kelly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brendan B. Kelly, Ph.D.

*President*

**University of West Georgia**

# Degree Candidates

## College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry

### Bachelor of Arts

#### Art

★ Jackie Jordan Mosley

#### English

Kennedy Alexandria-Alzeter Davis

Venessa Fairclough

▲ Cryslin Anna Marie Ledbetter

▲ Chessa Michele Parker

▲ Kari Elizabeth Wood

#### Foreign Languages and Literatures

Aliyah C. Boddie

★ Andrea Escamillo

Luis Alejandro Gonzalez Gonzalez

#### History

Tatyana Claytor

❖ Haley K. Davis

#### Theatre

Vyanna Queen Garrison

### Bachelor of Fine Arts

#### Art

Ellie Sojn Kang

▲ Katherine Nicole Slay

#### Theatre

Rahsaan Malik Parham

### Bachelor of Science

#### Anthropology

Ashley Paige Byrd

Hunter Taylor Hathaway

#### Biology

Ninikachi Juanita Anukwu

Catherine Lyn Bright

Amanda Nicole Clay

Tatiana E. Cruz Portillo

Senyett Jamari Flournoy

Luis Alejandro Gonzalez Gonzalez

Khady Sokhna Gueye

Liliana Olivia Lara

Destiny Tra'chele Leonard

Kimberly Yanela Lopez-Barrios

Raylin I. Macon

Concepcion Martinez

★ Trinity Abriel McCullum

▲ Kellen Brooks Norton

Mileinys Ovalles Reina

Desiree Channelle Panu

De'asia Monay Parson

Christian Pinkney

Samuel D. Pollard

★ William Matthew Queen

Nicholas Gregory Reid

Meghan Briana Rhodes

Jadin Javier Rivera

¥ De'Aisanae Nicole Scott

Courtney Elise Shaw

Kierstyn Baylie Shortnacy

Christian Dawone Smith

★ Summer Nicole Smith

Susana Tanoë-Menlah

Allyson Danyael Tescum

Ayonna Mone' Williams

#### Chemistry

Kyle Douglas Christensen

Luz Eloiza Ramirez-Pacheco

#### Computer Science

Max Emerson Allred

★ Cody Christopher Vollrath

#### Mathematics

Rachel LeNae Dyer

Kelsea Mariahna Smith

### Physics

Alberto Garcia Munoz

### Psychology

Ibukunouwa Hadiza Adeleke

Prineisha De'Ona Alexander

Sydney Michelle Allen

Danielle Janice Bates Heard

Tasiya Jemiracle Boyd

Precious Unique Callahan

Robert Edward Coleman

❖ Kelly Lynn Dearman

★ Hannah Celeste Dunston

Yamilet Favela

£ Diamond Franks

Sarah Joanna Germanowski

Ahshaylah Cantata Griffin

❖ Tabitha Michaela Gristick

★ Juliette Elisa Hopkins

Talisha Johna Hopkins

Lawrencia Samone Hugue

Yasmin M. Knighton-Williams

Nathaniel Avery Linam

Aydisan Brooke Livingston

Maria Jesseca Love

Jordan Alexander Mantuano

▲ Karabeth Grace McClain

Hailey Raychel Owens

Nakayla Renee Perrymond

Brianna Alyse Price

▲ Carolina De Los Angeles Ramirez Fernández

Ansley Nicole Roberts

Taylor Nicole Robinson

Yassine Mima Sarr

Elexus Spradlin

Jada Kierra Stinson

Kennedy McCall Stone

Brittani Michelle Sumler

▲ Roxana Elizabeth Urbina Bautista

★ cum laude

❖ magna cum laude

▲ summa cum laude

¥ also Psychology

£ also Health and Community Wellness

Kamiyah Ashaunti Weaver  
Tierra Latrece White  
Emma Leigh Williamson  
Madison Wreyford  
Emily Catherine Wrighter

### **Social and Behavioral Health**

Saleamlak Kassahun Alemu Sr.  
Jessica Renee Carter  
Makayla Sue Courson  
Nataasja Sinniah Green  
Taylor Marie Johnson  
Michaél Keemiya McNease  
Lauren A. Pace  
Sydney M. Rutledge

### **Sociology**

★Shannon Adams  
Octavius Darrez Bonner  
Margaret Terecita Bush  
Mykiria Sherell Driskell  
★Abigail Grace Griffith  
Imani Hepburn  
James Anthony Lewis Jr.  
Deja Mone't Martin  
Erica Lorraine Mitchell  
Kawthar Salma Naiga  
Kyriah DeYveon Springer

Victoria Breanne Trimble  
Gemoshiah Moxa Vang  
Alisha Marie Williams  
Destiny Rae Wilson

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### **Master of Arts**

#### **English**

Allison Suzanne Eidson  
Chyna Denise Gowan

#### **History**

Monica Joyce El-Amin  
Jessica Lee Higgins  
Sarah Isabella Rodriguez

#### **Psychology**

Tiffany Amber Chick  
Danielle Friedman  
Christopher Matthew Reece

### **Master of Music**

Christopher Michael Bishop  
David Dukes Jr.  
Ashley Renee Hooker  
Jennifer H. McCarthy

### **Master of Science**

#### **Applied Computer Science**

Chijioke Livinus Amaefuna  
Michael Paul Bastarache  
Michael Glenn Brown Jr.  
Spencer Mason Dent  
Brandon Timothy Drick  
Alexander P. Kernan  
Cody Andrew Lee  
Kimberly Marroquin  
Kelli L. Miller  
Jonathan Gregory Murrell  
Ashley Elizabeth Nicholson  
Blair Nicole Pattison  
Amber Suratte  
Kimberly Ann Weible  
Bharti Yadav

#### **Biology**

Samuel Oluwaseun Ifedayo

#### **Mathematics**

Doerian F. Joyner

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## *College of Education*

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Health and Community Wellness**

Johnathan Ray Jahue Adams  
Skyler Jade Bennett  
★Kaly Brooke Colquitt  
Mykia Conyers  
Nyeila Jade Davis  
Rylyn Paige Duignan  
Dominique Yvonne Gant  
Joseph Gruszka  
★Dejah K. Hanson

Jakorlin Albert Leggett  
Kelsee Sasha Martin  
Raveen Janise Millender  
Monay Chinyere Opara-Nadi  
▲Shane Rutledge Jr.  
Cierra Deyun Simpson  
Dante L. Sipp  
Zurriel Eno Tabe  
Zhmya Tianna M. Tinney  
★Caitlin Denise Vaughn  
▲Mckenzie Lee Voyles  
Dejanira Shantranae Watts

Tori Makenzy Williams  
Chad Joseph Worjroh

#### **Sport Management**

Jaylin M. Austin  
Wynton Jacori Ballard  
Matthew Rosser Clifton  
Isaiah Warren Dennard  
Stanley Jermone Derrico Jr.  
Coby Divante Ficklin  
Braylon K. Finch  
Mictavius Jonvonte Gibson  
Cedric Nathan Brown Hathaway

Clay Jackson  
Landon Winfield Mathis  
Tanner McCrary  
Shaquan Jamal Murphy  
LaPerion Dyquan Perry  
Damarkus Robins

▲ Jessica L. Rogers  
Christine Solanlly Tejada Guerrero  
Felix A. Thousand Jr.  
William Grant Walker

## Bachelor of Science in Education

### Elementary Education

Megan Nicole Cargle  
❖ Cyann Mikenna Ashley Dent  
Aneceya Drenae' Kilgore  
★ Nyah Miyori Patterson  
Khaylie Marie Redden

### Speech-Language Pathology

Mya Marie Jones

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## Master of Arts in Teaching

Leonard Ty Barrett  
Cody Scott Bevil  
Robert Trenton Blankenship  
Cortavius Antawn Byrd  
Katerina Marie Creel  
Ashley Nicole Dent  
Sheri Felix-Jeantillorme  
Kissena T. Fibleuil  
Taylor M. Harbuck  
Celestino Hernandez  
Udochukwu Joseph Jeremiah  
Kaylie Livingston Johnson  
Alecia Jeanelle Kenney  
Marisa Lily Kipping  
Gabrielle Olivia Lewis-Hardwick  
Erin Christine Matthews  
Jordan Andre McDaniels  
Nadeen E. McKenzie  
Sally Christopher Miller  
Jessica Jaime Morrison  
John Clinton Murphy

Nicole Lynn Nichols  
Takia Monet Rice  
Austin Ryan Sapp  
Robert Layne Scoggins  
Lakesha Stripling  
Phillip Ryan Swably  
Megan Kristen Tobias  
Kanika Watson  
Caylee Williams  
Krystal Wynette Willis  
Hannah Grace Woodruff

## Master of Education

### Elementary Education

Douglas Matthew Adams  
Emily Kathleen Askew  
Benito Aviles  
Carsten Dalaine Bennett  
Yvonne Hanley Borchardt  
Ivey Byrd  
Kiesha Michelle Carroll  
Amanda Kaye Devilla  
Kyonna Janae Douglas  
Paige Bair Eriquezzo  
Sasha Rosani Fernandez  
Sarah Elise Franks  
Ashley Marie Gilchrist  
Shannon Grace  
Janet C. Green  
Julianna Trent Griffies  
Brittany Diane Harper  
Madison Leigh Harris  
Justine Elizabeth Heath  
Jasmine Anise Jones  
Montana Brooke Josey  
Jessie Diane Laverly  
Teresa Lopez  
Briana Rochel Mack  
Sara Elizabeth Sandhagen Nowviskie  
Keanna Bianca Olivo  
Kelly Michelle Reynolds  
Verenice Romo  
Jessica Shelton  
Christie Lynn Smith

Donna Alexandra Smith  
Samantha Spratling  
Christine Leigh Thompson  
Hollie Caine Williams  
Jennifer Lynn Winkles  
Chelsea Marie da Cruz Zambujo

## Instructional Technology, Media, and Design

Tyler Ray Banister  
Will Carter Bartlett  
Jeannie Marie Nemissa Boy  
Selena Nicole Brown  
Kolleen Breanna-Pollard Byrd  
Lauren Michelle Dauge  
Hayley McGee Davis  
Tanya Saucier England  
Patrice Annette Fontaine  
Christopher Jay Goodwill  
Caren Elizabeth Grotke  
Rosalind Nicole Hayes  
Phillip Wesley Henderson  
Jamie Moody Hunt  
Erin Elizabeth Lamaitis  
Elizabeth Barr Sanders  
Abby Agee Seymour  
Sarah Elizabeth Stohr  
Kady D. Storey  
Allison M. Thomson  
Staci Elisabeth Yates

## Physical Education

Zachary Reid Barron  
Daniel Jordan Carlisle  
Michael Anthony Davis  
Jeremy James Muiyres  
Chad Garmon Oates  
Nicholas Andrew Pou

## Professional Counseling

Brittany Ivery Cook

## Reading Instruction

Briana Nicole Glenn  
Lupe Angelica Monteon-Tapia  
Erica Berry Pifer  
Amanda Renee Smith

★ *cum laude*

❖ *magna cum laude*

▲ *summa cum laude*



**Special Education**

Samantha Kate Beamenderfer  
April Renee Blanton  
Ashley Claire Bostwick  
Montario D. Burrell  
Leslie Jennette Chastain  
Cora Danyelle Farquharson  
Cassady Garza  
Noah Andrew Hamby  
Charity C. Hudgens  
Lakissa Alford Jackson  
Stephanie LeAnn Jackson  
Matthew Craig Milligan  
Hilary Odiah  
Heather Hodges Pulley  
Ashley Judith Rose  
Emily Grace Sanders  
Ashlee Eden Simonds  
Adam Swartzberg  
Austin Garrett Williams

**Speech-Language Pathology**

Bridget Madison Baldwin

**Master of Science****Sport Management**

Alvin Leon Clark Jr.  
Logan Martin Taylor

**Specialist in Education****Educational Leadership**

Princess Shandrell Banks  
Blair Ivey  
Mahoganey Cheria Jackson  
Markcus L. Lawson II  
Leah Newsom  
Chandra J. Peay  
Jamie Marie Voorhies  
Courtney Saxon Walker  
Winfred Bernard Watts III

**Elementary Education**

Ashley Elizabeth Amos  
Taylor Marie Anderson  
Toyin Iyabode Ayoade

Stacy Sue Bailey  
Berlinda Cox Bell  
Callie Elizabeth Burns  
Audrey Collins  
Michelle Consolino  
Tabatha Lynn Dearman  
Kelly Michelle DiGiulio  
Laura Catherine Doan  
Lauren Elizabeth Donnelly  
Gina Lyndsey Duchemin  
Katherine Gates Farrar  
Vivianne Fernandez  
Emily Folk  
Madison Elizabeth Gates  
Kristina Pingley Gibbs  
Courtney Michelle Goddard  
Jennifer Lynn Gray  
Hannah McIntyre Hickman  
Eddquinia Hogan  
Tanesia Davenport Jones  
Karyn Kellam  
Nicole King  
Michele Leeann Logue  
Rebecca S. Loyd  
Ashley Mandy  
Chanda Wright Marshall  
Lisa James May  
Megan Murphy Mayfield  
Sarah Kate McCurry  
Pamela Lynne McGhee  
Rachel Kay Miller  
Sunni Cook Millican  
Jessie Mullis  
Angela Garrett Murphy  
Seandee Dan-Yel Myers  
Caitlin Elizabeth Nash  
Sara O'Banion  
Anna O'Mary  
Jessica Kathryn Outz  
Shelly Thornton Parker  
Lori Ann Pierson  
Lauren Lee Plair  
Chelsey Potts  
Davonni Elisabeth Taynay Pugh

Brandyn Michelle Ray  
Kristina C. Robinson  
Kailey Elizabeth Scarbrough  
Courtney Lynn Simmons  
Courtney Elizabeth Skaggs  
Jessica Pace Smith  
Jonicia M. Posey Thurston  
Morgan Wagy  
Jennifer Echols Walker  
Danielle S. Watton  
Hannah Kate Weaver  
Amber Rae Williams  
Adam Randall Winkler  
Shannon Wood  
Monica Anne Wright  
Monica Young

**Instructional Technology, Media, and Design**

William Matthew Alford  
Ingrid Blum  
Adrienne Renae Bowen  
Aaron Neal Bright  
Shawna Patrice Buggs  
Jessica Selene Carlson  
Sara E. Cleveland  
Teresa Monique Cobble  
Alice Vickers Cunningham  
Betty Annette Eason  
Kathleen Wheeler Eason  
William Bryant Flowers  
Donna Frazier  
Justin Douglas Frisbey  
Autumn LeeAnn Gibson  
Margaret Wheeler Gilbert  
Sarah Lonel Griffis  
Pamela Henderson  
Benjamin Joseph Hofmann  
Rebecca Ann Hornbuckle  
Garret Arthur Hurlbert  
Jericka Katiana Jackson  
Sarah Louise James  
Paul Hunter Johnson  
Angela Killimett  
Julie Storch Kondracki

Giselle Goncalves Kurth  
Jordan Lasko Bagwell  
Dawn Dee Lawson  
Francina Lee  
Kristin J. Lincoln  
Anisa Joi Lucas  
Amy Lytle  
Holly Maddox  
Tammy Sue Marr  
Gary Thomas Mintier  
Kimberly Elaine Mitchell  
Laticia Alison Montaño  
Lindsey Kay Monteon  
Melanie Paige Murphy  
Tina Rebecca Peardon  
Kelsie Nicole Peters  
Jeffrey Adam Pittman  
Haley S. Powell  
Edison Puccio  
Sherry Evette Rawls  
Samantha Brittany Rosemond  
Karyann Rinkiewicz Rourke  
Lindsey Ann Sheets  
Lindsey Baker Silvers  
Sarah Schoeff Smith  
Emily Jean Stallings  
James Robert Stevens  
Jessica Strickland  
Keyonna D. Sturdivant  
Justin Ryan Summey  
Brian Vance  
Jaime Miles Watson  
Helaine Woods  
Shatorya Natasha Wright  
Holly Marie Yates

### **Professional Counseling**

Skyler McKinly Bell  
Anslee Alise Broome  
Abbey Elizabeth Delfosse  
Taylor M. Ingram

Chyna M. Montgomery-Rich  
Mitchell Gordon Scoggins  
Devante Rae Washington

### **Secondary Education**

James T. Baker  
Jasmine Alexis Bright  
Graham Barton Burns  
Jane Reed Powell Christian  
Hannah Loraine Ball Darling  
Brock Addison Gordon  
Jennifer Nicole Grossbohlin  
Joseph Bryant Hand  
Jennilynn Theresa Hawn  
Tina Lawanda Hodge  
Randall Lamar Hooley Jr.  
Angela Bramlett MacDonald  
Jennifer D'Agostino Morrison  
Elizabeth Hallen Plotkin  
Lauren Elaine Russell  
Manisha Sharma  
Ramesh Venukadasula  
Christopher Daniel Washington  
Reginald Scott Williams

### **Special Education**

Richard D. Allen Jr.  
Cynthia Marie Boswell  
Beau Franklin Brummett  
Casey Jo Carlile  
Audrey Mae Williams Carroll  
Carla Sue Chatman  
Jason Colts  
Carrie Cooper  
Danielle Dawn Dezell  
Vivien Ngozi Ezenwa  
Alexis Marie Farley  
Lindsey Williams Feeley  
Amanda Bee Grier  
Laura French Hicks  
Kyle Bradley Hill

Amanda Leigh Hursey  
Allison Brooke Jones  
Vilencia Antionne Leslie  
Ashley Nicole Wilson Manley  
Stacy Milazzo  
Gaurangi Pravinchandra Patel  
Jennifer Duren Patel  
Corinne Ida Porté  
Amber Lee Powell  
Ashley Marie Roark  
Robbin Robinson  
Merri-Elizabeth Scott  
Audra Holcomb Slothower Whitley  
Jennifer Renee Thomas  
April Gibson Turgeon  
Jessica Lane Turner  
Bonnie Danielle Ware  
Kelly Brooksher Watkins  
Olivia Clark Wilder  
Lauren Short Wood  
Craig Everett Woodall

### **Doctor of Education**

#### **School Improvement**

Alan Stephen Daws  
*Student-Teacher Relationships and their  
Effects: The Capturing Kids' Hearts Program  
in a Middle School Setting*  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Georgia Evans

Elizabeth Dale Hayden  
*Mentoring for Change: Understanding the  
Perspective of Black Male Educational Leaders*  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jean Ferguson Ruffin

Rebecca Guinn Hayes Moon  
*The Art of Transition: The Impact of Principal  
Succession on High School Faculties*  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrew Nixon

## *Richards College of Business*

### **Bachelor of Arts**

#### **International Economic Affairs**

Samantha Pegues

### **Bachelor of Business Administration**

#### **Accounting**

- Natalie M. Brown
- Genna Nicole Corley
- Abigail Juliana Dwyer
- Kevin Michael Gue
- ★Crystal Lynn Handley
- Marco A. Lozano Jr.
- Katrina Lyle
- Veronica B. McCrimmon
- ★Garrett R. Meadows Jr.
- Keidra Annette Sears
- Shannon Jade Tuck
- ★Teylor Demie Wisener
- ★Caytlin Lynn Woodall

#### **Economics**

- ★Melanie L. McCrackin

#### **Finance**

- €Zaria Phyllice Bankston
- Jason Scott Couch Jr.
- Manasseh Alexander Dike
- Mason W. Durden
- Logan Michael Fink
- De'jinae A. Giles
- Bennie Hicks
- Trevor Maxwell Mobley
- ★William Gregory Smith Jr.
- Mason Vann Summerlin
- John Kyle Taylor
- Jayonna LaJuan Thomas-Wright
- Jessie Aracely Trejo
- Caroline E. Vedane

#### **Management**

- Damilolaoluwa Kehinde Akinde
- Jeffrey Dean Asberry II

- ★Garrett R. Bass
- Faith Makenzi Bryant
- #Melissa Kathryn Campbell
- Ariayanna Marie Centeio
- Noah James Chambers
- Chukwuebuka Joseph Chukwudinma
- Susan M. Crawley
- ★Aniyah DiMere Davis
- Mckenzie Alysa Mae Edwards
- Timothy Luke Freeman

- ▲Amy M. Grieb
- Michael Kyle Haney
- ★Hugh Haynes
- Karen Higuera
- Drake Reaves Hutchinson
- Mason Hailey Kendrick

- ★Hunter M. Lewis
- Lesly Menchaca
- Anthony Passard
- ❖Christina Perry-Adams
- Philicia June' Porch
- ❖Charlotte Lori Reddaway
- Elijah Wesely Redick
- Samuel McCall Reynolds

- ★Linda Jean Sinel
- Tucker W. Sweat
- ❖Payton Nicole Twilley
- Ryan Michael Veccio
- ★Parker Kelly Wells
- Bethony Ja'Diamond Wright

#### **Management Information Systems**

- ❖Anjola Oluwa T. Akinde
- Joshua A. Bryan
- Diamond Brianna Cannon
- Matthew Eddie Cordero
- Joseph Tyler Davenport
- Jason Kenneth Fointno
- Joseph R. Green
- Tajh Malik Hill
- Zahria J. Kemp
- Mason Jerome Litt

- Asad Majeed
- LiAnn Elizabeth Marshall
- Taiwo M. Olaofe
- Joshua A. Oluwafemi
- Oluwadamilola Oluwaseun Sanni
- Dillon Edward Shearer
- Kevin Joseph Tran
- Ean Alexander Traylor
- Cassandra Leona Wilmot
- Brittney Nekeshia Woods

#### **Marketing**

- David Thomas Ayton
- Jonathan Robert Bomar
- Kristin Summer Boyd McCurdy
- §Sarah LeAnn Brock
- Malik Joseph Buck
- Omar Espinoza
- Alhadj Tijan Faye
- Breasia Houston
- ▲§Alan Everett Huston
- Thelma Leanne Kirk
- Jonathan Beau Madden
- Mackenzie Ashlyn Mardis
- Tia Marvin
- ◇Abby Katherine Morelock
- Isaiah Witherspoon Neloms
- ★Destini Nichole Nelson
- Keonni Aqualyn Polk
- Rhasheed Odane Reid
- Emily Alana Reynolds
- Isaiah Sydney Scarborough
- ❖Russell Anderson Smith
- ❖Darrien D. Walker
- ★Katherine Elizabeth Wilson
- Taliyah Charisse Woolfork

### **Bachelor of Science**

#### **Economics**

- Zachary Fitzgerald
- Demichael Travon Walker

★ *cum laude*

❖ *magna cum laude*

▲ *summa cum laude*

€ *also Accounting*

# *also Marketing*

§ *also Finance*

◇ *also Management*

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**Master of Business Administration**

Hannah Judith Adams  
Kathryn Frances Aldredge  
Jada Lashay Brimidge  
Melinda Chrun  
Logan Tyler Covington  
Donna Duren  
Camrynn Marlene Ebanks  
Garrett Ross Foster  
Martavious Jermaine Gordon  
Lauren Nicole Granston  
Christopher Hiles

Destiney Shavonte Johnson  
Angele Cinzia Kamga Nguemo Kamdom  
Kyle Tsukasa Kibodeaux  
Bradley Kullmann  
Angela M. Lewis  
Lauren Marie McDaniel  
Malachi Samuel Norris  
Jane-Frances Adanna Okoro  
Chandler Douglas Scott  
Shani Denise Scott  
John Wesley Tanner IV  
Tristan Blaine Thompson  
Matthew Graham Tidmore

Sophie Lillian Torcello  
William Robert Turner  
Lauren Sierra Travis  
Grady Hamilton Walker  
Mark Alexander Wells

**Master of Professional Accounting**

Garrett Ross Foster  
Lauren Marie McDaniel  
Chandler Douglas Scott  
Idrissa Tankari  
Mark Alexander Wells

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*School of Communication, Film, and Media***Bachelor of Science****Film and Video Production**

Amber Nicole Cochran  
Richard Shah III

**Mass Communications**

Ansley Nicole Butler  
★ Jasmine N. Campbell  
Dexter Demond Carter Jr.  
Jordan Angelle Creech

Kinadi Jeanette Dill  
Nijoel Niklaus Greene  
Quandreaz Lavonte Hall  
Justin Jeremy Hayes  
★ Kayla Marie Henderson  
Miles Jaden Henry  
Portia Lenae Henson  
Hayden McCoy Jones  
Kaylee Nicole Meade  
Kevin A. Mras

★ Evangelina Perez  
Jalen T. Sorrells  
Jayda Morgan Spradlin  
Kaira Michelle Thaxton  
Kelsey Anne Topper  
Myckyla Terrellique Lizzie Walker  
★ Sydney Paige Ward  
Samari Genae Williams

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*Tanner Health System School of Nursing***Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

★ Aliah Danielle Gilbert  
Dana Belcher Ridley  
Kendra Fraser Zarea

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*University College*

**Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies**

Shelby Brianne Doyal  
Dante Franklin Jr.  
Christian Rashawn Lee  
★Tennessee Marie Mena  
Kali Elizabeth Thomas

**Bachelor of Science**

**Criminology**

Olivia Louise Bacher  
Melissa Monika Blackmore Wigley  
Logan Tucker Blevins  
Nadia B. Bryant  
Tamia Michelle Bryant  
Peyton Alexis Cordell  
Kendall Lamarr Dandridge  
Amber Voncile Ducksworth  
▲Taylor Benjamin Force  
Riley Mae Humphreys  
❖Nylah Simone Jackson

Shauntiara Shilvon Johnson  
Samuel Jones

▲Mitchell D. Kelley  
Rebekkah Noel Leong  
★Jordan Kelsey Lyle  
Alexis Mendoza Moore  
❖Iyannah Pierre  
Hannah Michaela Puckett  
★Jake Everett Seger  
Daniel Alexander Vargas Jr.

**Organizational Leadership**

Briana Chanel Banks  
John Campbell Barb  
Vivienne Yolanda Francis  
Micah-Miyon ReMandi Glover  
Allison Elaine Roberson  
Jeffrey Wade Snyder  
Thomas Jacob Cabatit Thompson

**Political Science**

★Andrea Escamillo  
Mihai Levi Marian

Sean Michael Moore  
Sydney Marie Murr  
Adam Thanhlong Nguyen  
Robert Keith Seacrist II

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**Master of Arts**

**Criminology**

Tia Jenae' Verrett

**Master of Public Administration**

Emily Marcotte  
Darius DeVonte' Maynard  
Jasmine Nicole Partridge  
Tiffany M. Phillips  
Zahnay E. Smoak  
Adam Hunter Tomblin  
Hannah Leigh Watson

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## *Honors College Graduates*

The Honors College curriculum is the most academically rigorous curriculum offered at this university. To graduate with Honors College distinction, students must: (1) complete all of the requirements for their degrees in their majors; (2) earn credit for 25% or more of their course work in Honors College courses, including at least two seminars at the junior or senior level; (3) complete a research project; and (4) maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 in Honors College courses and in all other academic work. Completion of this distinctive curriculum is a mark of scholarly excellence and is recognized on all official University of West Georgia transcripts and diplomas.

Amanda Nicole Clay  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*

Alan Huston  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in  
Marketing and Finance*

Kari Elizabeth Wood  
*Bachelor of Arts in English*

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## *International Graduates*

Ninikachi Juanita Anukwu  
*Nigeria*  
*College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry*

Samuel Oluwaseun Ifedayo  
*Nigeria*  
*College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry*

Idrissa Tankari  
*Niger*  
*Richards College of Business*

Melinda Chrun  
*France*  
*Richards College of Business*

Jane-Frances Adanna Okoro  
*Nigeria*  
*Richards College of Business*

Sophie Lillian Torcello  
*Australia*  
*Richards College of Business*

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## *Honorary Degrees*

University System of Georgia senior institutions are allowed to recommend to the Board of Regents honorary degree recipients for each academic year. UWG's basic criteria for an honorary degree recipient are notable achievements in an academic field, the arts and letters, the professions, or public service. Nominations are solicited from the college community and are reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee, which makes nominations to the president. The president then submits a candidate's name to the University System staff for final consideration by the Board of Regents. The chancellor then makes a recommendation to the Board of Regents.

UWG began awarding the Doctor of Humane Letters in 1996, and recipients of this honor include:

Roy Richards Jr., 1996  
Dr. Julian Stanley, 1997  
Howard "Bo" Callaway, 1998  
Millard Dean Fuller, 1999  
Dr. Nikki Giovanni, 2000  
Dr. Richard Neal Zare, 2001  
Alice H. Richards, 2002

Dan T. Cathy, 2004  
Richard H. Glanton, 2005  
Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, 2006  
Dr. J. Willis Hurst, 2009  
Robert J. Stone, 2012  
A. Paul Cadenhead, 2012  
Phillip E. Kauffman, 2013

Stephan Lyall Penley, 2014  
Melissa P. "Missy" Dugan, 2016  
Steve R. Adams, 2017  
Nellie Duke, 2018  
Laura Richards, 2018

## Welcome from the Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of West Georgia, and welcome to the Alumni Association! You have joined a distinguished group of people who have graduated from or attended UWG. We represent a group with a variety of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, vocations, ages, and opinions, but one thing we resoundingly share is our dedication to the University of West Georgia.

Every graduate of the University of West Georgia is a member of the UWG Alumni Association. We strive to keep you connected to your alma mater long after you graduate and support you along your journey through life and your career. You belong at UWG as a student and as a graduate. We invite you to engage with the Alumni Association through **joining an alumni network** in your area, **attending events** on campus or virtually, **following us** on social media, and **keeping in touch** with us. Remain an active member of the UWG community as you **participate in UWG traditions** like Homecoming and A Day, UWG's annual day of giving.

You'll also have opportunities to invest in UWG as you **volunteer your time** to speak to a class, **mentor a student**, and **make career connections**. You can show your UWG pride as you celebrate UWG with your networks and on social media or cheer on the Wolves at an athletic event. Your opportunities to continue your connection to UWG are almost endless.

We will reach out to you soon. **You can also join our online community at [westga.edu/alumni](http://westga.edu/alumni)** to connect with other alumni and keep up-to-date with the latest alumni and university news. We look forward to your involvement with your Alumni Association and to seeing you again soon!

~Mr. Brad Mock '12 '15  
Chair of Alumni Association  
Board of Directors



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## *Leadership*

### *University System of Georgia*

#### *Board of Regents*

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C. Everett Kennedy III  
Sarah-Elizabeth Langford  
Lowery Houston May  
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Neil L. Pruitt Jr.  
T. Dallas Smith  
Jim Syfan

### *University of West Georgia Leadership*

Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, *President*  
Dr. Jon Preston, *Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
Dr. Meredith N. Brunen, *Vice President for University Advancement and CEO of University Foundations*  
Annemarie Eades, *Vice President for Administrative Services and Chief Operating Officer*  
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Kimberly Scranage, *Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management*

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Dr. Mike Dishman, *Dean of the College of Education*  
Dr. Janet Donohoe, *Dean of the Honors College*  
Dr. Pauline Gagnon, *Dean of the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry*  
Dr. Christopher Johnson, *Dean of the Richards College of Business*  
Dr. Karen Owen, *Interim Dean of University College*  
Dr. Jenny Schuessler, *Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing*  
Andrea Stanfield, *Dean of Libraries*  
Dr. Matt Varga, *Interim Dean of the Graduate School*  
Dr. Brad Yates, *Dean of the School of Communication, Film, and Media*

### *University of West Georgia Foundation*

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# *Traditions of Commencement*

## *Academic Regalia*

The academic regalia worn by today's participants dates back to the Middle Ages. The clergy were the literate class, so early academic costumes were clerical. The monk's habit and cowl worn over the head were predecessors of the modern black gowns. Hoods and capes were also necessary during European winters because the buildings where scholars lived and studied were cold.

Over time, gown styles became standardized for the three types of degrees. Those holding the bachelor's degree wear a gown distinguished by long, pointed sleeves. Master's degree candidates wear the traditional black gown with full-length square sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The greatest symbolism is shown by the hood. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a three-inch band of velvet. The master's hood is three-and-one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch band of velvet. The doctor's hood is four feet long, faced with a five-inch band of velvet. The color of the velvet band on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted, and the hood is lined with the color of the university granting the degree.

## *The Mace*

During the Middle Ages, the mace was a weapon used in battle, but as newer and more powerful military arms developed, it was adopted by academia as a symbol of the power of ideas, truth, and wisdom. In modern times, the mace is carried to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace is constructed of cherrywood, black walnut, hand-turned walnut, and walnut burl. The institution's seal adorns the head of the mace and complements the presidential medallion.

## *About the University of West Georgia*

The University of West Georgia has been a beacon for learning since 1906. Originally founded as an agricultural and mechanical school, the institution became a two-year college and charter member of the University System of Georgia in 1933. In 1957, it expanded to a four-year institution and received university status in 1996. Today, UWG is a leading residential, doctoral comprehensive university that offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum based on a liberal arts foundation.

At UWG, students are positioned to launch their careers upon graduation – if not before. In 2021, UWG began implementing its strategic plan for 2021-26, titled “Becoming UWG.” With members of the university community dedicating themselves to the curation of a first-choice university, the plan establishes a path for the institution’s long-term growth and excellence.

With an enrollment of 12,718 during the fall 2021 semester, UWG currently offers 97 programs of study, including one two-year degree, 43 at the bachelor’s degree level, 24 at the master’s level, six at the specialist level, five at the doctoral level, and 12 post-baccalaureate, four undergraduate, and two post-master’s certificates. The university prides itself on a diverse student body, as students come from most counties in Georgia as well as from 32 other states and 63 other countries.

UWG has many ways for students to become involved on campus. The university hosts more than 170 registered organizations in addition to many intramural and recreational sports. As the UWG Wolves, the university is a member of NCAA Division II, competing in the Gulf South Conference. The university fields eight women’s and five men’s intercollegiate athletics teams, as well as co-ed and all-female cheerleading squads. Service-learning is also a basic tenet of the institution as it has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for its institutional commitment to community engagement through teaching, research, and public service.

Over the past five years, the campus has improved and expanded facilities that enhance opportunities for students to thrive and succeed, such as renovation to the Biology Building and new construction for the Student Health Center and Roy Richards Sr. Hall, the new home of the Richards College of Business. The university is currently renovating the Humanities Building, home to programs in art, English, film, history, language, performing arts, and philosophy. UWG Newnan has also expanded its location at the former Newnan hospital, and more course options are becoming available at UWG Douglasville.

**Visit [westga.edu](https://westga.edu) for further information on the university or call 678-839-4000 to schedule a tour.**



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Welcome to Commencement at the University of West Georgia! An academic commencement is unlike any other ceremony. The importance of the occasion is underscored by the use of symbols and traditions which have their origins in the medieval academies. The academic dress, the mace, many of the words we use, and even the diplomas themselves derive from a long and distinguished academic history.

We hope you will take time to look through this program. In it, you will find explanations of some of the customs and symbols you will witness today. We hope your understanding of these academic traditions will add to your enjoyment of the commencement ceremony.

We are happy to have you with us today as we celebrate the achievements of our graduates. Welcome!