



NEWS FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL



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This special edition of *News from the Graduate School* is dedicated to CSU's Class of 2022 graduates. We asked them to send us a picture and a statement telling how their graduate studies at CSU have helped them to continue "Creating You" and how they will use this in their future career endeavors. Following are the ones we received.



Thursday, December 8, 2022



Friday, December 9, 2022

College of the Arts
10 a.m.—Lumpkin Center

D. Abbot Turner
College of Business
10 a.m.—Lumpkin Center

College of Letters & Sciences
1 p.m.—Lumpkin Center

College of Education &
Health Professions
4 p.m.—Lumpkin Center

"You are graduating, but don't think the school of life is over. The school of life is just beginning. Keep learning!"

Catherine Pulsifer



Doctor of Education



Ginette E. Bartlett
Ed.D Curriculum & Leadership

The doctoral program in educational leadership stretched my knowledge base while serving as a means to apply deeper level skills from learning to high-level organizational analytics.



Detrenyona Chester
Ed.D Curriculum & Leadership

The graduate studies program helped me to achieve my long term goal of obtaining a Doctor of Education Degree. This would not have been possible without the support of the awesome faculty members like Dr. Acharya Parul, Dr. Jennifer Lovelace, and Dr. John McElveen.



Vicki Thrailkill Pheil
Ed.D Curriculum & Leadership

Completing my Ed.D. degree at CSU will allow me to continue to work with educators in West Central Georgia. Dr. Greer was instrumental in completing this degree and I could not have done it without her. Her exemplary guidance and professionalism serve as a model for exceptional leadership and mentorship by graduate faculty.



Doctor of Education



Amy Sandy
Ed.D Curriculum & Leadership

Completing this program has provided me the knowledge, skills, and motivation needed to confidently complete much needed research in higher education. I hope to use my dissertation research as a springboard to establish a viable research agenda. I am also confident that the completion of the Ed.D. program at CSU will unlock exciting new professional opportunities.



Tracy Mitchell & Jennifer Hayes
Ed.D Curriculum & Leadership

Our experience at CSU has been a team effort from day one! We decided to earn this degree together and completed our final defenses only days apart. We are grateful for our journey and will use our roles as newly minted Doctors of Education to improve academic advising in higher education.

**DOCTOR OF
EDUCATION**
mission
ACCOMPLISHED



Master of Education



Hannah Mishkoff

M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching

Completing this degree has allowed me to continue reaching my full potential as an Early Childhood Educator. I have been able to relate my classwork to my own classroom and better support my students and their learning. Through each class, my perspective has changed and I am a better teacher because of it.



Kristi Rehrauer

M.Ed. Educational Leadership-Higher Ed. Admin.

I have always wished to obtain my Masters degree, but life continued to get in the way. Now, 23 years after graduating with my Bachelors degree, my dream finally became reality through the M.Ed program at CSU. CSU helped me gain the knowledge and the skills which I will need to continue my career working in higher education and I am forever grateful.



Master of Arts in Teaching



Kenisha Huff

MAT Special Education

My graduate studies at CSU have helped me to create myself by challenging my thoughts; helping me become inspired by others; and exposing me to like-minded individuals who acknowledge the challenges in Education, but remain passionate nonetheless.



Master of Science in Nursing



Nashia McCoy
MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner

Graduate studies allowed me to identify best practice standards according to evidence-based studies in order to meet optimal patient outcomes in clinical practice. I look forward to utilizing the tools and knowledge from the MSN-FNP program in my future career endeavors.



William Patterson
MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner

This program has helped grow in my career and I will use the knowledge I've gained to help people.



Antoinette Truitt-Flowers
MSN, Nursing Leadership

Completing my graduate studies at CSU has helped me advance my nursing leadership skills and knowledge to lead others. I plan to utilize my degree being an educator, leader, and motivator for other nurses and nursing students in healthcare.



Nicole R. Wesig
MSN, Nursing Leadership

I am currently researching Nurse Educator positions at the collegiate level as this is the population I would like to teach.



Master of Science



Vamsi Krishna Bhagavathula **MS Applied Computer Science**

CSU has given me challenges in courses to learn. Professors are so kind and clear every doubt we get. CSU has evolved me greatly personally and professionally.



Himabindu Rangineni **MS Applied Computer Science**

I'm glad that I'm graduating from the prestigious Columbus State University with a Masters degree in Applied Computer Science with an emphasis in Software Development., which made me feel very comfortable during my transition journey from India to USA. CSU helped me to create myself as the way I wanted. Thank you...



Victoria Buchanan **MS, Organizational Leadership**

My program has helped me create myself by allowing me the information and knowledge to succeed at my now full-time position in higher education through the office of Student Life and Development as the Orientation Coordinator.



Master of Science



Jill Carroll **MS, Organizational Leadership**

Through my graduate studies at CSU, I have learned about organizational leadership and, more specifically, the traits of a servant leader. A highlight of my degree program was publishing my research paper on the effect of servant leadership on team performance. This experience took the "Create You" focus to a new level for me, and I'm grateful for this opportunity.



Jo Ann Taylor **MS, Organizational Leadership**

CSU has taught me industry-leading methodologies, new tools to use in diverse environments, and spearheading organizational effectiveness. While I focus on business growth in real estate, I am also passionate about creating high-performing teams and an inclusive culture. I plan to interweave my IT experience into leading teams that pave the way for other women to succeed in the housing industry and use my skills as a global thought leader to accelerate progress while fostering positive relationships.



Gwendolyn Porter-Rivera **MS, Organizational Leadership**

CSU College of Business has been a place where the professors focus on the students and challenges us to learn techniques that we can use in work as well as everyday life. Although my journey has been challenging, I appreciate that every professor has been willing to help in any way that I needed. And if they could not help, they would find someone who could. My ultimate goal is to be an instructor in secondary education. Thank you CSU.



Master of Public Administration



Jason S. Jones
MPA

This course has given me leadership skills and knowledge that has already been put into place at my current agency and will help me continue to grow into a servant leader.



Amy Martin
MPA

My MPA studies have helped me grow both personally and professionally. I work full time and have two children and I didn't think my Masters degree was possible. The online program allowed me to continue my work, be there for my



Demetrius McBride
MPA

The Government Track in the MPA program here at CSU has primed me for a leadership role within the public and nonprofit sectors. I was adequately challenged and corrected to transfer the skills that I have acquired to the workforce.



Master of Public Administration



Tabitha Rambert
MPA

Graduate studies at CSU aspired me to continuously push through. Pressing towards the mark was challenging, but I kept my eyes on the bigger picture while motivating myself daily with Godly scriptures. I can proudly hold my MPA degree because CSU graduate studies has helped create a better me.





Happy Holidays From the Graduate School Team!



RE M I N D E R

*First day of class for Jan-Term: **January 3***

*First day of class for regular Spring term: **January 18***