One Hundred Twentieth Commencement



Celebrating Over Sixty Years of Academic Excellence

December 12, 2020 College of the Arts and D. Abbott Turner College of Business Ceremony

Today's Ceremony

elcome to Columbus State University's fall semester commencement. While today's celebration varies greatly from our traditional graduation recognition ceremony, it nonetheless diminishes the special achievement and recognition our graduates deserve. We celebrate each of you and your efforts, which have been supported by your family and friends, your classmates, and CSU's faculty and staff.

Three different ceremonies today will celebrate this milestone in your academic journey. Due to the unusual circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, each ceremony will also include our spring and summer semester graduates, whose ceremonies were thwarted by the current public health situation.

Today's ceremony does present some specific requirements to preserve the health and safety of everyone present, as well as the decorum such an academic ceremony deserves. Those include:

- adhering to the directions provided by parking attendants, public safety officers and others who are responsible for the safety of everyone and their vehicles.
- remaining in your vehicle for the entire ceremony. The only
 exception should be if the need for a restroom arises, in which
 case restrooms are located in the Ice Rink and by the staging
 parking lot. Staff can help direct you.
- refraining from playing loud music before, during and upon exiting the ceremony.
- turning off your vehicle's ignition to reduce noise and emissions (and to preserve your battery life) once you are parked.
- wearing a face covering anytime you find yourself interacting with someone else during the ceremony. This includes graduates at the time they are receiving their diploma tube.

Adapting our ceremony to today's drive-in format will require us to rely on some pre-recordings of traditional ceremony programming. It also requires us to abbreviate the program itself by eliminating some time-honored performances and remarks. Our Commencement Ceremony Planning Committee has worked to make today's event a memorable one considering these limitations, and we appreciate your understanding.

On behalf of the entire administration, faculty, staff and alumni of Columbus State University, congratulations to each of our graduates, and thanks to everyone present today who helped make their special day possible.

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A corresponding live-stream of today's ceremony and an electronic copy of today's printed program are available at graduation.columbusstate.edu. A recording of today's ceremony will be available on our website in the near future.

CSU's History is Intertwined with the city of Columbus

hortly after World War II ended, the Columbus economy was booming and city officials set up several committees to plan for their community's future. As early as the 1940s, community leaders identified a college in Columbus as a priority. They began collecting money, looking for a site, and lobbying the state for their own college.

As the 1950s dawned, about 180 residents donated more than \$92,000 to help the Muscogee County School Board buy a hilly 157-acre dairy farm on the east edge of Columbus for what eventually would become Columbus State University's main campus.

Columbus residents also approved two bond issues to support then-Columbus College's creation, but many obstacles still had to be overcome, including the route of what would become Interstate 185. That's how the renovated Shannon Hosiery Mill on Talbotton Road became the college's temporary home when it first opened on Sept. 22, 1958. Nearly 300 students registered under the care of 15 faculty members and six administrators. This included the college's first president, Thomas Y. Whitley, who formerly was a special assistant working for the Regents System. Tuition and fees for the quarter were \$39.

From those humble beginnings, great things happened. The college moved to its permanent site in 1963 and became a four-year institution just two years later. Programs continued to grow and expand under President Whitley, who retired in 1979. President Francis Brooke then began his tenure and brought to the university a masterplan and a new collegiate structure.

After Dr. Brooke left in 1987, Frank Brown became CSU's third president. Even more growth followed and Dr. Brown saw many new buildings constructed on campus, including the school's signature clock tower, which was finished in 1991 and named after Dr. Whitley. Five years later, in 1996, the college was designated as a university and became Columbus State University. Before Dr. Brown retired in 2008, he helped guide the development of a downtown campus called CSU RiverPark and completed a \$100 million fundraising campaign that included the purchase of the university's own house in Oxford, England.

Timothy S. Mescon became Columbus State University's fourth president in August 2008. A former business dean at Kennessaw State University, Dr. Mescon guided the university through historic budget cuts while also pushing for higher academic standards. He ushered in several new graduate programs, including the university's first doctoral degree, and was president when Columbus State was named for the first time by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 50 comprehensive public universities in the South. He strengthened the university's relationship with Fort Benning, expanded CSU's online degree offerings, added NCAA and club sports, and helped develop an Honors College on campus. He retired at the end of 2014.

Dr. Chris L. Markwood became Columbus State University's fifth president in June 2015, coming to Georgia from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, where he served as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Christopher L. Markwood President, Columbus State University

olumbus State University welcomed its fifth president, Dr. Christopher L. Markwood, to his current role on June 1, 2015. Since then, he and his family have been active participants



in the university and the greater Columbus communities. That involvement has helped spur one of his first priorities that has guided his presidency ever since: instituting an even greater sense of "communiversity" between CSU and its host community.

During his tenure, Columbus State has established itself as a leader in providing transformational learning experiences and producing graduates who are creative problem-solvers and high-impact leaders. This philosophy is a tenet of both his vision of CSU being one of the South's most creative and impactful regional universities and its current five-year strategic plan.

Through his leadership, CSU has broadened its creativity, innovation and efficiency in its academic, operational and outreach efforts. This includes an intentional focus on servant leadership and engagement at all levels and within all university functions. This has resulted in new workforce development-focused degree programs, record enrollment, and increased standings in many national educational ranking programs.

His quarter-century in higher education has included a variety of academic responsibilities. Notably, these include appointments as the inaugural dean of the University of Central Oklahoma's College of Arts, Media & Design; interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Superior; and provost and vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

A political scientist by academic training, Dr. Markwood holds three degrees in the field: a bachelor's from Southwest Baptist University, and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He authored and edited "Oklahoma Government and Politics – an Introduction," and has written numerous articles and made presentations nationally on political science and continuous improvement in higher education.

Georgia Trend Magazine has four times named Dr. Markwood as one of its 100 most influential Georgians. He currently serves as an executive committee member of the Peach Belt Conference, and previously served on the Georgia Council on Economic Education's Board of Trustees and the University System of Georgia's Comprehensive Administrative Review Steering Committee.

Closer to home, Dr. Markwood and his wife Bridget are longtime Rotarians and current members of the Columbus Rotary Club. They are the parents of a junior high-aged daughter, Reagan.

Commencement Stage Party

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Chris Markwood President

Deborah Bordelon

Provost and Executive Vice President

Pat McHenry Interim Dean, College of the Arts

Linda U. Hadley Dean, D. Abbott Turner College of Business

Deirdre Greer

Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

Annie Yarber-Allen Dean, College of Letters and Sciences

> Cindy Ticknor Dean, Honors College

> > Stephanie Speer Registrar

Brenda May Ito
Professor, College of the Arts / College of Business Faculty Marshal

Ellen Martin Professor, College of Education and Health Professions Faculty Marshal

Kimberly Shaw Professor/UTeach Science Co-Director, College of Letters and Sciences Faculty Marshal

Marlene De Bode and Marc Olivié

Honorary Degree Recipients

College of the Arts D. Abbott Turner College of Business Order of the Ceremony

Procession of Platform Party

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Pomp and Circumstance March

Presentation of the Colors

CSU ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner

Schwob School of Music

Opening

Pat McHenry, Interim Dean, College of the Arts

Welcome

Linda Hadley, Dean, Turner College of Business

Introductory Remarks

Chris Markwood, President

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Chris Markwood Marleen De Bode and Marc Olivié

Introduction of Musical Interlude

Pat McHenry

Presentation of the Graduating Class

Deborah Bordelon, Provost and Executive Vice President

Conferring of Degrees

Chris Markwood

CSU Alma Mater

Schwob School of Music

Closing

Chris Markwood

Guests are asked to remain in place until all the graduates' names have been called. Guests will be directed to exit. $\frac{1}{2}$

Marleen De Bode and Marc Olivié Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters

Antwerp, Belgium. They met at the University of Antwerp where they earned their master's degrees in business and



economics. They have lived and worked in Europe, the Middle East, Australia and several cities in the United States.

Both started in the business sector after graduation but only Marc pursued this for the rest of his career, attaining leadership positions in the U.S. and in Europe with companies that include McKinsey & Company, Sara Lee Corporation, Armstrong, and American Standard.

After seven years at Bank of America, Marleen left to teach and then to pursue a more arts-oriented passion. She obtained a degree in interior design in London and focused on the integration of art in architecture, primarily in the U.S. Marleen led marketing, education and development at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp, while Marc was president and CEO of Agfa-Gevaert. In 2008, Marc accepted the position of president and CEO at the W.C. Bradley Co. and they moved from Belgium to Columbus to embark on a new adventure.

While Marc worked in the Bradley Company, Marleen very quickly got engaged locally in what are passions for both of them: education and the arts. As collectors of mostly contemporary art, Marleen got involved in the CSU Department of Art, serving as the chair for Friends of Art, and the Columbus Museum where she joined the board and served two years as president. In 2013, Gov. Nathan Deal appointed her to the Georgia Council for the Arts, where she served for seven years.

Marleen was instrumental in creating the "Funding Future Artists" scholarship at CSU, as well as supporting the yearly "ArtBeat" festivities, which resulted in the permanent installation of several artworks in Uptown. They encouraged the Columbus Museum to broaden its contemporary art holdings and donated multiple works from their collection to the museum. They commissioned art installations on the Riverwalk, in Mathews D. Swift Park and in CSU's Frank Brown Hall.

Beyond his role leading W.C. Bradley Co., Marc served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Columbus State University Foundation and Historic Columbus. Marleen and Marc have four adult children and two grandchildren. Marc is retiring from W.C. Bradley Co. at the end of 2020, and Marleen and Marc will move their full-time residence to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they are involved in the art world. Marleen is chair of SITE Santa Fe and Marc is a board member of Radius Books. They will spend more time with their grandchildren, as well as maintain a connection with Columbus as Marc remains on the board of the W.C. Bradley Co. and one of their daughters lives in Columbus with her husband.

Music For The Ceremony

Music for the ceremony is provided by students from the Joyce and Henry Schwob School of Music, College of the Arts, Columbus State University. The music was previously recorded for the ceremony.

Columbus State University Brass Quintet

Dr. Robert Murray, Coach and Musical Director

Preparation of the CSU Vocalists by:

Dr. Ianthe Marini, Director of Choral Activities and The Paul S. and Jean R. Amos Distinguished Chair for Choral Activities

Columbus State University

Pianist: Cristina Loscutova Vocalists:Mary Lee Turner and Brenda Hamilton

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

National Anthem: The Star-Spangled Banner

Performed by Mary Lee Turner

CSU Alma Mater

Performed by Mary Lee Turner

Musical Interlude

For Good, from the musical Wicked Music by Stephen Schwartz

GRADUATE DEGREES

College of the Arts

Master of Arts in Teaching

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Alexandra Di'Aja Countryman	Art Education	Spring
Master of Ma	ısic	
Carlos Arturo Bedoya		Spring
Dylan Lee Boyd		Spring
Julian Anthony Chalon		Spring
Jonnathan Clark		Spring
Reginald Lorenzo Corbie		Spring
Reisa Fukuda	,	Spring
Taylor Pierce Hudock	,	Summer
Emma Katharine Jones		Spring
Natalya Klenovskaya		Spring
Qifeng Li		Fall
Weilu Liu		Spring
Cristina Loscutova		Spring
Jonathan William Simmons		Spring
Fred Springer		Spring
Corinne Elizabeth Veale		Spring
Brian Thomas Walker		Spring
Addison Kathryn Walton		Spring
Brittany Ann White		Spring
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Master of Educ		
Lori Ann Ardis		Summer
Lindsey Camille Batts		Fall
Christopher Jared Harbour		Summer
Abigail Capri Harris		Summer
Laszlo C. Olah Jr		Summer
Jennifer Lynne Purvis		Summer
Lilliangina Quinones		Summer
Brittany Christine Shepard		Fall
Ariel M. Simmons		Summer
Joshua Stephen Sinyard		Summer
Michael Tarver		Summer
Brett Warren Taylor	Theatre Education	Spring
Certificate		
Terry Leon Andrews Jr	Artist Diploma	Spring
Meng Dai		Summer
Jorge Andres Diez		Spring
Kirk-Jearvin Gumarin Habana		Spring
Kellie Taylor Henry		Spring
Hsin-Tzu Hsu		Spring
Carlos Ochoa Jimenez		Spring
Masamitsu Ohtake		Summer
Jung Hae Pak		Spring
Leonardo Arturo Quintero		Spring
Steven James Vought		Spring
Steven sumes vought		Spring

Turner College of Business

Master of Business Administration

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Kimberly Ann Bradley Business Administration	Spring
Ashley Moran Brown Business Administration	Summer
Jason Ricky Burdette Business Administration	Summer
Omar Kevin Castillo Onate Business Administration	Fall
Tanisha Lanea Daniel Business Administration	Spring
Naitzabeth C. Diaz Ayala Business Administration	Spring
William Austin Edwards Business Administration	Spring
Taylor Everett Elston Business Administration	Summer
Morgan Edjaneik Gardner Business Administration	Summer
Exaviar D. Godsey Business Administration	Fall
Sandy Jenell Gore Business Administration	Spring
Taylor Allene Greathouse Business Administration	Spring
Candace Denise Hill Business Administration	Spring
Casandra V. James	Summer
DeAnna Flores Jimenez	Spring
James Edward McGriff III Business Administration	Spring
James Thomas MillerBusiness Administration	Spring
Timothy Duane MurphyBusiness Administration	Summer
	Summer Fall
John Michael Noblitt	
Steven Manuel O'Neill Santiago Business Administration	Fall
Logan Dean Robinson	Summer
Thiago Henrique Rodrigues da Silva Business Administration	Summer
Christopher Lance Spears Business Administration	Spring
Laparis Denise Starling Business Administration	Spring
Tamu M. TaylorBusiness Administration	Spring
Deidre Denice TilleyBusiness Administration	Spring
Maria Camila Tobar Bejarano Business Administration	Summer
Alexis Nicole Williams Business Administration	Summer
Andrew Steven Wood Business Administration	Summer
Master of Science	
Abdelrahman Arafat Abdelgawad Applied Computer Science	Fall
Samuel Melaku Abegaz Organizational Leadership	Fall
Achenyo Vera Agbomofuegbe Organizational Leadership	Spring
Dillon Michael Aiken Organizational Leadership	Summer Fall
Vernon Demond Andrews Cybersecurity Management	
Geoffery Edward Bacon Organizational Leadership	Summer
Lucas Cody Bandy Organizational Leadership	Summer
Zachary Alan Barnes Organizational Leadership	Summer
Geurin Thomas Barrows Organizational Leadership	Summer
Ashley A. Becker Organizational Leadership	Spring
Ehab Hekal Bedir Cybersecurity Management	Summer
Thomas Lee Bowe Organizational Leadership	Summer
Christopher A. Bryan Applied Computer Science	Spring
Gregory William Bryant Cybersecurity Management	Spring
Janet Clark Burden Organizational Leadership	Spring
ZeNya Yanyce Butler Cybersecurity Management	Fall
Peter David Conrardy Organizational Leadership	Spring

Turner College of Business

Vineela Padma Dasari	Annlied Computer Science	Spring
Ryan Andrew Deiker		Fall
Avinash Dokku		Spring
Jill Elizabeth Eliceiri		Spring
Helaman Paul Fepuleai		Spring
Armando Fernandez		Fall
Alan Gracia		Fall
Kenneth Lamon Gray II		Summer
Joseph Clark Gregg		Summer
Liam Daniels Harris		Spring
Charles Elbert Hill		Spring
Charles Hobbs III		Fall
Derron Antoinne Hopkins		Fall
Lauralin Innis		Fall
Kenneth Lawrence Justice Sr		Fall
Keith Wayne Kaplan		Spring
Joseph Khalil	. Applied Computer Science	Spring
Joshua Wade MacKenzie		Spring
Manasa Mamidi	. Applied Computer Science	Spring
Jonathan James McNeal		Summer
Christian Alexis Mendez	Organizational Leadership	Fall
Ahmed Ibrahim Elsayed Mostafa	. Applied Computer Science	Spring
Rodrigo Rafael Obando	. Applied Computer Science	Spring
Sean F. Paradise	Organizational Leadership	Fall
Luciana C. Parker	Organizational Leadership	Fall
Andrew Bohdan Pokora	Cybersecurity Management	Spring
Vinay Raghuramulu		Fall
William Joseph Ray		Summer
Michael Kenneth Robinson		Spring
Baruch Roche II		Spring
Roderick Keith Sellers III		Fall
David Daniel Skrzypiec		Summer
Tyler W. Sowell		Spring
Jonathan Daniel Spencer		Fall
Andrew Wayne Stoafer		Spring
Jonathan Brian Szalonek		Summer
Andrew Joseph Toaddy		Summer
Matthew Hunter Webster		Fall
Steve Winkler		Summer
Midhun Kumar Yejju		Spring
Tor Zaleski	Cybersecurity Management	Spring
Certi	ficate	
Andrew Pokora	nformation Security Officer	Spring
Tor Zaleski	nformation Security Officer	Spring

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

College of the Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Safiyyah Amirah Abdullah	Communication Sr	oring
Matei Adrian Avram ¹		ring
Laura Leigh Barnes		Fall
Mielan Cheree' Barnes 3		ruu oring
Kelsey Kristine Basham	-	ring
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Lar'Kara Nia'Kim Betha		ımer
Savanna Louise Bingham		oring Fall
Leslie Abigail Bradshaw		
Antonio Michael Bryant ³		Fall
Andrew Robert Bullard		oring
Brantley Reagan Bunn		ring
Dache Tyson Burt Jr		Fall
Sonnie Lee Canoy		Fall
J'Taiya Alyssa Carr ²		Fall
Kaihla A'lena Carter	*	ring
Diandra Cruz		Fall
Mia A. Dilmar		ımer
Conner M. Douthit ¹		oring
Victoria Marie Evans-Cash		oring
Rachel Elizabeth Fricks		Fall
Caitlyn Faith Gallagher 1		oring
Savannah Reyes Garner		ımer
Jack Walker Golden-Weathers ³		Fall
Johnathan Blake Gordon		ımer
Amaya Loren Graham	_	oring
Amber Olivia Gray		oring
William John Hacker ³		oring
Darrell Terrence Harris Jr	_	oring
Mallory G. Harris		Fall
Taylor E. Harris		Fall
Hayley Ranea Heath		oring
Brittany Alexandria Herrod		oring
Jarrett Charles Holbrook ²		Fall
Theresa Lee Holzknecht ³		ımer
Alana Marie Horne ³		Fall
Christopher Davidallen Horton		Fall
Caleb Lamar Jackson		oring
Joshua Phillip Jackson	Communication	Fall
Elisha Brantley Jernigan		Fall
Christopher Michael Johnson		oring
Olivia L. Johnson		oring
Dajhea Monet Jones		Fall
Sydney Megan Jones ²		oring
Bassirou Sileye Kane	Art Sp	oring

College of the Arts

Lindsey Jade Kimball	. Communication	Spring
Jennifer Alyssa Kimble		Spring
Davena Monaya King		Summer
Katherine R. King ³	Theatre	Spring
Kaitlyn Joyce Thomason Knight		Fall
Doria Taylor Lacey		Spring
Christie R. Lawton ³	Art History	Spring
Taylor Marie Lehman ³	. Communication	Summer
Daniel Omar Leon ¹	Music	Fall
Chelsea Danielle Loyd	. Communication	Spring
Nicholas T. Marshall		Fall
Yvonne Marie Marshall ²		Spring
Ashley A. Mayer ²		Summer
Mary Katherine McClung ³	Music	Spring
Casandra Dia Meguiar ³		Summer
Luvenia Marie Mitchell	. Communication	Fall
Sharard Pierre Mitchum	. Communication	Spring
Bethany Lauren Moody	Theatre	Spring
Sonnet Ann Moore		Spring
Cathleen Nicole Mose	. Communication	Fall
Dorathy Mae Moses	. Communication	Fall
Shayna Meagan Otinger	. Communication	Summer
Doris Parham	. Communication	Fall
Yasmine MaKaila Mashakii Tshomba Parks		Fall
Jena Renee Pitts ³	. Communication	Summer
Timothy Augustine Pitts	. Communication	Spring
Olivia Anne Potteiger		Spring
Rusty Dean Praught ³	Theatre	Spring
Jazzmine Anika Quarles		Spring
Madeline Howard Ramos ¹		Fall
Anna Harwell Redden		Spring
Noah Madison Richard ¹		Fall
Suzanne Allensworth Rieves		Spring
Karyzma Samantha Santiago		Spring
Dylan Drew Schindler ²		Spring
Alexia Dezarae Shepherd		Summer
Georgia Carey Simonds ²		Spring
Britney Lashea Simpson		Fall
Alyssa Nicole Sizemore ³		Fall
Julia Nicole Skelton		Spring
Andrea Jeannine Smith		Spring
Kaleigh Smoot		Spring
Madison Kelly Stepnowski ¹		Spring
Kymble J'Nae Talps		Spring
Branden D. Thomas	. Communication	Spring

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College of the Arts

James Mitchell Turner	mmunication	Summer
Jullian Isaiah Vann	mmunication	Fall
Brooke Allison Vaughan	mmunication	Summer
Addison Morgan Webster ² Co		Spring
Caroline Grace White		Spring
		Fall
Nathaniel Demetrius Wiggins		
Dale Anthony Williams Jr		Fall
Jared Sherod Williams		Spring
Nicholas Richard Williams		Fall
Skyler Mackenzie Williams		Fall
Leeaysia Williamson	mmunication	Fall
Bachelor of Fine Arts		
Joshua Anthony Acoff ³	Thoatro	Spring
Erin Marie Aler		1 0
		Spring
Jordan Symone Battle ³		Spring
Vanessa M. Bischoff ²		Spring
Kristen Andrea Blanda	Theatre	Fall
Sam Matthew Lee Bolar ¹	Theatre	Spring
Tiffany Joy Driskell ¹	Theatre	Spring
Jackson Carter Eldridge	Theatre	Summer
Sydney K. Flatt	Art	Summer
Autumn Elizabeth Grimes	Art	Fall
Rebecca Grace Hucks ³		Fall
Katelyn Elizabeth James		Spring
Blake M. Johnson		Spring
Hunter Christina Lewis		Spring
Ansley Elizabeth Lynn		Spring
William J. Lytton Jr.		Summer
Caitlin Elizabeth Melvin ³		Spring
Isabella Jordan Minter ¹		Spring
Melody Patrice Page		Spring
Pamela Grace Yang Rawden ³	Art	Fall
Curtis Alexander Ray		Spring
Joshua Logan Newbend ²		Spring
Khayla T. Shepard	Art	Fall
Sally Rose Swanson ³	Theatre	Summer
Jade Nicole Tamaski	Art	Spring
Dalton Bradley Tanner ²		Spring
Elizabeth Jade Thornton ¹		Fall
Jordan Marie Tikkanen ³		Fall
Robert Tyrone Trammell		Spring
Raven Michaela Triplett		Summer
Harland Jake Watford ²		Spring
Emily Nikole Williams ²		Spring
Madison Brooke Willits ¹	Theatra	1 0
windson brooke willis		Spring

Bachelor of Music

Katherine Marie Ambrester	Music Performance	Spring
Marquestis R. Bullock		Fall
Eric Dwight Burgess ²		Spring
Jeremy David Cover 1		Spring
Adeline Marie Debella ¹		Spring
<i>Yue Guo</i> ³	Music Performance	Spring
Alexander Scott Hamm ²	Music Performance	Spring
Sara Lauren Hancock ²	Music Performance	Spring
John Terry Harden ³	Music Performance	Spring
Kenneth Charles Harris ³	. Music Education	Spring
Blake Horde ²	. Music Education	Spring
Hanna Caitlyn Ivey ¹	Music Performance	Spring
Teuin Kim ³	Music Performance	Spring
Jonas Tristen Lonzanida ¹	. Music Education	Spring
Carlos Manuel Lopez ²	Music Performance	Spring
Kevin Lowery	. Music Education	Fall
Andres Manuel Padilla	Music Performance	Summer
Joshua Ellis Partridge ²	. Music Education	Spring
Steven Chase Pauley ²	. Music Education	Spring
Hezekiah L. Rodgers	Music Performance	Spring
Elizabeth Anne Schlender ¹	Music Performance	Spring
Tyler Shawn Sellers ²	Music Performance	Spring
James Wesley Shores ²	Music Performance	Fall
<i>Mary Lee Turner</i> ²	Music Performance	Fall
Faith O'Kelley West 1	Music Performance	Spring
Nikko J. White ²		Spring
Christopher Phillip Whitehead ³	Music Performance	Spring
William M. Windham ²	Music Performance	Spring
Katherine E. Woody ²		Summer
Christopher Ryan Worley ³	. Music Education	Summer
Bachelor of Science in Education		
Amy Lynn Barker ¹	Theatre Education	Spring
Alyssa Nicole Cooper 1		Spring
Samantha Christine Kepley		Fall
Chasity Keauna Luke ³		Spring
Tandiwe M. Mbutu ²		Spring
Ryan Mark Pagett ¹		Spring
Associate of A		
Bonita Allen		Fall
Aundrea Chapman		Spring
Michael Cole Kiker		Fall
Desiree Kai Mooney		Summer

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College of the Arts

Jack C. PetersenGeneral StudiesElizabeth Jane Van't Land 5General StudiesJeremiah Ezekiel WinfieldFilm Production	Spring Spring Fall
Nexus	
Madeline Howard Ramos Film Production	Fall
Louis Trevor Sanville Film Production	Fall
Certificate	
Antonio Michael Bryant Film Production	Fall
Aryah Martina Buckmon Film Production	Spring
Jo'el I. Colon Torres Film Production	Fall
Jack Walker Golden-Weathers Film Production	Summer
Elisha Brantley Jernigan Film Production	Fall
Madeline Howard Ramos Film Production	Fall
Georgia Simonds Film Production	Spring
Gerard Urrutia Social Media	Fall
William Windham	Spring

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⁴ High Honors 3.8 - 4.0 GPA • ⁵ Honors 3.5 - 3.79 GPA

Turner College of Business

Bachelor of Business Administration

Roatriz Longz Albarracin	Management	Spring
	Accounting	Fall
		Spring
		Spring
	Finance	
	Management	Summer
		Spring
	Accounting	Fall
	Marketing	Fall
	Accounting	Summer
	General Business	Spring
	Management Information Systems	Fall
		Summer
	Finance	Fall
	Marketing	Fall
	General Business	Spring
	General Business	Spring
	Accounting/Management/Finance	Summer
Kylie E. Bolls	General Business	Spring
	General Business	Summer
	Management	Spring
Kenneth Richard Brewer	Finance	Summer
Nolan Keith Broussard	Management	Spring
Alexis Lashonta Brown	Management	Summer
Asia LaBrittany Brown	Management	Fall
Darius D. Brown	General Business	Summer
Kenney Walton Brown	Finance	Spring
Nya Danielle Brown	Accounting	Spring
Crystal Burlison	Marketing	Spring
Shanequa Nicole Burt ³	Management	Spring
Caden Matthew Champion	Finance	Fall
Phung Ngoc My Chau ²	Accounting	Fall
Nicholas Preston Chavers ²	Management	Spring
Elizabeth Arelene Chess ³	Management	Spring
Ja'Lisa Shante Christopher	Management	Fall
Adam Noah Churchwell	Finance	Spring
Willie James Clark Jr	Management	Summer
Erica Chanice Coe	Marketing	Summer
Alexander Bruce Coker ²	General Business	Spring
Lyndsey Christine Collins ³	General Business	Fall
	Management Information Systems	Fall
Stannis Martriele Collins Jr	Management	Fall
	Accounting	Fall
	Management	Spring
=	General Business	Spring
Aaron Wells Cowart	General Business	Summer

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<u>Turner College of Business</u>

Zachary Lynn Crews General Business	Spring
Cole Stewart Saxby Cruickshank Finance	Spring
Tyvon Cruz	Spring Fall
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Jenna Rosa Cummings Management Information Systems	
Michael Keith Dailey	Spring
Deja June Dalton	Spring
D'andre Laneill Davenport Accounting	Fall
Charles Grant Davidson	Spring
Drake Matthew Davis 1 Finance	Spring
Grisel Altagracia De Jesus Accounting	Spring
Shaun Patrick Deal General Business	Fall
Jacob Grogan DeClue	Summer
Katlyn Marie Deyhle ³	Fall
Carlos Federick Alayon Diaz ² Finance	Spring
Garrett W. Dickinson	Summer
Devany Meghann Dillard $^2\dots\dots$ Accounting	Fall
Carley Wright Douglas Marketing	Fall
Asia Symone Duffie	Summer
Joseph Levi Dunn Jr. ³ Finance	Fall
Raul Figueroa Jr Finance	Fall
Jesse A. Gutman	Spring
Kasey Lynne Ford	Spring
Alexander R. Forde	Spring
Calvin Jerome Foster Jr	Fall
Jacob Glenn Fowler 2 Finance/Management Information Systems	Fall
Mya Laquel Freeman ² Marketing	Spring
Kayla Mackenzie Frost	Fall
Ameka L. Gainey Accounting	Spring
Joseph William Garcia Accounting	Spring
Regina Raquel Gardner Accounting	Fall
Wesley Caleb Garrison General Business	Spring
Casper Geven Finance	Spring
Michael Kyle Gilmer General Business	Fall
Chelsi Morgan Gladney	Spring
Alfredo Gonzalez Accounting	Fall
Savaughn St. Anthony Gordon Marketing	Fall
Avery Hunter Gorringe	Spring
Dacarri Latrice Grant	Spring
Trayvon Dante Grant General Business	Spring
Adam Christian Gray General Business	Summer
Angel Briana Gray Finance	Fall
Hunter S. Green	Spring
Cason Alan Greene General Business	Spring
Allison Nala Grinnage	Fall
Logan Dakota Hamilton Finance	Summer
William Bradley Harper ² Finance	Fall
Tillman Joshua Harrell IV ³ General Business	Spring
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Domanique Nicole Harris	Finance	Spring
Michael Russell Hasson Jr	Finance	Fall
Alexandra Sophia Hawks-Sanche	z ³ Management	Spring
	Accounting	Fall
	General Business	Spring
Kimberly Michelle Hemphill ²	General Business	Fall
	Marketing	Spring
	Management	Fall
Julian Hernandez	Management	Spring
	Marketing	Fall
K'aundria Ranay Hicks	General Business	Spring
Chafanie L. Hill	General Business	Spring
	Management	Fall
	Management	Spring
	Accounting	Fall
		Summer
Arlyn Elise Hott ²	Management	Spring
John Iziken Jr. 1	Accounting	Spring
	Management	Spring
Jasmine Jabreil Johnson	General Business	Spring
Sabrina Denise Johnson	Marketing	Fall
Brandon Lamar Jones	General Business	Spring
Warren Jackson Jones ¹	Finance	Summer
Cody Ray Jones ³	General Business	Fall
John Titus Jordan II	Management	Summer
	Management	Spring
Aubrien J. Kemp	Management	Fall
Robert Colston Kemp	Finance	Fall
Jared C. Kiker	Marketing	Fall
Jennifer Elise Killam	Management Information Systems	Spring
Rhett Carson King	Finance	Fall
Garrett Hugh Kirkwood	Management Information Systems	Spring
	Accounting	Fall
Arnold Mateusz Kokulewski Jr	Marketing	Fall
	Marketing	Spring
	Management Information Systems	Spring
	General Business	Spring
	General Business	Fall
	Marketing	Spring
	General Business	Fall
	Accounting	Fall
	Accounting	Fall
	General Business	Fall
Luna Estrella Lopez	General Business	Fall
Mariah Lataghia Massey ²		Fall

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Anna Willis McGough General Business	Fall
Kiley C. McKenna Finance	Spring
Autra Martin McKinstry Finance	Fall
Kailah Benford McTaggart ³ General Business	Spring
Anna Meleshkina ³ General Business	Spring
Reina Mendez-Arellano ² Marketing	Fall
Jillah Iman Moede	Summer
Kanij Z. Momin Finance	Spring
Amanda Royer Moore	Fall
Susan Lavinia Moore 3	Spring
Wesley Leon Moore II	Fall
Jansen Douglas Morgan Accounting	Summer
Garrett A. Morrell	Summer
Sara Elizabeth Morriss 3 General Business	Spring
Sarah Isabel Munoz General Business	Fall
Mohammed Mehedi Hossain Nabil Finance	Fall
Lauren Nicole Neaves General Business	Summer
MaLasha Shontia Nelson	Summer
Aaron Terrell Newman General Business	Spring
Richie Truong-Hai Nguyen ³	Spring
Sean Christopher Norkus ² Accounting	Spring
Christopher Charles Oswald ² General Business	Summer
Autumn Sinclair Palmer	Fall
Jakira Jone Palmer	Summer
John Roach Pardue	Fall
	Fall
Anantkumar Patel	
Drashtiben B. Patel ³ Finance	Spring
Hanna G. Permenter	Fall
Jessica Frances Phelps Marketing	Spring
Lauren Ashleigh Pierce Marketing	Spring
Kyle Joseph Politz Accounting	Spring
Kristina Danielle Quesnell 3 General Business	Fall
Ryan Joseph Rabovsky ¹ Finance	Spring
Jenny Bracewell Ramsey General Business	Spring
Hannah Lee Reed ¹ Accounting	Spring
Preston H. Render Finance	Spring
Anna Brooke Richardson Marketing	Fall
Olivia Kristin Ring ² Management	Fall
Juan Antonio Rodriguez Jr	Summer
Alyssa Jean Rowen Accounting	Spring
Angela Ruff	Fall
Alexandria Marie Saxon Marketing	Fall
Imani Alexandra Seabrook	Fall
Madelyn Nicole Setelin Marketing	Spring
Nia Aishah Shabazz Management	Fall
Anju Anna Shajan ² Accounting	Spring
Merlecia S. Shell	Summer

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Rodney Eric Sheriff General Business	Spring
Alex Tyryn Smith Finance	Fall
Briana Marie Smith General Business	Spring
Kandace C. Smith	Fall
Floriane Spano ³	Spring
Austin Douglas Stallings Marketing	Spring
Daija Diane Staten	Fall
Corey Alexander Stewart	Fall
Dalton Wayne Strom	Spring
Tanekiah Stroud ³ General Business	Summer
John Christopher Sweet Management Information Systems	Spring
Charles Patrick Taylor ³	Spring
Turquoise Shermaine Thomas Marketing	Summer
Christopher Jordan Thornton ² Finance	Fall
Brandan J. Thurmond General Business	Fall
Kellee Lyn Torrey	Spring
Ashley Nichole Trawick General Business	Spring
Madeline Paige Underwood Marketing	Spring
Victoria Jean Underwood Accounting	Spring
Chukwuemeka Eze Urom Finance	Fall
Gerard Alexander Urrutia	Fall
Matthew J. Velez-Acevedo Marketing	Fall
Jazz Piers Rodriguez Villarreal General Business	Spring
Brittany Alexandria Ward	Spring
Avalon M. Watson General Business	Fall
Andrew Stuart Webb	Spring
Brendon Edward Wellendorf ³ Management Information Systems	Spring
Tiffany Renae West General Business	Spring
Richmond Matthew Whittington ³ Accounting	Spring
Tanner Charles Whittington Management Information Systems	Summer
Mehkya Shanice Wilcox ²	Fall
Brianna Noris Williams Accounting	Fall
Eboni Renee Williams	Spring
Travanti Kendarious Williams General Business	Fall
Warren D. Williams	Fall
Brent Blanton Williamson General Business	Fall
Angel Le'Ann Wilson Management	Spring
Brandon Richard Wisenall General Business	Fall
Tierra Donese Witherspoon General Business	Spring
Kevin Neil Woodrum Finance	Fall
Denise Aliyah Wright Marketing	Fall
Adam Jacob Yelkovich	Fall
Joe Christopher Young	Summer

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Bachelor of Science

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<i>Nicole Abuzo</i> ²	Computer Science	Spring
Andrew G. Arnett	. Information Technology	Spring
Aaron David Broom	Computer Science	Spring
Jonathan Devereaux Burgmon		Fall
Brandon Demarree Calhoun ³		Fall
Brennan Joseph Chester ³		Fall
Davion Scott Clark ¹	. Information Technology	Spring
Valencia LaShawn Coleman	Computer Science	Spring
Tayler Raines Cooper	Computer Science	Spring
Caleb Lee Corbin ³		Spring
Joseph S. Cowley	Computer Science	Spring
Adam Antonio Davies	Computer Science	Fall
Dean Harold Debois Jr		Summer
James Edward Delauder ³		Fall
Sharon A. Deloach		Fall
Zaria Shernita Easter		Fall
James J. Ellerbee ²		Spring
James R. Ericsson ²		Spring
Elizabeth Marie Evans		Summer
Jaelyn D. Fladger ¹		Spring
Maidel Fletes ²		Spring
Christopher B. Florence		Spring
Daniel Ryan Foor		Spring
Nia Aisha Ford		Fall
Yujing Gao ²		Spring
Danielle Cherie Gardner		Fall
Robin Geven		Spring
Jordan Timothy Goodman		Spring
Xavier DeMonte' Hall		Fall
Jeffrey Scott Hardin Jr		
		Spring
Mary Elizabeth Harrell		Fall
Darrell Terrence Harris Jr		Spring
Alexander Branden Hewitt		Fall
Dustin Lee Holmes	_	Spring
Kevin Horadan	1	Spring
Saul Shederick Howard		Spring
Kenneth Wayne Ingram Jr		Summer
VanCarlos Jackson ²	,	Fall
Peter Nicholas Keres	-	Fall
Spencer Daniel Korioth		Fall
Jason Tupe Paul Leutele		Summer
Thomas Z. Lin		Fall
Claudia Jeanette Marguin ¹		Spring
Austin Hunter-James Marshall		Spring
Kollier Bernard Martin		Fall
Connor Alan Mccardle ²	Computer Science	Spring

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Bailey H. McDonald	Computer Science	Spring	
Austin Wayne Mellina		Fall	
George Michael Moore ²		Spring	
Camdyn A.R. Murphy ²		Spring	
Amir Muhammad Mustafaa		Spring	
Tyler Shayne Nabih ¹		Fall	
Elijah Benton Neundorfer		Fall	
Anthony S. Obando		Fall	
Marissa Dawn Page		Fall	
Bjorn Cristen Peterson		Fall	
Mykelvi Ethan David Ray		Spring	
Josie Mariah Reynolds		Spring	
Andrew Scott Richards		Spring	
Erica Michelle Ricks		Fall	
Brandon Jimichael Robbins		Fall	
Rebecca Hope Simmons ³		Spring	
LeVar Macel Paul Small ³	Computer Science	Spring	
Francis Urban Smith		Spring	
Johnathan Brice Stadtmueller		Fall	
Gabrielle Steele		Fall	
James Craig Stephan		Spring	
Darian Thomas		Spring	
Jacques De'aunte Thomas	Information Technology	Fall	
Paul Braheen Thorne III	Information Technology	Fall	
Paul Watson Tutt	Computer Science	Fall	
Sterling Robert Alexander Tyson	Computer Science	Spring	
Taylor Nicole Walden	Information Technology	Fall	
Matthew Jordan Warner-McKinley	Computer Science	Spring	
Daniel Robert Way	Computer Science	Summer	
Nicholas James White ²	Computer Science	Spring	
Patrick Cornelius White	Information Technology	Fall	
Thomas James Aaron Wingate	Computer Science	Fall	
Michael Ryan Wood	Computer Science	Summer	
Taylor M. Woods	Computer Science	Spring	
Certificate			
Valencia LaShawn Coleman	Web Development	Spring	
Caleb Lee Corbin	1	Spring	

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Honor Graduates

Candidates who have attained high scholastic achievement as evidenced by cumulative grade point averages are recognized at graduation by their designation as honor graduates. Academic honors announced at graduation are based on grade point averages calculated the semester prior to the graduation term. Honors reflected on the diploma and transcript will be determined by GPA calculation at the conclusion of the final semester.

Baccalaureate Degree

1	Summa Cum Laude	. 3.8 - 4.0 grade point average
2	Magna Cum Laude	3.6 - 3.79 grade point average
3	Cum Laude	3.4 - 3.59 grade point average

Graduates in baccalaureate degree programs are recognized with visible evidence of their achievement through medallions that signify their honor designations. The medallions and corresponding honor designations are:

Gold Summa Cum Le	ıude
Silver	ıude
Bronze	ıude

Associate Degree

4	High Honors	 	. 3.8 - 4.0 grade point average
5	Honors	 	3.5 - 3.79 grade point average

Honors College

Graduates wearing shoulder cords with the Honors College Seal have completed a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes interdisciplinary perspectives and undergraduate research. Each graduate has successfully defended a senior thesis reviewed by Honors faculty; studied abroad or completed a significant service project; and earned a bachelor's degree with the honors designation of *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude*

The Honors College graduates are:

Spring	Timothy Pitts	Summer
Tehgan Anguilm	Chad Reynolds	Ashley Mayer
Jessica Barkhouse	Jazmin Rush	Fall
Andrea Dorbu	Anju Shajan	Shannon Eshman
Caitlyn Gallagher	Candice Tate	Elijah Neundorfer
Jenna Gaskins	Persia Tillman	Mehkya Wilcox
Abby Grace Moore	Julie Wilson	Wichthya Wittox
Collins Nelson	Joanne Youngblood	
Joshua Newbend		

Servant Leadership

Blue and white cords indicate participation in the CSU's Servant Leadership Program. Students who participate in the program engage in academic study, experiential learning, self-awareness, modeling and mentoring centered on the philosophy of servant leadership.

The Servant Leadership graduates are:

Fall

Nicholas Chavers	Vivien Special	Shannon Eshman
Valencia Coleman	Ja'Mia Stone	Sabrina Johnson
Kyra Davis	Shamyra Thomas	Elijah Neundofer
Jaida Dixon	Katie Woody	Amanda Relford
Caitlyn Gallagher	Lobna Yunis	Christine Seremba
Jenna Gaskins	Summer	Janelle Williams
Alexandra Hawks-Sanchez	Helen Kilgore	
Janyah Jefferson	Dylan Rice	
Ashley Mayer		

Abby Grace Moore

ROTC Commissions

Spring 2020

Spring

Nicole Abuzo, Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps
Erin M. Aler, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers
Durrell A. Blake, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers
Tatianna M. Blake, Second Lieutenant, Transportation Corps
Kenney W. Brown, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers,
William J. Hacker, Second Lieutenant, Aviation
Paul B. Hedden III, Second Lieutenant, Nurse Corps
Jastonie A. Hill, Second Lieutenant, Nurse Corps
Gavin M. Rourke, Second Lieutenant, Military Intelligence
Tyler J. Snook, Second Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps
Da'Drian M. Thompson, Second Lieutenant, Chemical Corps
Persia S. Tillman, Second Lieutenant, Transportation Corps
Toxiana A. Wilson, Second Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps
Alexander J. Yue, Second Lieutenant, Medical School Education Delay

Summer 2020 Ruth E. Imonina, Second Lieutenant, Medical Services

Honorary Degree Recipients

1997

James D. Yancey

1998

Thomas Y. and

Mary Jo D. Whitley

1999

Marvin R. Schuster

2000

Sara D. and

J. Kyle Spencer

2001

A. J. McClung

2002

Paul S. Amos

2004

M. Delmar Edwards, M.D.

James H. Blanchard

2005

Thomas B. Black

Judge Haron Cohn

2006

Mary W. Schley, M.D.

2007

Thomas B. Buck Fr.

2008

Maxine R. Schiffman

2009

Billy G. Jurner

George C. Woodruff Fr.

2010

Ethel "Sally" Williams Foley

James W. "Billy" Key

2011

Hal J. Gibson

Myriam B. Hallock

2012

Joyce Harrison and

Henry C. Schwob

2013

Daniel P. Amos

Evelyn and Ray Crowley

2014

Philip W. Tomlinson

Jack and JoRhee Pezold

2017

Donald B. Fordan

2018

Otis and Sandy Scarborough

Cecil and Bettye Cheves

2019

John W. Walden Fr.

Shannon Illges Chandler

2020

Marleen De Bode and Marc Olivié

College of the Arts

he College of the Arts, from its nationally accredited programs in art, music and theatre to its communication program's NonProfit and Civic Engagement Center (NPACE), is building upon its well-deserved reputation for excellence. The College of the Arts provides excellent academic programs and dynamic community outreach as it continues its transformational effect on the RiverPark Campus and Uptown Columbus. With world-class, state-of-the-art facilities, the college endeavors to attract nationally and internationally recognized faculty so as to foster active student engagement in the intellectual and creative process.

Faculty strive to achieve a high level of distinction in knowledge transfer by demonstrating a commitment to leadership in faculty and student scholarship and creative activity. Furthermore, faculty maintain a heritage of collaborative relationships with artistic, cultural, professional and educational organizations by continually developing contemporary, rigorous and innovative programming targeted at enriching the lives of Georgians.

The college is a major economic force in the revitalization of Uptown Columbus, contributing more than \$25 million to the local economy while attracting thousands of visitors by hosting international conferences in music, state meetings in art and theatre, and by presenting 250-plus performances and art exhibitions annually. Additionally, more than a dozen nonprofit organizations receive more than 10,000 student work hours of assistance with communication projects through the college's NPACE each year.

D. Abbott Turner College of Business

The Turner College prepares students to add value to their communities and employers in a globally competitive environment.

The Turner College, which includes the TSYS School of Computer Science, is distinguished by the earned excellence of its academic programs.

- Recently, its online master's degree in Computer Science was named the No. 1 program in the country by GoGrad.org.
- In 2017, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked its online MBA program in the top 50 among regional universities.
- The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership has reinforced the profile of Columbus State University as a Military Friendly institution through its Leader Development track for the military.

All business programs are distinguished by their accreditation by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. It is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than 5% of the more than 16,000 schools worldwide granting business degrees. AACSB-accredited schools have the highest quality faculty, deliver a relevant and challenging curriculum, and provide educational and career opportunities that are generally not found at non-accredited schools.

The TSYS School has been designated by the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. This designation was created by the NSA and the Department of Homeland Security to recognize schools that offer rigorous degree programs in information security. These distinctions validate the quality of the school's faculty and academic programs and increase the value of it's graduates' degrees.



College of Education and Health Professions

he College of Education and Health Professions offers programs in Teacher Education, Educational Leadership, Counseling, Nursing, Health Science, and Exercise Science. With its 2,700-plus students and over 600 degrees awarded per year, the college is a significant contributor to the local and regional workforce.

The college's graduates are widely recruited due to the reputation of its programs. Over 50% of the teachers in Muscogee County and approximately 65% of the area's nurses are Columbus State University graduates. As such, the college contributes significantly to the educational and health care needs of the community.

Several academic enrichment and outreach centers support faculty efforts to have an impact on both CSU students and the community, providing invaluable services to the university and the region. Faculty are engaged in the community through partnerships with school districts, hospitals, clinics, and other organizations. Education faculty are often invited to speak across the state and nationwide about their success with new teacher preparation assessments and the college's effective partnerships with school districts. Nursing faculty are invited to speak at national conferences about preparing nurses to offer a high-quality patient care in a health care system under strain due to workforce shortages. Exercise science and health science faculty are conducting research to gain insight into the obesity problem that plagues our nation in an effort to prevent diseases.

The college's outreach centers have an impact on the community as well, providing invaluable service to the region. These centers include the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning, the Coca-Cola Space Science Center, the Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative, the Ivey Center for the Cultural Approach to History, Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, and the Center for Health Disparity and Community-Based Research.

Ultimately, the college seeks to elevate the quality of life in Columbus by leading the region in innovative education and cutting-edge health care. Faculty and staff alike strive to have a positive effect on the quality of life in the community and the region by being known as experts in the fields of education and health professions.

College of Letters and Sciences

he College of Letters and Sciences is the intellectual soul of Columbus State University. Its faculty provide the CSU student body with required general education core courses so they gain essential skills to tackle real-world challenges. In addition, the college offers the largest number of undergraduate programs including, those in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), humanities, and the social sciences. Students completing College of Letters and Sciences degrees pursue careers in such diverse fields as medicine, education, science, criminal justice, public administration and law. In addition, the college offers many online programs, creating flexibility that is especially suited for post-traditional students and active-duty soldiers, veterans and their dependents at nearby Fort Benning.

The college promotes a student-centered approach through high-level of student engagement with its faculty and staff. Students benefit from internships, research experiences and other hands-on learning experiences that blend academic rigor with practical applications. Hence, students are exposed to active learning strategies in undergraduate and graduate research and creative inquiry. Many of the college's courses are small enough to place students with content experts.

Honors College

he mission of the Honors College is to provide an innovatively delivered curriculum for high-achieving students who choose to challenge themselves beyond the boundaries of classrooms or academic departments. Established in 1998 with a small cohort of students, the honors program has grown and continues to develop. With the support of the CSU community and beyond, the program was officially introduced as the Honors College in 2014, serving over 300 students annually.

Graduates wearing the Honors College regalia in today's ceremony are recognized for completing a rigorous honors curriculum in addition to the requirements for their baccalaureate degrees. Graduates have conducted research, engaged in interdisciplinary studies, participated in service learning, and studied internationally. Through experiential learning and creative endeavors, all honors students have had the opportunity to design engaging collegiate experiences that prepare them for graduate school and professional careers.

In the last five years, Honors College graduates have completed internships internationally, in Washington, D.C., at Fortune 500 companies, and in the medical research labs of Harvard. In addition, many have published research articles in professional journals, garnered awards at national and state conferences, and have graduated from top medical or graduate schools across the country and in the United Kingdom.

Through the generous gifts of Laureate Society members and dedicated alumni, the Honors College proudly awards scholarships and grants to academically accomplished students. These funds are competitively awarded each year to both undergraduates and new first-year students who represent the top 10% of their high school class. Students who are admitted to the Honors College are invited to Honoris Causa, the college's award-winning student organization. The Honors College and its student organization provide the academic environment and financial support needed to enable students to pursue challenging educational experiences and have a broader impact our local community and our world.

Columbus State University

Vision

Columbus State University will be a model of empowerment through transformational learning experiences that prepare students to serve the world as creative problem-solvers and high-impact leaders.

Mission

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We empower people to contribute to the advancement of our local and global communities through an emphasis on excellence in teaching and research, lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, public-private partnerships, and service to others.

Values

Excellence Commitment to best practices in teaching and learning, scholarship and creative activity, student engagement, cultural enrichment and campus environment. Engagement Active civil participation by students, faculty and staff in the university experience. Creativity The pursuit of distinction through inquiry and innovation, challenging convention and focusing on solutions. Servant Leadership Effective, ethical leadership through empowerment and service. *Inclusion* Fostering and promoting a campus that embraces diverse people, ideas, views, and practices. Sustainability Commitment to behaviors that recognize and respect our environmental context.

The History Of Academic Pageantry

The Academic Regalia

In its essential features, the academic regalia worn at American college exercises had its beginning in the Middle Ages. The oldest universities of Northern Europe grew out of church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded as a part of the clergy. As their regular costume, they wore the clerical garb that was borrowed largely from the monastic dress of their day.

The academic gown and hood were apparently first regularly adopted by Cambridge University in 1284 and by Oxford University a little later. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by King's College in New York (now Columbia University).

In 1875, American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume, which follows the Cambridge tradition. The distinctive caps, gowns and hoods worn at present-day college and university functions denote the institution that granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of the degree – bachelor, master, or doctorate.

The gown is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for master's, and silk for doctors). Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves; master's gowns have long, pouch-like sleeves that reputedly were once used to carry books, sandwiches, etc. Doctor's gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The cap is a square mortar-board in most American universities, and a round soft, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities. It bears a tassel, which may be colored according to the scholarly field of the wearer. Only the doctor's caps may be of velvet.

The hood, worn around the neck so as to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. The colors in the hood lining are the colors of the college conferring the degree. The color of the border indicates the scholarly field of the college conferring the degree and the scholarly field of the wearer. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted. Certain standard colors represent the disciplines.

The regalia of the president of Columbus State University, Dr. Chris Markwood, represent the university colors of red, white and blue.

The color facing the hood, like the facing on the doctoral gown, indicates:

white arts and letters scarlet theology olive pharmacy	lilac dentistry brown architecture, fine arts pink music
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purple law	orange engineering
green medicine	light brown business
dark blue	lemon yellow library science
yellow science	light blue education
citron yellow social work	peacock blue international affairs
salmon pink public health	apricot nursing

The University Mace And Presidential Medallion

The word "mace" is derived from the Latin word *mateola*, meaning mallet or staff. In the Middle Ages, these staffs, with a ball of steel or brass at one end, were used as weapons against armored warriors. As the weapons of war became more sophisticated, the mace evolved from an instrument of battle to a symbol of authority and power.

Universities in Europe adopted the mace as a symbol of authority and unity. This tradition has continued to the present day, and many institutions of higher learning use the mace in a ceremonial capacity.

The Columbus State University mace is constructed of rosewood, Bastogne walnut, and sterling silver. Commissioned by the Columbus State University Foundation, the university mace and the presidential medallion were first used in the inauguration of Frank D. Brown as CSU's third president. Originally designed and constructed by Jamie Howard, a CSU professor of art, the mace and medallion are two symbols of the office of the president. The medallion, augmented in 2012 with a chain and bronze border reflective of the university seal, is worn by the president at commencement and other ceremonial occasions. The silver part of the medallion bears a representation of the tree of knowledge.

CSU Colors

The official colors of Columbus State University are red, white and blue.

CSU Mascot

The Columbus State University mascot is the cougar.

CSU Motto

The motto of Columbus State University is Primus Inter Pares, Latin for "First Among Equals.

The Academic Procession

The academic procession is a descendant of European religious processions, which began to include teaching faculties in the Middle Ages, when universities were closely associated with the medieval church. The order used in today's procession evolved in this country as the importance of ceremony developed in American institutions of higher learning.

Leading the procession is the mace-bearer. In medieval times, the mace bearer literally used the mace to maintain order at official occasions. Today, the mace is symbolic of the authority of the president's office. The mace-bearers in today's ceremony are the college faculty marshals. They will escort the stage party consisting of the president, vice presidents, deans and others.

University Gonfalons

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The Columbus State University gonfalons, which are the distinctive college banners hanging from crosspieces on poles, were created as part of the university's $50 \, \text{th}$ anniversary celebration.

Gonfaloni was originally the name given to local "neighborhood" meetings in medieval Florence. Each "neighborhood" had its own flag and coat of arms, and the word gonfalon eventually became associated with the flag.

Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises. The top portion of each college's gonfalon is the designated color for that unit; white is the background color for each of the college's symbols, as well as one of the university's colors.

Honor Societies

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honor society that recognizes scholastic excellence in the field of criminal justice sciences. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through gold and blue cords, stoles or medallions as a part of their academic regalia.

Alpha Psi Omega is the national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of theatre arts. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through the blue and gold cords as a part of their academic regalia.

Beta Beta Beta is an honor and professional society for students of the biological sciences. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through green and red cords and/or a medallion on a green ribbon as a part of their academic regalia.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society that recognizes scholastic excellence in collegiate schools of business accredited by AACSB International. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through royal blue and gold cords, stoles or medallions as a part of their academic regalia.

Chi Sigma Iota is the international honor society for counseling students, counselor educators and professionals. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through white and blue honor cords or stoles as a part of their academic regalia.

Eta Sigma Gamma is the national honorary for the health education profession. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through green and gold cords as a part of their academic regalia.

Kappa Delta Pi is the national honor society in education. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through purple and green cords or medallions as a part of their academic regalia.

Lambda Pi Eta is the honor society of the National Communication Association. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through the red and white honors double cords worn as a part of their academic regalia.

Phi Alpha Theta is the international honor society in history. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through red satin sashes as a part of their academic regalia.

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Delta is an honor society that recognizes international study, service and research. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through a bronze medallion worn on a yellow and blue ribbon as a part of their academic regalia.

Phi Kappa Phi is the national scholastic honor society organized to promote excellence in all academic disciplines. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through blue and gold cords or a medallion on a blue ribbon as a part of their academic regalia.

Pi Alpha Alpha is the national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of public administration. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through blue and gold cords or medallions as a part of their academic regalia.

Pi Kappa Lambda is the national music honor society. Comprised of faculty and students elected by their peers, the society is dedicated to excellence in musical and academic endeavors. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through gold cords as a part of their academic regalia.

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society for undergraduate and graduate students of political science. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through red, white and black cords as a part of their academic regalia.

Psi Chi is the national honor society in psychology. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through gold double cords with blue and gold tassels as a part of their academic regalia.

Sigma Delta Pi is the national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of Spanish. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through gold cords as a part of their academic regalia.

Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through black and red cords as a part of their academic regalia.

Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society of nursing. Candidates who are members of this honor society are identified through purple cords as a part of their academic regalia.

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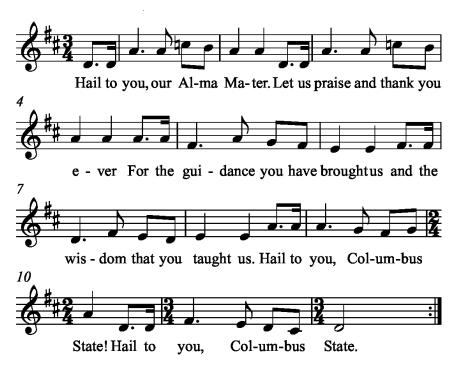
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