

One Hundred Twentieth Commencement



*Celebrating Over Sixty Years
of Academic Excellence*

December 12, 2020
College of Letters and Sciences
Ceremony

Today's Ceremony

Welcome 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.



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

Shortly 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 Kennesaw 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



Columbus 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.

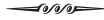
His quarter-century in higher education has included a variety of academic responsibilities. Notably, these include appointments as the inaugural dean of the University of Central Oklahoma’s College of Arts, Media & Design; interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Superior; and provost and vice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



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

Annice 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 Olivie
Honorary Degree Recipients
Awarded at the College of the Arts and D. Abbott Turner College of Business Ceremony

College of Letters and Sciences

Order of the Ceremony



Procession of Platform Party

Pomp and Circumstance March

Presentation of the Colors

CSU ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner

Schwob School of Music

Opening and Welcome

Annice Yarber-Allen, Dean, College of Letters and Sciences

Introductory Remarks

Chris Markwood, President

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Chris Markwood

Marleen De Bode and Marc Olivié

Introduction of Musical Interlude

Annice Yarber-Allen

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.

**Marleen De Bode and
Marc Olivie**
*Honorary Doctorate of
Humane Letters*



*M*arleen and Marc are from Antwerp, Belgium. They met at CSU 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 Letters and Sciences

Master of Arts

Kevin Lee Fabery	History	Summer
Jessie Lee Scott Jr.	History	Fall

Master of Public Administration

Tiffany T. Benson	Public Administration	Fall
Maureen Binge	Public Administration	Fall
Ashley Kate Brown.	Public Administration	Spring
Weston George Clarke Jr.	Public Administration	Spring
Julie K. Gates	Public Administration	Fall
Antonio Terrill Godfrey.	Public Administration	Fall
Dareion De' Jour Hill	Public Administration	Fall
Ryan Jeffry Ihle	Public Administration	Spring
William Philip Matlock	Public Administration	Fall
Leslie Anne McIntyre	Public Administration	Spring
Bailey Harper Pattillo.	Public Administration	Spring
Timothy Emmett Robinson	Public Administration	Summer
Ansley Nicole Strickland.	Public Administration	Spring
Shawn Adam Teaney	Public Administration	Spring
Erin Glynne Valentine	Public Administration	Spring
Latavius Antoine Watts	Public Administration	Spring

Master of Public Safety Administration

Michael Timothy Ayers.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Jeremiah Wells Bergquist	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Terri Lane Blackmer.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Sherryl Felicia Blair	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Sherri W. Bloodworth.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Jabre M.C. Bonilla	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Ryan Edward Borders.	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Wendy Natasha Brundage	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Robert William Bryan Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Jolyon L. Bundrige.	Public Safety Administration	Summer
Matthew Salvatore Campisi	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Kattie Marie Clark	Public Safety Administration	Fall
William Charles Curry Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Derrick Demond Dunning	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Tawnya Agglene Angela Gilovanni	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Jimmy David Gittens Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Thomas Kyle Gordon	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaruel	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Aaron Chase Hallman	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Michael Dale Haney Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Summer
Jalon Jahmal Heard.	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Kyle James Helgerson.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Trent Michael Hillsman	Public Safety Administration	Spring

Doyle Andrew Hite Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Gloria Marie Hodgson	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Christopher F. Hyatt	Public Safety Administration	Summer
Jeffery Wayne Johnson	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Matthew Klay Kilcrease	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Natosha Daniele Kipp	Public Safety Administration	Spring
James Robin Krockum	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Jeffrey Lawrence Lanier	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Shannon D. Layne	Public Safety Administration	Summer
Matthew E. Littleton	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Anthony Lockard	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Darrel M. Mason	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Robert Isaac McConnell	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Jonathon Trent McGuffey Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Pearlie Lynn McKinzie	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Michelle Ann Middlebrooks	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Christopher Edward Murphy	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Tahirah Muwwakkil-Smith	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Archie Clay Pangle	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Brian Carlton Proctor	Public Safety Administration	Summer
Wendi Woodall Raley	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Kyle R.H. Ratliff	Public Safety Administration	Spring
William Mark Riley	Public Safety Administration	Summer
Casey B. Roberts	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Vincent Michael Schill	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Christina Marie Schiralli	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Jason Blair Shipman	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Artis Jerome Singleton	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Tarmarshe Antwan Smith	Public Safety Administration	Spring
Heather A. Strickland	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Katrina Dawn Taylor	Public Safety Administration	Fall
William James Taylor Jr.	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Stephen Boyce Thompson	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Terry Thad Tuck	Public Safety Administration	Fall
April Denise Washington	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Cianakah Jaquay Weems	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Angela Laverne Williams	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Charles H. Yermack	Public Safety Administration	Fall
Crystal Renee Zion	Public Safety Administration	Summer

Master of Science

P.J. Doughty	Natural Sciences	Fall
Rachel Hunter Fleming	Natural Sciences	Summer
James Wilson Franklin IV	Natural Sciences	Spring
Amanda Lynn Howell	Natural Sciences	Fall
Oluchuku Richie Ochonogor	Natural Sciences	Fall
Md Abu Raihan	Natural Sciences	Fall
James David Stephenson	Natural Sciences	Fall
Coral Mari Torres	Natural Sciences	Fall
Ashley Danielle Turner	Natural Sciences	Spring

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

College of Letters and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Paige Nicole Adams ³	English Language/Literature	Summer
Elizabeth Laura Allred	English Language/Literature	Spring
Tehgan Nicole Anguilm ¹	Chemistry	Spring
Sonya Kristal Anderson	Biology	Fall
Roman David Anderson ³	Liberal Arts	Fall
Micah Paul Arnholt ¹	History	Fall
Kathryn Grace Askerzada	History	Fall
Lily Anita Barlow ²	Political Science	Spring
Lauren Denise Bentley	History	Spring
Ashley Renee Brand	History	Fall
Ahnisha Brown-Gilmore	English Language/Literature	Spring
Cyn'Taishia Bre'shonna Bunkley	Liberal Arts	Fall
Laura Bradley Burriss	History	Spring
Kyndall Ann Cason ²	History	Summer
Steven David Castillo Onate	Modern Language and Culture	Summer
Kristen Kolb Chang	Biology	Spring
Morgan Briana Coleman	Liberal Arts	Spring
Hannah Mae Cowart ¹	English Language/Literature	Spring
Kyra R. Davis	English Language/Literature	Spring
Ashley Shanell Dortch	Biology	Fall
Aaron M. Ellis	History	Fall
Emily R. Evans ²	English Language/Literature	Summer
Ashley Deanna French	Chemistry	Spring
Bailey Elizabeth Gaines ¹	English Language/Literature	Fall
Katherine Suzanne Garcia ³	Modern Language and Culture	Spring
Isaiah T. Givan	English Language/Literature	Spring
Tyler M. Grant	Liberal Arts	Fall
Jonathan Blake Gunn	History	Summer
Harrison Thomas Charles Hall	Political Science	Fall
Xautyca Ne'asha Hall	History	Spring
Kristina Gabrielle Harp ¹	English Language/Literature	Spring
James Austin Harris ²	English Language/Literature	Spring
Antoine Ryan Henderson	Political Science	Spring
Garrett Bradley Hill	Liberal Arts	Fall
Madeline Elaine Hodgkins	Liberal Arts	Summer
Kayla Renee Holloway	Mathematics	Fall
David C. Howard ¹	Political Science	Fall
Dustin James Hudgins ²	History	Fall
Carolyn Devon Jackson	Biology	Fall
Shelby Versie-Irene Johnson	History	Fall
John Langley Joseph	Political Science	Spring
Melinda Margareta Kennedy ³	Liberal Arts	Spring
Edem Kledo	Biology	Spring
Ashley M. Klump	English Language/Literature	Spring

Emily Ann Larkin	Biology	Fall
Rae'Keymia M. Lewis	Modern Language and Culture	Spring
Jarrold Macgregor Little ³	Biology	Spring
Stefanie Ida-Louise Livingston	English Language/Literature	Fall
Blake Richard Lorentz	History	Summer
Patrick Scott Mapp	Liberal Arts	Fall
Ansel Michael Maynard, Jr.	Biology	Fall
Cheikh Ahmadou Mboup	Biology	Spring
Teskyiiler Shy'E Ravon McCoy	Biology	Fall
Mary Katherine McClung ³	Modern Language and Culture	Spring
Chantel Nighya McKinnie ²	English Language/Literature	Spring
Rebekah Virginia Meloy	English Language/Literature	Spring
Oreonna Nicole Moss	Biology	Fall
Amanda Janeen Murdock	Modern Language and Culture	Spring
Jalin Merrel Larenz Murphy ¹	English Language/Literature	Spring
Nikelsha L. Owens	Biology	Fall
Rachel Katherine Parker	Modern Language and Culture	Summer
Emmaleigh Elizabeth Permenter ²	English Language/Literature	Spring
Sydney Michele Phillips ³	English Language/Literature	Spring
Kelly J. Pickard ¹	English Language/Literature	Fall
Maya Ebeni Price	English Language/Literature	Spring
Steven Lamar Reynolds ¹	English Language/Literature	Fall
Dylan Howard Rice ²	History	Summer
Tiara Raquel Robinson	Political Science	Spring
Jared William Rogers	Biology	Fall
Brooke Mae Rumford	English Language/Literature	Spring
Leah A. Seifu	Modern Language and Culture	Fall
Megan Nicole Shoemaker ²	English Language/Literature	Fall
Elisha Luke Skinner	English Language/Literature	Spring
Lisa Marrie Slater	Modern Language and Culture	Spring
Barbara Jean Smith ³	Liberal Arts	Spring
Emily Thompson Smith ¹	Biology	Fall
Heather Marie Smith	Biology	Fall
Matthias Bernhard Smith ³	Art History	Spring
Matthias Bernhard Smith ³	History	Spring
Michael David Smith Jr.	Political Science	Spring
Tyler J. Snook ³	Political Science	Spring
Jirah Christina Suttle	English Language/Literature	Summer
Nolan Hunter Temple	English Language/Literature	Spring
Trevion Renee Turnipseed ³	Chemistry	Summer
William Lawren Wells	Political Science	Spring
Christian Earl Wiggs	Biology	Summer
Isaiah Bernard Wilkins	English Language/Literature	Spring
Myaa Williams-Dixon	Biology	Fall
Briana Nicole Wilson	Liberal Arts	Summer
JaMya NaShay Wright	Biology	Fall
Alexander Joseph Yue ¹	Chemistry	Spring
Esther Ruth Zuiderveen ¹	English Language/Literature	Fall

Bachelor of Science

<i>Estella Christina Acosta</i>	Biology	Fall
<i>Shadaria Monique Adams</i>	Sociology	Spring
<i>Alexus L. Alvarado</i>	Mathematics	Spring
<i>Brooke Lindsay Anthony Robinson</i>	Psychology	Spring
<i>Charles Robert Asouzu</i> ³	Biology	Fall
<i>Ataah A. Azah</i>	Criminal Justice	Spring
<i>Kristen Gabrielle Bain</i> ²	Mathematics	Spring
<i>Hunter MacKay Banks</i> ¹	Earth and Space Science	Fall
<i>Jessica Mae Barkhouse</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Brittany Wyleshia Baskin</i>	Sociology	Fall
<i>Kelsey Brianna Battle</i>	Criminal Justice	Spring
<i>Daniel Louis Bellware</i> ³	Earth and Space Science	Spring
<i>Alexis N. Bennett</i>	Psychology	Spring
<i>Peter Edensward Bennett</i>	Earth and Space Science	Spring
<i>Tamara L. Bess</i>	Sociology	Spring
<i>Nicholas Edward Bishop</i> ³	Biology	Spring
<i>Tatianna Myreah Blake</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Jasmine Deonna Bohannon</i>	Chemistry	Spring
<i>Alexandra Patricia Brown Pineda</i>	Criminal Justice	Summer
<i>La'Martinique ShanDrika Bussey</i>	Criminal Justice	Summer
<i>Diamond Denae' Butler</i>	Criminal Justice	Fall
<i>Emelda Shurrell Campbell</i>	Sociology	Fall
<i>Michelle F. Carlisle</i>	Sociology	Spring
<i>Jeralyn Cecelia Carmichael</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Madison Taylor Chen</i> ³	Biology	Spring
<i>Meylon Tillman Clark</i>	Psychology	Spring
<i>Tevelle James Clark</i>	Criminal Justice	Fall
<i>Ronry Nicole Clayton</i>	Criminal Justice	Fall
<i>Cateria Jannelle Coleman</i>	Sociology	Fall
<i>Tyler Justin Collins</i>	Biology	Fall
<i>Colten E. Jackson</i>	Biology	Fall
<i>Jessica R. Cooper</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Tequila Santel Core</i>	Sociology	Summer
<i>Carla Renee Craig</i>	Sociology	Spring
<i>John Brooks Cross</i>	Criminal Justice	Spring
<i>Adasia Kiunshaye Crumbie</i>	Criminal Justice	Spring
<i>Amanda Cruz</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Oluwademilade Oluwaseun Dairo</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Kiyana Breanne Davis</i>	Psychology	Spring
<i>Mary Elizabeth Davis</i> ²	Biology	Spring
<i>Jaleesa DeJesus</i> ¹	Biology	Spring
<i>Daniel Lewis Dominguez</i>	Biology	Spring
<i>Andrea Dzidzorm Dorbu</i> ²	Psychology	Spring
<i>George Dorsey</i>	Criminal Justice	Fall
<i>Brette Renee Doyle</i>	Sociology	Summer
<i>Charles Drew</i> ³	Biology	Spring
<i>Elizabeth Twynette Easton</i>	Criminal Justice	Fall

¹ Summa Cum Laude 3.8 - 4.0 GPA • ² Magna Cum Laude 3.6 - 3.79 GPA • ³ Cum Laude 3.4 - 3.59 GPA

Amy Nicole Edge	Psychology	Spring
Jennifer Rae Farr	Criminal Justice	Spring
Dylan Samuel Fessler	Sociology	Spring
Joshua Fiveash ³	Psychology	Spring
Keyla Lizeth Flores Delgado	Criminal Justice	Spring
Rhiana Leigh Flowers	Biology	Spring
Norman Clarence Folmar	Criminal Justice	Spring
Donavan Scott Ford	Sociology	Spring
Allison Renee Foree	Psychology	Fall
Arick J. Furr	Criminal Justice	Fall
Jenna E. Gaskins ¹	Psychology	Spring
Kenya Chantel Gates	Psychology	Spring
Dayanna Henao Geeslin	Biology	Fall
Reannah LaShae Gibson	Psychology	Spring
Juliana Leigh Giles ²	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Michaela Donielle- Denise Green	Psychology	Fall
Nubia Alliyah Griffin	Criminal Justice	Fall
Stuart Taylor Griffin	Chemistry	Spring
Kimberly Noelle Hudson	Sociology	Spring
Allissa Lee Halderman	Psychology	Summer
Stanley K. Haley Jr.	Biology	Spring
Jesse Lee Hamilton	Criminal Justice	Fall
Jessica Brooke Hanley	Psychology	Spring
Carissa M. Harper	Criminal Justice	Spring
Kendreka Shantel Harris	Sociology	Spring
Marquies Shaunte Harris	Sociology	Spring
William Braxton Harris	Sociology	Spring
Lyndsey Elizabeth Harrison	Sociology	Spring
Allison Brooke Hay	Biology	Spring
Chelsey Heath	Biology	Fall
Kenisha Monique Helms	Sociology	Summer
James A. Henry	Sociology	Summer
Takiya Shantrell Henry	Biology	Fall
Rebecca Ann Hernandez	Criminal Justice	Spring
Celeste Alexandra Hill ³	Criminal Justice	Spring
Catisha Ashanti Hines	Psychology	Spring
Felicia Michelle Hines	Sociology	Spring
Emily Renee Holcombe ³	Criminal Justice	Fall
Erin R. Horan ²	Sociology	Summer
Jelondra Alfreda Hudson	Sociology	Fall
Kieshai D. Huey ²	Criminal Justice	Fall
Krizia Kimyatta Huling	Criminal Justice	Fall
Jeffery Wayne Hutcherson	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Ruth Eseoghene Imonina ³	Biology	Spring
Joshua Christian Jacobs	Psychology	Spring
Gabriel Michael Jenkins	Sociology	Spring
Jayda I. Jennings ³	Psychology	Spring
Sherna Yvette Johnson	Sociology	Fall
Ty'Quaria La'Reice Johnson	Criminal Justice	Fall
Airianna R. Jones	Mathematics	Summer

Tabitha Simone Joseph	Psychology	Spring
Kayla Joy Davis	Psychology	Fall
Tracine M. Kempfer ²	Criminal Justice	Fall
Kevin Soon Kim	Biology	Spring
Briana Shantice Kleckley	Sociology	Fall
Daniel James Lambert	Criminal Justice	Fall
Ariel Gayle Lavalais	Sociology	Spring
Carlos Manuel Llorens ³	Criminal Justice	Spring
Isis Denetria Love	Criminal Justice	Summer
Ashley Dianne Lowery	Criminal Justice	Fall
Sara Ann Lowery	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Deborah Thompkins Lowry	Criminal Justice	Fall
Brittney Lashae Lyles	Sociology	Spring
Suriyana Maitriani Vreshini Mahadeo	Mathematics	Fall
Dianne M. Maldonado ¹	Criminal Justice	Spring
Marina Rose Maldonado ¹	Psychology	Fall
Cera E. Marano ³	Psychology	Spring
Mikala Laureli Martin	Biology	Spring
Christopher Joseph Mason ²	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Donquvious Montez Mathis	Sociology	Summer
Elizabeth M. Mathis ³	Biology	Fall
Shermel C. McCluster	Criminal Justice	Summer
Chelsea Monique Mckinley	Sociology	Spring
Olivia Sinclair McNeill	Criminal Justice	Fall
Keirra Janea Mercer	Biology	Spring
Rachel D'Ann Mobley	Mathematics	Spring
Abby Grace Moore ²	Biology	Spring
Jessie Marie Moore	Psychology	Fall
Neaisha Nasha Moore	Psychology	Spring
Kendric Eugene Morgan	Criminal Justice	Spring
Sommer Lynn Bales ³	Criminal Justice	Spring
Rushonda Monique Morris	Psychology	Fall
Samuel Austin Moseley	Criminal Justice	Spring
Jerad Ryan Munoz	Mathematics	Fall
Collins D. Nelson ²	Psychology	Spring
Chika L. Nwosu	Psychology	Fall
Steven Donald Oliver Jr.	Sociology	Fall
Rachel Emily Osborne	Chemistry	Spring
Abbie Elizabeth Otto ³	Biology	Fall
Carly RYanne Padgett	Biology	Fall
Yasmine Simone' Parker	Biology	Spring
Samantha Leigh Pate ³	Criminal Justice	Summer
Shivani M. Patel	Biology	Spring
Davanta Malik Pearce	Sociology	Fall
Ashley Nicole Peterson	Sociology	Spring
Timothy James Pitts ¹	Mathematics	Spring
Dylan Scott Powell	Earth and Space Science	Fall
Jennifer Leigh Prescott	Criminal Justice	Spring
Aamir Sikander Punjani	Biology	Spring

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Chad A. Reynolds ²	Biology	Spring
Malcolm Jaleel Rimes ²	Criminal Justice	Fall
Shannon Arianna Roberson	Psychology	Fall
Reggieyane B. Robertson	Criminal Justice	Spring
Whitney Norton Rodriguez ³	Sociology	Fall
John Hunter Rodriquez	Biology	Summer
Terrial Denell Ross	Criminal Justice	Spring
Gavin McCallum Rourke	Sociology	Spring
Chelsea Irene Rush	Criminal Justice	Fall
Akira Zhenal' Rutherford	Psychology	Fall
Ronnie K. Scandrick	Psychology	Spring
Kaylee Paige Schwab	Criminal Justice	Summer
Destiny Ra'Lynn Sciuva	Biology	Spring
Ansley Denise Scott ²	Chemistry	Spring
Zackery Jaron Scott	Criminal Justice	Fall
Christine Mwebaza Nasaka Seremba	Psychology	Fall
Maiya Genasia Annise Sewell	Criminal Justice	Spring
Jasmine Darshavia Shelton	Psychology	Spring
Dominika Sherwood ¹	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Dejah Monique Sibblies	Sociology	Summer
Alexandria Rocel Sikes-Mitchell	Psychology	Spring
Jessica Leann Sims	Criminal Justice	Spring
Taija Lynn Singleton	Psychology	Fall
Anthony Lamond Smith	Criminal Justice	Spring
Patricia Brooke Smith	Criminal Justice	Spring
Tiara Tagiana Franchelsea Smith	Criminal Justice	Summer
Sophia Ferrell Sorenson	Criminal Justice	Spring
Vivien Ingeborg Special	Mathematics	Spring
Michael Scott Spencer ³	Criminal Justice	Fall
Frances-Elizabeth Prudent	Psychology	Spring
Karmien Yasmeen Artria Stallworth	Psychology	Summer
Harriet Sandoval Stephens	Sociology	Fall
Austin Bradford Stewart	Psychology	Spring
K-Lyn E. Sumter	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Candice Nicole Tate ¹	Biology	Spring
Teraycia Briauna Lovett	Psychology	Fall
Sharon Carter Terry ¹	Sociology	Summer
Victoria Lynn Thames ³	Criminal Justice	Fall
Angela Denise Thomas	Sociology	Fall
Lakiendrya Breyanna Thomas	Criminal Justice	Spring
Shamyra Lanay Thomas	Biology	Spring
Taylor E. Thomas	Sociology	Fall
Da'Drian Montre' Thompson	Criminal Justice	Spring
Brooke Elizabeth Thomson ³	Biology	Fall
Persia Schontel Tillman ¹	Biology	Spring
Tyler Lane Tolbert	Biology	Spring
German Andres Tovar ³	Biology	Spring
Charles Edward Trammell Jr.	Criminal Justice	Spring
Sasshay Jazzmaretta Tremble	Sociology	Fall
Anias Dexia Tucker ³	Criminal Justice	Spring
Briana Armani Tucker	Criminal Justice	Fall

Thanessia Shajuan Tucker	Criminal Justice	Spring
Joseph Michael Turley	Earth and Space Science	Spring
Jessica Ashley Turner ²	Criminal Justice	Fall
Charlene Chidera Ubah ¹	Biology	Spring
Valeria Merlos	Psychology	Fall
Taylor-Renee Vann	Biology	Spring
Ambresha Samtriese Vanover	Biology	Fall
Tikisha Sarina Virgil	Sociology	Fall
Broque Lynn Volk	Psychology	Spring
Julia Rose Vroman ¹	Psychology	Spring
Christopher Robert Walden	Criminal Justice	Fall
Tracy Genaiia Walton-King	Criminal Justice	Fall
Kellyn Rena Ward	Psychology	Fall
Kalli Nicole Ware	Criminal Justice	Fall
Alexis La'teona Warthen ³	Biology	Spring
Ashlea Breanne Jarzomkowski Washington	Mathematics	Spring
Lindsey A. Welchel ³	Criminal Justice	Fall
Alexandrea Nichole Whitmore	Biology	Fall
Ashley Nicole Williams	Sociology	Spring
Braxton Demette Williams	Criminal Justice	Fall
Gianna L'Koa Williams	Sociology	Spring
Janelle Diann-Lynn Williams	Biology	Fall
Julie Anne Wilson ²	Biology/Chemistry	Spring
Kelsey Chandler Woods ³	Psychology	Spring
Amber R. Wortham ²	Sociology	Fall
Alexander Joseph Yue ¹	Biology	Spring
Lobna T. Yunis	Sociology	Spring

Associate of Applied Science

Keshia Sherele Bowers-Lawson	Criminal Justice	Fall
Julia Rose Vroman ⁴	Criminal Justice	Spring
Renold Williams Jr.	Criminal Justice	Summer
Ashley Marie Adamian ⁵	Core Curriculum	Spring
Christy Andrews	Core Curriculum	Summer
Clayton Michael Baldree	Core Curriculum	Fall
Kristen E. Broyles	Core Curriculum	Summer
Madison M. Carter	Core Curriculum	Fall
AJ Matthew Coker	Core Curriculum	Fall
Bryan Sebastian Cueva	Core Curriculum	Spring
Brittney Latoya Dennis	Core Curriculum	Fall
Charmelle Catherine Diggs	Core Curriculum	Spring
Sebrina Levette Hicks	Core Curriculum	Spring
Kaeannalyn Allana Hokulea Pualani Hoyt	Core Curriculum	Fall
Sean Ingram	Engineering Studies	Fall
Angela M. Jenkins	Core Curriculum	Fall
Jacob Samuel Lariviere	Core Curriculum	Fall
Paul E. Lewis	Engineering Studies	Spring

Baccalaureate Degree

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Associate Degree

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

Cashmere Nicole Rakstis	Core Curriculum	Spring
Hailey Kathrine Smith	Core Curriculum	Fall
Diana M. Tejera-Berrios ⁵	Core Curriculum	Spring
April Marie Trawick	Core Curriculum	Summer
Antrevion L. Watson	Core Curriculum	Summer

Certificate

Jeffrey Curtis Algood	Criminal Justice	Fall
Micah Paul Arnholt	International Studies	Fall
Amber Nicole Bailes	Criminal Justice	Summer
John Charles Bailey	Criminal Justice	Fall
Angelyn Brownlee Ball	Criminal Justice	Fall
Charles R. Banks	Criminal Justice	Summer
Rikki Lea Banks	Criminal Justice	Summer
Sarah Martha Barber	Criminal Justice	Fall
Kelvin Delan Bowens Sr.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Christina Lee Brannon	Criminal Justice	Fall
Kevin J. Castellano	Criminal Justice	Spring
Madison Taylor Chen	International Studies	Spring
Kelda Darlene Corn	Criminal Justice	Summer
Robert Pierce Currott	Criminal Justice	Summer
Joshua Matthew Daniel	Criminal Justice	Summer
Christopher Arthur Deming	Criminal Justice	Fall
John Wylie Evans	Criminal Justice	Spring
Shirin Felfeli . . . Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages		Spring
Latressia Lynn Ferguson	Criminal Justice	Summer
Duane M. Ferree	Criminal Justice	Spring
Joshua Thomas Foster	Criminal Justice	Spring
Caitlyn Faith Gallagher	International Studies	Spring
Susan Lynn Garcia	Criminal Justice	Fall
Rodney Clark Gardner Jr.	Criminal Justice	Summer
William Steven Gipson	Criminal Justice	Fall
James Michael Graham	Criminal Justice	Fall
Terrence L. Graham	Criminal Justice	Spring
William Robertson Graham	Criminal Justice	Summer
Lamikia LeShae Green	Criminal Justice	Summer
Brandon James Gregory	Criminal Justice	Summer
Amber Jean Hammond	Criminal Justice	Fall
Herbert Eugene Harley Jr.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Wyterea Latrese Harris	Criminal Justice	Fall
Jesse Dole Harrison	Criminal Justice	Spring
Fernando Urbano Hernandez	Criminal Justice	Summer
Nicholas Barrett Higgins	Criminal Justice	Fall
Joseph Marion Hill	Criminal Justice	Fall
Emily Renee Holcombe	Criminal Justice	Spring
Bryan V. Hunter	Criminal Justice	Fall
William Ibarrondo	Criminal Justice	Fall
Eric Lee Isom	Criminal Justice	Spring
Wendy A. Jackson	Criminal Justice	Fall
Joshua Edward Johnston	Criminal Justice	Fall
Sommer Ashlee Jordan	Criminal Justice	Fall

Ashley M. Klump	Medieval and Renaissance Studies	Spring
Derringer N. Kuriatnyk.	Geographic Information Systems	Summer
Adam A. Lawson.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Dianne M. Maldonado.	International Studies	Spring
Maria Isabel Marrero.	Translate/Interpret Spanish	Spring
Julia Elaine McCaslin.	Criminal Justice	Spring
Kayla Luisa Medina.	Translate/Interpret Spanish	Spring
Robert Keith Page Jr..	Criminal Justice	Fall
Terry Lee Palmer Jr.	Criminal Justice	Summer
Anton Whitney Paton Sr.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Alix Diavion Payne Jr.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Jon Lee Penuel.	Criminal Justice	Spring
Jonathan Mark Pool.	Criminal Justice	Spring
Maya Ebeni Price	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Spring
Daniel Adam Ray	Criminal Justice	Fall
James Kevin Redfern	Criminal Justice	Fall
Joshua Logan Richmond	International Studies	Spring
Traylor Will Rogers.	Criminal Justice	Spring
Michael D. Rose.	Criminal Justice	Summer
Frederick Ernest Saldana	Criminal Justice	Fall
Stuart Kyle Salter	Criminal Justice	Spring
Chablis L. Salters.	Criminal Justice	Summer
Barry Scott Sasser	Criminal Justice	Summer
Michael John Saunders	Criminal Justice	Spring
Stefan Karl Schindler	Criminal Justice	Fall
James Harold Shearouse.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Patrick Sheirling	Criminal Justice	Summer
Marco Antonio Silva	Criminal Justice	Fall
Dakota Steven Smith	Criminal Justice	Spring
Reginald Mothers Sr..	Criminal Justice	Spring
Greta L. Soares	Criminal Justice	Summer
Christopher David Spires	Criminal Justice	Fall
Jordan Stafford .	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Summer
Charles Alan Stansberry.	Criminal Justice	Summer
Casey Michael Steele	Criminal Justice	Fall
Aisha T. Stith	Criminal Justice	Summer
Joseph Russell Teet	Criminal Justice	Fall
Batinna Mosby Thornhill	Criminal Justice	Fall
Madeline Paige Underwood	International Studies	Spring
Taylor-Renee Vann.	International Studies	Spring
Terrence Markell Whitlock	Criminal Justice	Fall
Carla J. Williams.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Matthew Lynn Wilson	Criminal Justice	Spring
Thomas James Aaron Wingate.	International Studies	Fall
Brantley James Cole Worley	Criminal Justice	Fall
Carnesia Renee Worthen.	Criminal Justice	Fall
Camareka Sierra Yarbrough	Criminal Justice	Summer

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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 Laude*
- Silver* *Magna Cum Laude*
- Bronze* *Cum Laude*

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

Tehgan Anguilm
Jessica Barkhouse
Andrea Dorbu
Caitlyn Gallagher
Jenna Gaskins
Abby Grace Moore
Collins Nelson
Joshua Newbend

Timothy Pitts
Chad Reynolds
Jazmin Rush
Anju Shajan
Candice Tate
Persia Tillman
Julie Wilson
Joanne Youngblood

Summer

Ashley Mayer

Fall

Shannon Eshman
Elijah Neundorfer
Mehkya Wilcox

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:

Spring

Nicholas Chavers
Valencia Coleman
Kyra Davis
Jaida Dixon
Caitlyn Gallagher
Jenna Gaskins
Alexandra Hawks-Sanchez
Janyah Jefferson
Ashley Mayer

Abby Grace Moore
Vivien Special
Ja'Mia Stone
Shamyra Thomas
Katie Woody
Lobna Yunis

Summer

Helen Kilgore
Dylan Rice

Fall

Shannon Eshman
Sabrina Johnson
Elijah Neundorfer
Amanda Relford
Christine Seremba
Janelle Williams

ROTC Commissions

Spring 2020

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 Aaron Cohn*

2006

Mary W. Schley, M.D.

2007

Thomas B. Buck Jr.

2008

Maxine R. Schiffman

2009

*Billy S. Turner
George C. Woodruff Jr.*

2010

*Ethel "Sally" Williams Foley
James W. "Billy" Key*

2011

*Hal J. Gibson
Myriam L. 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 L. Jordan

2018

*Otis and Sandy Scarborough
Cecil and Bettye Cheves*

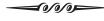
2019

*John W. Walden Jr.
Shannon Illges Chandler*

2020

*Marleen De Bode and
Marc Olivie*

College of the Arts



The 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 its graduates’ degrees.



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College of Education and Health Professions



The 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



The 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



The 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.

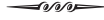
In the last five years, Honors College graduates have completed internships internationally, in Washington, D.C., at Fortune 500 companies, and in the medical research labs of Harvard. In addition, many have published research articles in professional journals, garnered awards at national and state conferences, 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

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

<i>Excellence</i>	Commitment to best practices in teaching and learning, scholarship and creative activity, student engagement, cultural enrichment and campus environment.
<i>Engagement</i>	Active civil participation by students, faculty and staff in the university experience.
<i>Creativity</i>	The pursuit of distinction through inquiry and innovation, challenging convention and focusing on solutions.
<i>Servant Leadership</i>	Effective, ethical leadership through empowerment and service.
<i>Inclusion</i>	Fostering and promoting a campus that embraces diverse people, ideas, views, and practices.
<i>Sustainability</i>	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
purple law
green medicine
dark blue philosophy
yellow science
citron yellow social work
salmon pink public health

lilac dentistry
brown architecture, fine arts
pink music
orange engineering
light brown business
lemon yellow library science
light blue education
peacock blue international affairs
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.

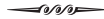
CSU Motto

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

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

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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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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The piece begins in 3/4 time. At measure 4, the time signature changes to 2/4. At measure 7, it changes to 3/4. At measure 10, it changes to 2/4. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: "Hail to you, our Al-ma Ma-ter. Let us praise and thank you e - ver For the gui - dance you have brought us and the wis - dom that you taught us. Hail to you, Col-um-bus State! Hail to you, Col-um-bus State."

Hail to you, our Al-ma Ma-ter. Let us praise and thank you

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