# Graduate Hooding Ceremony

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# One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Commencement



# Celebrating Over Sixty-five Years of Academic Excellence

May 8-9, 2025 Columbus State University

#### **About Our Commencement Exercises**

elcome to today's commencement event—part of several events celebrating Columbus State University's newest graduates. The commencement season is a milestone in our graduates' lives marking this special achievement. It is the start of their next chapter that may include continued study or professional practice.

While awaiting the start of today's ceremony, you might wish to read the information contained on the following pages: a historical profile of the university, a brief description of the university mace and presidential seal, and an explanation of the academic regalia worn by participants in the ceremony. Each of our ceremonies begins with a series of academic processions for which audience members are asked to stand, as they are able. The processions are headed by the faculty marshal, who escorts the candidates for graduation, followed by the faculty and the stage party.

According to academic tradition, candidates for graduation proceed to the platform in descending order of the degree to be conferred: doctoral degrees, education specialist degrees, master's degrees, baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, nexus degrees and then certificates. When the ceremony is closed following the awarding of all degrees, audience members should again rise, as they are able, for the recessional.

Again, we welcome you to today's celebration of our graduates and hope you will find it to be both meaningful and impressive.

Those named in this program are candidates for graduation, pending verification by the Office of the Registrar that each has met all of the institutional and departmental requirements, and pending final grades.

# Columbus State University has been woven into the fabric of the Columbus community for more than 60 years.

Is early as the 1940s, local leaders identified that having a Columbus-based college was a priority. They began collecting money, looking for a site, and lobbying the state for a local college. Through their persistence, donations of nearly \$100,000, and the support of two voter-approved bond issues, Columbus College first opened on Sept. 22, 1958, in a temporary location — the Shannon Hosiery Mill on Talbotton Road. Nearly 300 students enrolled under the care of 15 faculty members and six administrators.

Those humble beginnings began a story that spans more than six decades of a deeply rooted relationship between what is now Columbus State University and the Chattahoochee Valley. Columbus College moved to its current Main Campus location in 1963 and became a four-year institution just two years later.

Campus master planning hit its stride in the early 1980s as construction expanded to match the growth in CSU's new collegiate structure and academic offerings. The late 1980s marked additional capital growth on campus, including the school's signature clock tower—completed in 1991 and named after its first president, Dr. Thomas Whitley. In 1996, the college was designated as a university and became Columbus State University.

Despite widespread higher education budget cuts marking the late 2000s, Columbus State University continued to prosper. This included establishing several new graduate programs — including its first doctoral degree — and its inaugural appearance on U.S. News & World Report's list as one of the top 50 comprehensive public universities in the South. During this time, CSU also strengthened its relationship with U.S. Army Fort Moore, expanded its online degree offerings, added NCAA and club sports, and established the Honors College.

Since 2000, Columbus State has concluded two successful comprehensive fundraising campaigns. The "Investment in People" Campaign, which exceeded its \$67 million goal by nearly 50%, wrapped in 2005. In 2012, CSU's "First Choice" Campaign concluded after exceeding its \$100 million goal by 20% with the support of more than 8,000 alumni and community donors.

CSU experienced additional integration with the Columbus community in 2007 with its new RiverPark Campus near the banks of the Chattahoochee River in historic Uptown. Today, the urban campus includes much of the university's fine, performing and communication arts programs and facilities; is home to the College of the Arts, the College of Education & Health Professions and many of its outreach centers; and offers students learning, living and dining options in addition to those on Main Campus.

In recent years, CSU has broadened its creativity, innovation and efficiency in its academic, operational and outreach efforts. This includes an intentional focus on servant leadership as both an institutional core value and an academic discipline. This innovative spirit has led to new workforce development-focused degree programs and increased standings in many national educational ranking programs.

During its 60-plus-year history, the university has been under the leadership of six presidents — including its current president, Dr. Stuart Rayfield, who began her tenure on June 1, 2023.

# Stuart Eddings Rayfield President Columbus State University

r. Stuart Eddings Rayfield was named Columbus State University's sixth president by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on March 9, 2023. She began her official tenure on June 1, 2023.

An Alabama native, Dr. Rayfield earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. She then earned a master's in higher education administration focused on student affairs from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa before



earning a doctorate in higher education administration focused on leadership, policy and organizations from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

President Rayfield's original tenure at Columbus State began in 2006 as an assistant professor, later holding the Frank D. Brown Distinguished Chair in Servant Leadership. Along with teaching, she directed the Servant Leadership Program, co-led the SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation, and co-developed the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program, Servant Leadership track in the D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology. In 2015, she was also named interim associate provost for undergraduate education.

A year later, she accepted the role as interim president of the former Bainbridge State College, where she co-led the college's consolidation with Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. She then immediately stepped into the role of interim president of Gordon State College, leading the college's transition to new leadership.

In July 2018, President Rayfield was named the University System of Georgia's vice chancellor for leadership and institutional development — stepping away only briefly in late 2019 to serve as the interim president of the University of West Georgia. In 2022, she served as interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, overseeing the university system's entire academic enterprise. As vice chancellor for leadership and institutional development, President Rayfield led support for USG's 26 public colleges and universities as well as the University System Office in areas that include management, leadership transitions, and training and orientation.

Before her service to the University System of Georgia, she held positions at Auburn University, Vanderbilt University, Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro), and the University of Alabama.

She is a member of Leadership Georgia's Class of 2020 and was selected by Georgia Trend magazine for its 2025 list of "100 most influential Georgians," which included only nine other public and private Georgia university presidents.

Dr. Rayfield is married to David Rayfield, a partner at the law firm Waldrep, Mullin & Callahan LLC in Columbus, and a graduate of Rhodes College and the University of Alabama. Together, they have two daughters, Vivian and Celia.

# Graduate Hooding Ceremony May 8, 2025 6:00 p.m. Order of the Ceremony

#### **PROCESSION**

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Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Columbus State University ROTC "Cougar Battalion" Color Guard

#### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### WELCOME

Dr. Bryan Banks, Interim Dean of Libraries & Graduate Studies

#### REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Stuart Rayfield, President

#### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES:

#### **College of Education & Health Professions**

Dean Margie Yates and Faculty

#### D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology

Dean Deborah Kidder and Faculty

#### College of the Arts

Dean Wanda Ebright and Faculty

#### College of Letters & Sciences

Dean Annice Yarber-Allen and Faculty

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Shannon Campbell, Provost & Chief Academic Officer

#### **Ceremony Marshal:**

Cindy Ticknor, Dean, Honors College

#### **Assistant Marshals:**

Kimberly Gill, Associate Professor & Chair, School of Policy, Justice and Public Safety Ellen Martin, Professor of Kinesiology & Health Sciences

### **Commencement Stage Party**

#### Stuart E. Rayfield

President

#### **Shannon Campbell**

Provost & Chief Academic Officer

#### **Bryan Banks**

Interim Dean of Libraries & Graduate Studies

#### Wanda Ebright

Dean, College of the Arts

#### **Rocky Kettering**

Vice President for University Advancement

#### Deborah Kidder

Dean, D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology

#### John Lester

Vice President for External Affairs

#### Ellen Roberts

College of Education & Health Professions Commencement Speaker

#### Gina L. Sheeks

Vice President for Student Affairs

#### **Representative Calvin Smyre**

Honorary Doctorate Candidate and College of Letters & Sciences Commencement Speaker

#### Ann Cox Strub

Honorary Doctorate Candidate

#### Steven Têtte

College of the Arts and Turner College of Business & Technology Commencement Speaker

#### **Cindy Ticknor**

Dean, Honors College

#### Annice Yarber-Allen

Dean, College of Letters & Sciences

#### **Margie Yates**

Dean, College of Education & Health Professions

#### **Commencement Marshals**

# D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology and College of the Arts

#### **College Marshal:**

Reba A. Wissner, Associate Professor of Musicology

#### **Assistant Marshals:**

Armando Fernandez, Nexus Lecturer
Rodrigo Obando, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Tom Tebeau, Lecturer of Business
Victoria Warnet, Assistant Professor of Music Education
Orion Wertz, Professor of Art

#### College of Letters & Sciences

#### **College Marshal:**

Guihong Fan, Professor of Mathematics

#### **Assistant Marshals:**

Kimberly Gill, Chair and Associate Professor, School of Policy, Justice, and Public Safety

Brennan Gonzalez, Lecturer of Sociology
Patrick Jackson, Professor of English
Ben Kamau, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Mathematics
Bobby Nixon, Associate Professor of Spanish
Kerri Taylor, Associate Professor of Chemistry

#### **College of Education & Health Professions**

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#### **College Marshal:**

Ellen Martin, Professor, Kinesiology and Health Sciences

#### **Assistant Marshals:**

Clayton Nicks, Professor / Department Chair of Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Chandler Padgett, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Patricia Patrick, Professor of Teacher Education, Leadership & Counseling
Carlene Robinson, Assistant Professor of Health Science
Rebecca Toland, Assistant Professor of Health Science/Program Coordinator
Jennifer Vanslander, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership
Aimee Vael, Assistant Director, Graduate Programs / Professor
Jeanine Wert, Associate Professor of Health & Physical Education

# Steven Têtte '08, '10, '13 Commencement Speaker

teven Têtte is a multi-faceted artist whose practice encompasses studio work, teaching and community engagement. His vibrant and expressive paintings delve into the complexities of the African American experience, exploring themes of identity, memory and the human condition.

Drawing inspiration from his Midwestern upbringing and Southern roots, Têtte's work seamlessly blends figurative and abstract elements, resulting in dynamic and thought-provoking compositions. He

holds three degrees from Columbus State University, culminating in a master of art education.

Têtte's work has garnered international recognition, with exhibitions spanning Europe, Asia and North America. His paintings have been featured in numerous publications, and his work is represented in esteemed public and private collections, including Google LLC., the Georgia Capitol Museum, and The Columbus Museum. His painting of Calvin Smyre, the state's longest-serving legislator, was recently dedicated and now hangs in the Georgia State Capitol.

# Ann Cox Strub Honorary Doctorate of Humanities Recipient

orn in Columbus, Ann Cox Strub has always valued her family's legacy in the community. Her grandfather, Dr. Roland Bird Daniel, was superintendent of Columbus Public Schools from 1909-37 and helped develop Columbus College, now Columbus State University. Strub's mother, Evelyn Allison Daniel Cox, inspired her to pursue higher education, leading Strub to attend Newcomb College, where she earned a bachelor's in theatre in 1963, followed by a master's in drama and communications from Tulane University in 1965. She furthered her education at La Sorbonne in Paris under physical theatre legend Jacques Lecoq.



Strub briefly considered teaching at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago or studying at The Neighborhood Playhouse in New York, but chose to fulfill her dream of living in New Orleans' French Quarter. While there, she met Richard Strub, whom she married in 1966. The couple served in Brazil with the Peace Corps, and Ann later worked as one of the city's first Head Start teachers.

After their son Tyner was born, Strub focused on acting in local theatres, commercials and films, including JFK. In the 1980s, she starred in Edward Albee's Fragments in New Orleans. Later, her work at the Contemporary Art Center led to a faculty position at the University of New Orleans, where she taught drama and communications.

At 50, Strub pursued her passion for visual arts, studying painting and drawing for eight years at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts. She developed a unique technique using black backgrounds and chalk outlines, which became a hallmark of her work. After Hurricane Katrina, she relocated to Cashiers, North Carolina, where she became involved with The Bascom: A Center for the Visual Arts, teaching workshops and selling her work.

A versatile artist, Strub continues to contribute to her community and artistic fields through painting, theatre, sculpture and gardening. For that reason, she has been a major donor to Columbus State, supporting its Department of Art, the Carson McCullers Center for Writers & Musicians, and the Archives & Special Collections. She has also included a legacy gift to the university.

Note: The photo of Ann Strub is courtesy of St. Charles Avenue, a Renaissance Publishing publication.

# College of the Arts and

# D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology May 9, 2025 9:00 a.m.

## Order of the Ceremony

#### PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Columbus State University ROTC "Cougar Battalion" Color Guard

#### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

# WELCOME FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE ARTS AND THE D. ABBOTT TURNER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Deborah Kidder, Dean, D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology

#### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DOCTORATE

Stuart E. Rayfield, President Ann Cox Strub

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Wanda Ebright, Dean, College of the Arts

#### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Steven Têtte, AS '08, B.S.Ed. '10 & M.Ed. '13

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Shannon Campbell, Provost & Chief Academic Officer

#### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

#### CSU ALMA MATER

Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### CLOSING

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

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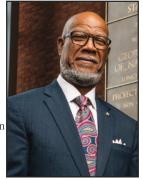
#### The Honorable Calvin Smyre

#### Honorary Doctorate of Humanities & Commencement Speaker

alvin Smyre is a distinguished business executive, state legislator, and community leader. He earned his B.S. in Business Administration from Fort Valley State University in 1970 and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Morehouse School of Medicine in 2015. His career spans public service, corporate leadership, and national influence.

Smyre began as a community organizer in Columbus, Georgia, before joining Synovus, where he retired as Executive Vice President of Corporate External Affairs and President of the Synovus Foundation after 38 years.

Elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1974 at age 27, Smyre became the longest-serving member in 2023, retiring after 48 years. He was honored as the "Dean" of the House and served



on several key committees, including Appropriations, Rules, Higher Education, and Transportation. Smyre was instrumental in significant legislative actions, including making Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a state holiday and co-sponsoring the Georgia State Flag change, the HOPE Scholarship, the 2020 Hate Crime Act, and the repeal of the 1863 Citizens Arrest Law.

Nationally, Smyre has served as President Emeritus of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and held leadership roles in the Democratic Party, including Chairman of the Georgia Democratic Party. He has been a delegate to twelve Democratic National Conventions and served as a Georgia Presidential Elector nine times. Smyre was a key figure in gubernatorial and presidential campaigns, including as Co-Chair of the Clinton-Gore Georgia campaign and advisor to President Joe Biden's 2020 campaign.

Beyond politics, Smyre has been a key advocate for economic and cultural development, including the \$62M Columbus RiverCenter and leadership roles in organizations like the Morehouse School of Medicine, Columbus State University Foundation, and Fort Valley State University Foundation.

His contributions have earned numerous awards, including the Congressional Black Caucus' Phoenix Award and recognition as one of Georgia's "Ten Best Legislators." In 2022, President Biden nominated him as U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, and in 2023, he was appointed to the 78th U.N. General Assembly. In 2024, he joined the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

Smyre is a lifelong member of Greater Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church. He has one deceased daughter and two grandchildren.

# College of Letters & Sciences May 9, 2025 12:30 p.m. Order of the Ceremony

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#### PROCESSION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND FACULTY

Pomp and Circumstance March

#### PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Columbus State University ROTC "Cougar Battalion" Color Guard

#### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

#### **COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCES WELCOME**

Annice Yarber-Allen, Dean

#### CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DOCTORATE

Stuart E. Rayfield, President The Hon. Calvin Smyre

#### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

The Hon. Calvin Smyre

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Shannon Campbell, Provost & Chief Academic Officer

#### **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

#### CSU ALMA MATER

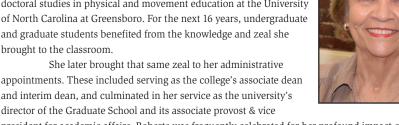
Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### **CLOSING**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

# Dr. Ellen Roberts Commencement Speaker

hen she retired from Columbus State in 2019, Dr. Ellen Roberts had devoted more than half a century to coaching women's sports and teaching preschoolers through college-aged students. In 1987, Roberts joined the faculty of the then-Columbus College while completing her doctoral studies in physical and movement education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. For the next 16 years, undergraduate and graduate students benefited from the knowledge and zeal she brought to the classroom.



president for academic affairs. Roberts was frequently celebrated for her profound impact on graduation education at Columbus State. Under her leadership, the university expanded graduate degree offerings (including its first doctoral degree program), established its early collaborative online degree programs, and created a sense of community for graduate students.

Even in retirement, Roberts still supports Columbus State and its students. In 2024, she created endowments to fund an undergraduate scholarship in her parents' honor and to support first-generation students and a graduate student scholarship. Both prioritize support for students studying in the college's teacher education programs.

# College of Education & Health Professionals May 9, 2025 4:00 p.m. Order of the Ceremony

#### PROCESSION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND FACULTY

Pomp and Circumstance March

#### PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Columbus State University ROTC "Cougar Battalion" Color Guard

#### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

#### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WELCOME

Margie Yates, Dean

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

#### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Dr. Ellen Roberts

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Shannon Campbell, Provost & Chief Academic Officer

#### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

#### CSU ALMA MATER

Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music

#### **CLOSING**

Stuart E. Rayfield, President

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## **Music for the Ceremony**

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Music for the Hooding and Commencement ceremonies is provided by students from the Joyce & Henry Schwob School of Music in the College of the Arts.

#### **Columbus State University Brass Quintet**

Aaron Jensen, Coach & Musical Director
Gage Beasley, Tuba
Noah Newsome, Trumpet
Drew Robertson, Trombone
Connor Williams, Trumpet
Cole Zelman, Horn

#### **Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

National Anthem: The Star-Spangled Banner

Performed by Mark Lokkesome

CSU Alma Mater

Performed by Mark Lokkesome

# **College of Education & Health Professions Doctorate of Education**

Dissertation Titles

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#### Kendall Forde

Using the College Choice Model to Examine why HBCU Graduates Choose to Attend PWIs for Advanced Studies

Chair: Jennifer Lovelace

#### Melissa Niemi

New Science Teacher Experiences in a Mentor Program with Same Content vs.

Different Content Mentors: A Qualitative Study

Chair: Jessica Banks

#### Jametia Wimbush

The Perpetuation of Disparities of African American Students in Secondary Advanced Academic Programs by Organizational Routines: A Mixed Methods Study

Chair: Lauren Neal

#### **Emilie Thompson**

An Exploratory Study of New Teacher Induction in Title I Elementary Schools in Georgia

Chair: Jessica Banks

#### Hema Keerthi

Advanced Placement Classes and its Racial Gap: Teachers' Beliefs and Perceptions

Chair: Basil Conway

#### Amillia Woolfork

Investigating the Experiences and Perceptions of Rural Elementary Non-Certified Teachers using Scripted Curriculum: An Exploratory Case Study

Chair: Jennifer Lovelace

# **College of the Arts**

#### Master of Arts

Christina Patrice Anderson  Kya' ShyNae Butler.  Communication  Kaihla A'Lena Carter.  Communication  Hailey Lynn Franklin  Communication  Kayla Margaret Ford.  Communication  Sydney Leanna Frazier  Communication  Krystal Destiny Grant  Communication  Sho Irikawa  Communication  Stephanie Raeann Lawson.  Communication  Trent Patrick Mylie  Communication  Kristen Maddox Simpson  Communication  Communication  Communication  Communication  Communication  Communication
Kayla Marie Whitmire
Master of Music
Laurie Marie Alltop
Reanna Dianne Cassidy
Sicong Chen
Jace Victor Elliott
Naomi Isabell Israel
Rebecca Kirsten Manseau
Laura Daniela Milanes Rodriguez
Sophie A. O'Brien
Diana Isamar Pineda
Andrew Wyatt Robertson
Annamarie Claire Smith
Jennifer Saavedra Tovar
Brandon Joel Tharp
Colleen Blair Welsh
Cameron Reide Wilcox
Certificate
Aldo Castro
Nathaniel Parker
Regan Louise Pilgrim

# D. Abbott Turner College of Business & Technology

#### Master of Business Administration

Justin Marquis Battle
Samantha Caldwell
Elijah Lenzy Epps
Lexis Kiara Fickel
Elizabeth Forshaw
Alexander Ivan Innis
Jehloni Elbridge James
Ramandeep Kaur
Ryan Fredrick Miller
Alexis Sydney Raiford
Mariana Ramirez
Andrea Lo'real Robinson
Destinee Joilynn Rouse
Rachel L. Speelman
Brenda Mae Theus
Brianna Simone Wilkerson
Master of Science
Ahmed Abdelghany
Syed Osama Ali
Likhita Aluri
Alexus Lynai Alvarado Applied Computer Science
Shalanda Jaleice Baldwin Organizational Leadership
Dheer Madhav Balusu
Vineetha Bandla
Richard Vernon Barrow Jr Organizational Leadership
Sri Kavya Bhagavathula Applied Computer Science
Harika Bhemidi
Paulette Marie Brock
Kenesia Aldene Byfield-Genas
Camryn Mckenzie Calhoun Organizational Leadership
Massiah Cameron
Matthew Cavell
Kayla Kierra Clemons
Trenten Isaiah Cummings Applied Computer Science
Alexis Victoria Davidson Applied Computer Science
Andrew Dorbu
McKenzie Burke Dougherty Organizational Leadership
Saikrupa Elate
J. Skylar Fritzky
Xian Gao
Tiara Tamya Gibson
Jonathon Tyler Goodson Applied Computer Science

Maxwell Thomas Gowan	Cybersecurity
Joshua Alexander Guilford	
Charles John Gulotta	.Organizational Leadership
Kasi Viswanath Gundapaneedi	. Applied Computer Science
Kalia Breanna Gunn	.Organizational Leadership
Andrew Mark Harper	
Jarrett Michael House	.Organizational Leadership
Chelsea Howell	.Organizational Leadership
Isabella Calaca Ihrig	. Applied Computer Science
Anton Gabriel Jakovcic	. Applied Computer Science
Venkata Swati Kasina	. Applied Computer Science
Hosea Edward King	
Siatta T. King	.Organizational Leadership
Bryan Lassiter	
Jason Cole Lassiter	. Applied Computer Science
Victoria Ann Madsen	.Organizational Leadership
Dorathy Mae Moses	.Organizational Leadership
Prudhvi Raj Nelapatla	. Applied Computer Science
Akshith Nukala	. Applied Computer Science
Jontauras R. Osborne	. Applied Computer Science
Kingsley Osifo Osemudiamne	
Laury Mylène Petit	
Diamond Alexandria Pettaway	.Organizational Leadership
Sneha Ranga	. Applied Computer Science
Daisy Reichlin	.Organizational Leadership
Gaurob Saha	. Applied Computer Science
Carmen Angelica Sanchez	.Organizational Leadership
Heba Leila Sayedzada	
Brittany Marie Singleton	
Tyler Michelle Speer	Cybersecurity
Michael Kristopher Sretenovic	. Applied Computer Science
Angelica Kathryn Strange	.Organizational Leadership
Ferrell Lee Strange Jr	.Organizational Leadership
Pedro Teixeira	. Applied Computer Science
Eliza Grace Thigpen	.Organizational Leadership
Dhanushya Veeralla	. Applied Computer Science
Sri Satya Sai Dinesh Venigalla	. Applied Computer Science
Claudia del Carmen Veras Lithgow	.Organizational Leadership
Colin Bernard Webostad	. Organizational Leadership
Stefania Victoria Wilcox	. Organizational Leadership
Sindhu Yasa	
Sai Krishna Yedluri	. Applied Computer Science

# **UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**

# **College of the Arts**

#### Bachelor of Arts

Bachetor of Arts	
Arden Leah Babb $^1$	ion
Alexis Abrianna Barron	
Lucie Blais	ion
Anthony Rahnel Booker	
Kenneth Douglas Brooks III <sup>3</sup>	
Erika Aleisha Buchanan³	
Ashton T. Charles <sup>3</sup>	ısic
Gracie Childs	
Tristan Jarrell Daniels	
Jan Michael Diaz	
Zebulen Earl Eagle	
Amayah Eugena Echols $^2$	
$Marcos Jaaziel Falck^1 \dots \dots$	ion
Charles Fambrough IV	ion
Isabela Loraine Garcia <sup>2</sup>	ion
Traci Nichole Gary	ion
Jamar J. Gray	Art
Emily Ruth Gutowski	Art
Cadilia Quintora Haire	ion
Johnathan Lee Haywood	ion
Shyann Nicole Hibbler	Art
Olivia Grace Hinton	Art
Jordin S. Idrell	Art
Kenya Adrianna Jackson Communicat	ion
Gavin Bruce Johnson <sup>2</sup>	ion
Kelli S. Little	ion
Mary Frances Grace Lurker	ion
Cameron Brice Marano <sup>2</sup>	tion
Nicolas Andrew McRae <sup>2</sup>	usic
Tereil D. Mitchum	
Jacob Alexander Moore	ion
Taylor Michaelle Mose	
Bryce Alfonzia Moton	
Nasir Ali Muhammad	
Evan J. O'Dell <sup>1</sup>	
Braxton Miraj Owens	
Kean Darrell Pasinos <sup>3</sup>	
Nicholas Raymond Phillips <sup>2</sup>	
William D. Player <sup>3</sup>	
Jaylin Pope <sup>3</sup>	
Aimee Nichole Pugh <sup>2</sup>	
Haley L. Ramey	
Conner Rice	
Emma Rivas	

# **College of the Arts**

Rohan Shah <sup>1</sup>	Theatre Communication Communication
Ethan Riley Tabor³	
James Tyler Tate <sup>2</sup>	Communication
Courtney Alexis Tuft	
Latavia Breshauna Upton	
Dante R. Walls	
Lily Ann Rivers Welsh <sup>2</sup>	
Leila Marie Wheaton	
Tybee Marie Wilson	Communication
Bachelor of Fine Arts  James Ray Adams Jr. <sup>3</sup>	Art
Taylor Kamari Battles	
Eva Josie Berger <sup>2</sup>	
Jadyn Antinia Bryan	
Anna Elise Buckroth	
Patrick Baskin Butler	
Amanda Grace Byars¹	
Brianna Nichole Cochran <sup>2</sup>	
Cristhel Leonela Corpeno <sup>3</sup>	Art
Emma Dallas²	Art
Samuel Luke Ferrell <sup>1</sup>	Theatre
Natalie S. Fleury	
Talia Alexus Fordham³	
Symone J. Franklin	
Madison Bailey George <sup>2</sup>	
Charles James Gilbert Jr. <sup>2</sup>	
Taylor Danielle Grissett	
Caitlin Elana Hagler³	
Alaysia Ashanti Nacole Hampton	
Lina Heng²	
Abraham Islas³	,
Amber Faith Janik	,
Jenna Magbet Johnson <sup>3</sup>	
Kristen Nicole Lofton <sup>3</sup>	
Katherine Anne Mogilski	
Serenity A Nunn	
James K. Peacock	
Nykesha J. Riggins³	Art

# **College of the Arts**

John Payton Schwartz $^1$	Theatre Performance
Keith Brandon Thompson II	Art
Kristin N. Vo $^2$	Art
Jodie Victoria Yvonne	
Sophia A. Wells <sup>2</sup>	Art
Bachelor of Music	
Liam T. Barry $^3$	
Mary Claire Buchanan $^1$	•
Abigail Grace Carpenter <sup>1</sup>	
Alyssa Paige Cornelius <sup>2</sup>	
Daniel Charrez Cruz <sup>2</sup>	Music Performance
Ana Beatriz Dinis Perez³	Music Performance
LeAndra Douds <sup>1</sup>	Music Performance
Brissa Yasmin Fraire	Music Performance
Benjamin Wayne Garrett $^3$	Music Performance
Emilie Michelle Gatewood <sup>2</sup>	Music Education
Michael Evan Hurst <sup>3</sup>	Music Performance
Trent Foster $Ice^2$	Music Performance
Kangin Joo $^1$	Music Performance
YiLin Li	Music Performance
Mikal B. Martin <sup>3</sup>	Music Performance
Gilberto Miguel Mejia-Holguin <sup>2</sup>	
Diego Montes <sup>1</sup>	
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Oluwalola Rose	Theatre Education
Zoe Elaine Samra	
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Malachi Isaiah Benjamin	
Mirah Alyssa Benjamin	
Ethan John Blair	
Karla S. Blanc	
Landon John Bolles	ĕ
Josh William Braaten	
Mary Kate Bradford <sup>3</sup>	
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Caroline Leigh Brossett	
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Grace Lanier Buice	
Jacob David Bullock	Marketing
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Jhailyn Skylar Griffin	
Martin Gruendemann <sup>2</sup>	
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Lane Brianne Hagler	
Chase Robert Hammock <sup>1</sup>	
Dylan Michael Harvey	
Jonathan John Hemingway	
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James Edwin Walker	
Luke Donaldson Weaver	
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Jerrett Keith Ray	Cybersecurity Practitioner
Dylann Paige Russell	Cybersecurity Practitioner
Tony Terrell Tolbert	Cybersecurity Practitioner
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# **College of Letters & Sciences**

#### Master of Public Administration

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Evan Garner	
Benjamin Wayne Garrett <sup>3</sup>	Mathematics
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Angel N. Ramsey	
Sydney Reid $^3$	
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Latharius Jamal Seats	Criminal Justice
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Mya Kierra Shearer	Criminal Justice
Tamari Stephanè Shephard	
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Jasmine A. Smiley	
Nanette Tiffany Smith	
David Sparkman Jr	
Kathy Spikes	
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Jaila Stathums	
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Adam Lee Story	
Marisa A. Stoute	
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Christopher Ryan Swafford	
Ta'Mya Sharece Talley	
Eric Elijah Taylor.	
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Gabriela Renee Villarreal <sup>3</sup>	
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Justin R. Snyder
John Austin Suarez
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Hallie Elizabeth Tanner
Kevin Jacob Tatum
Zachary Daniel Tiller
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Tom Brandon Wall
Jeremy Paul Wasdin
Crystal Candice' Williams
William David Wolfe
Joey Milton Woods

# **College of Education & Health Professions**

#### Doctor of Education

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Rebekah Atkinson										Curriculum and Leadership
Charles Baima										Curriculum and Leadership
Kimberly Brown										Curriculum and Leadership
Michael Carraway										Curriculum and Leadership
Ursala Davis										
Shiona Drummer										Curriculum and Leadership
Lisa Freeman										Curriculum and Leadership
Lakeisha Griffith										Curriculum and Leadership
Megan Jones										Curriculum and Leadership
Niketta Kelly										Curriculum and Leadership
Geraki "Marie" Kossonou										Curriculum and Leadership
Sairagul Matikeeva-Kinney .										Curriculum and Leadership
James Maye Jr										Curriculum and Leadership
Antron Murray										Curriculum and Leadership
Grace "Jessica" Watson										
Amillia Woolfork										
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Curtisa L. Barnes										Elementary Education
Aviana Pearl Calderon										
MacKenzie Brooke Carter										
Bradley Michael Casper										Teacher Leadership
Dakota Rae Crawford										
Ashley Elizabeth Dallmann .										
Kayla Gish Dennis										
April McNaughton Gallahair										
Jazlyn Ashleigh Grier										
Meghan Marie Hagan										
Megan Marie Haworth										
James Wesley Heard										
Adrianne Michelle Hoefler										
Deborah Allyn Howell										
Ashley Chaney Johnson										•
Kmiko Johnson										
Sondra Yvette Lloyd										
Kailyn Shawnese Lowe										
Callie Ashlyn Rodgers Martin										
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Charles Cole Cowsert	
Clara Elizabeth Eysel	
Antoinette Denise Green	
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Treneka L. Christian	
Jasaline Sharanda Dawkins	
Alexus Danyelle Downer	
Jasmine Durbin	
Jordan Mackenzie Finch	
Arielle Letalia Ford	Special Education

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Torriane Tyrez Hardeman	
Cody Wayne Hill	
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Jessica Renee Best	Family Nurse Practitioner
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Shavonne Renee Bonner	Family Nurse Practitioner
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Justin Paul Connelly	
Jackson Bryant Cook	
Dorothee Cross	*
Krystal Gail Dennis	
Kiley Nicole Dix	
Alphena Venecie Dyer-Mantack	
Lauren Paige Earnest	
Princess Marinelle Fonseca	
Courtney Lea Garrett	
Chantal Garzon	
Solanne Gladstone	
Daysha Nicole Hope	
Jessica Anne Hoyos	
Gabriella Joy Jones	
Karly Shae Joyce	
Desiree Lynn MacLean	
Heather Molina	
Amanda Rae Mosses	
Holly Rebecca Norris	
Angela Lynn Nutt	
Mohini Harshvadan Patel	
Veronica Gema Pellino	-
Cambrea Janae Peterson	
Milaika Micole Pickard	
Jacob Taylor Powers	
Sheryl Ann Rini	
LaShunda Jeanean Rowe-Tate	
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Summer LeighAnn Walker		
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Bradley Michael Casper Educational Leadership		
Chantelle Duncan Educational Leadership		
Charles Andrew Freeman Educational Leadership		
Jennifer Nicole Loudermilk Educational Leadership		
Tasha Nicole Morman Educational Leadership		
Elizabeth Ann Whitaker Educational Leadership		

# **UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**

# **College of Education & Health Professions**

Bachelor of Science in Education

Dachelor of Science in Education
Ronald Zeb Baugher <sup>1</sup> Elementary Education
Emma Frances Durham <sup>2</sup> Elementary Education
Taelynn Elizabeth Marie Eggleston <sup>1</sup> Elementary Education
April D. Fuller <sup>1</sup> Special Education
Kenedi Naomi Simone Gadsden Elementary Education
Celeste A. Grantham $^1$ Elementary Education
Aaron Nathaniel Grogan Elementary Education
Dorothy Creeshunna Hurt Elementary Education
Yasmeen Isabella James <sup>2</sup> Elementary Education
Zya Leilani Luttrell
Rachel Scott Mallard <sup>3</sup> Elementary Education
Christine Pickett
Amy N. Powell <sup>3</sup>
Makayla Danielle Robertson <sup>1</sup> Elementary Education
Jakyah D. Robinson <sup>3</sup> Elementary Education
Chloe Jeanette Sharpe <sup>3</sup> Elementary Education
Chalyse Amira Workman <sup>3</sup>
Bachelor of Science
Akinola Adewale Adewale
Gabriellen Denise Battle
Emma Frances Beddow <sup>2</sup>
Lajarious Deyshawn Billingsley
Kayla Allyssa Bridges
Deegan Eric Brigman <sup>1</sup>
Kordell Deunte' Brown
Zaria LeAnn Burns
Sara Hatcher Dismuke
Kay Maria Douglas
LaKendria Shauntriell Dukes
Imani Sierra Ellick
Robert Logan Fisher <sup>1</sup>
Grace An Catherine George
MarKayla Carrie Beatrice Gibson
Kristyn Haylee Goshay <sup>2</sup>
Celeste A. Grantham <sup>1</sup>
William Michael Graydon <sup>2</sup>
Gary N. Grimes
Cameron Oscar Head
Sean Gary Heistermann <sup>1</sup>
Bailee Grace Hildebrandt
Mi'keh Mikayla Holloway
Distenze Shavette Holmes
Yasmeen Antoinette-Avae Jefferson

Gregory Lee Jenkins Jr	y
Kameriya N. Johnson	
Amari Jones	y
Isaac S. Jones <sup>3</sup>	y
Austin Bradford Lairsey <sup>1</sup>	
T'yona L. Lawrence	
Nicole Renee Mata-Lopez	
Lauren Alyssa McCorvey	
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Alaiyah Latania Mcleary	
Kanesha Takia Merritt	
Quaniya Shayoni T'cale Mike	
Dennis Lamar Moore ll	
Taryn Kelis Owens	
Jaxon A. Prins	
Kylie Brooke Pritchett <sup>3</sup>	v
Michala Larryse Rawlings <sup>1</sup>	
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Emmily Rehna Robinson	
Miya Genise Roland	
Keyara Tynesha Bernadette Roundtree Health Science	
Jacob Edward Salvatierra	
Alyssa Lynn Schmitz <sup>1</sup>	
Elijah Douglas Sires <sup>2</sup>	
Devasja Nicolette Smith	
Nadia H. Smith	
Mariah Vanesa Stepney	
Elizabeth M. Thomas	
Cason Christopher Trawick <sup>3</sup>	12
Nicholas Thomas Upchurch	12
Janiaya Tanae Wright	
Januarya Tanac Witgia	_
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	
Joana Glovic K. Abbey	g
Salmat Adejoke Abdulfatai-Ogunniyi <sup>2</sup>	g
Jennifer Marcelina Accarino	
Vanessa M. Aviles <sup>2</sup>	
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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 being designated 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 St	umma Cum Laude	3.8 to 4.0
<sup>2</sup> N	Magna Cum Laude	3.6 to 3.79
3 C	im Lande	3.4 to 3.59

Graduates in the baccalaureate degree program are being 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**

<sup>4</sup> High Honors	3.8 to 4.0
<sup>5</sup> Honors	

## **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; 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:

Josh Adams	Celeste Grantham	Ma'Lon Lane
Amanda Byars	Jarrett Huckaby	Yasmin Mezayek
Marcos Falck	Kangin Joo	Collin Miller
Cassidy Fine	Apoorva Kollaram	Alyssa Schmitz

# **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:

Imani BrownPaige "Collin" MillerAvery WilliamsTyagjah GroceTa'Mya TalleyBritney YannMikal MartinElizabeth "Nic" Taylor

# **Reserve Officer Training Corps**

Graduates of Columbus State University's Reserve Officer Training Corps, or ROTC, program, are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army upon completing their degree and meeting other ROTC and Army requirements. Commissioned officers hold the rank of second lieutenant upon graduation. They are formally commissioned in a ceremony conducted by Columbus State's ROTC "Cougar Battalion."

## Commissioning as second lieutenants are:

William Ayres Jr. Kiana Delaney Hosea King Tyler Speer Shalanda Baldwin Jeffrev Deshields Matthew McNeece Angelica Strange Tyler Fleming Ashunti Montgomery Hunter Strayer Deegan Brigman Sean Heistermann Carmen Sanchez Jordan Underwood Camryn Calhoun (Summer 2025) Brittany Singleton Angelia King

## **Tradition Keepers**

"Tradition Keepers" track their campus involvement as they participate in various campus traditions that represent their student pride, spirit and engagement. Upon completing 45 of the 58 available traditions—ranging from taking photos with their orientation leader, Cody the Cougar and the university president, to attending specific activities and events—students receive a special "Tradition Keepers" medal they can wear with their cap and gown at commencement to.

## **Spring 2025 Tradition Keepers include:**

Marcos Falck Distenze Holmes Nadia Smith
Cassidy Fine Ma'Lon Lane Ta'Mya Talley
Johnathan Haywood Jacob Moore Jordan Tuft
Lina Heng Deneisha Sparks Janiaya Wright

# **Honorary Degree Recipients**

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 Fr.

2008

Maxine R. Schiffman

2009

Billy G. Turner George C. Woodruff Jr.

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

2021

C. Robert Koon

2022

Barbara Carlton Swift

2025

Ann Cox Strub The Hon. Calvin Smyre

# **Columbus State University**

## Mission, Vision and Core Values

#### Mission

Columbus State University empowers its community, drives innovation and creates opportunities.

To accomplish this, we will focus on Student Success, Responsible Stewardship, Community Impact and Economic Competitiveness.

#### 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.

#### Core Values

Actively engaging outstanding methods in teaching, academic discovery, creative pursuits, student success,

Excellence

Servant Leadership

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	cultural enrichment and the overall campus community.
Creativity	Pursuing distinction through inquiry and innovation, challenging convention and focusing on solutions.
Engagement	Dynamic civic involvement and participation of students, faculty, staff and alumni in the university experience.
Sustainability	Advancing fiscal responsibility, well-being, innovation, lifelong learning and environmental stewardship.
Inclusion	Cultivating and championing a campus environment that

welcomes diverse backgrounds, ideas, perspectives and practices.

Leading through ethical empowerment and service.

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

white arts and letters scarlet theology olive pharmacy	lilacdentistry brownarchitecture, fine arts pinkmusic
purplelaw greenmedicine dark bluephilosophy	orange engineering light brown business lemon yellow library science
yellowscience citron yellowsocial work salmon pinkpublic health	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.

Originally designed and constructed by Jamie Howard, at the time a Columbus State professor of art, the mace and medallion are two symbols of the office of the president. Commissioned by the Columbus State University Foundation, the university mace and the presidential medallion were first used in the inauguration of Dr. Frank D. Brown as the university's third president. The mace is constructed of rosewood, Bastogne walnut and sterling silver.

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, commencement speakers and others. They will then lead the members of Columbus State University's faculty to their seats.

# **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 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 each 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be 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 can be identified through purple cords as a part of their academic regalia.

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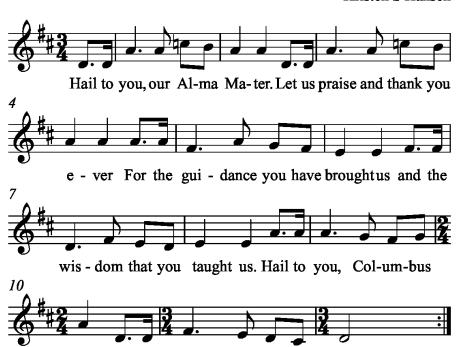
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