

**Savannah State College**

**Savannah, Georgia**

**The One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Commencement**



**Lux et Veritas**

**August Twelfth  
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One  
Six O'Clock P.M.**

**John F. Kennedy Fine Arts Building (Outdoor Area)**

## Order of Procession

THE CHIEF MARSHAL  
THE CLASS MARSHALS  
CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE  
CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE  
INSTRUCTORS OF THE COLLEGE  
ASSISTANT PROFESSORS OF THE COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS OF THE COLLEGE  
PROFESSORS OF THE COLLEGE  
PROFESSORS EMERITI  
THE GRADUATE FACULTY  
THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

### *THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACADEMIC MACE*

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State College Academic Procession carries an official mace which is indicative of the power, dignity, and *magisterium* vested in the College. The mace is a club-shaped staff which originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace of Savannah State College was designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Assistant Professor of Industrial Education. Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, designed and built the Mace Stand.

The College motto is "*Lux Et Veritas*" ("Light and Truth").

# Order of Exercises

\*ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "*War March of the Priests*" ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
Jane Parker - Jerome Glover, Pianists

\*\*INVOCATION ..... The Reverend Samuel Williams  
Savannah State College Minister  
Pastor, Christ Memorial Baptist Church  
Savannah, Georgia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO GRADUATES ..... Wendell G. Rayburn  
President, Savannah State College

SELECTION: "*Come, Come, Ye Saints*" ..... William Clayton, Leroy J. Robertson  
S.S.C. Wesleyan Gospel Choir  
Gerron Miller, Director  
Jane Parker - Jerome Glover, Accompanists

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... Wendell G. Rayburn

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Commander Royal H. Logan, Jr.  
Executive Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.

SELECTION: "*I Love The Lord*" ..... Richard Smallwood  
S.S.C. Wesleyan Gospel Choir

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES ..... Edward J. Hayes  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES ..... Wendell G. Rayburn  
Assisted by John B. Clemmons, Registrar

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ..... Dean J. Gordon Gilkey  
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ..... Dean Ja Arthur Jahannes  
SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY ..... Dean Margaret C. Robinson

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES ..... Wendell G. Rayburn  
Assisted by the Academic Deans and The Registrar

ALUMNI INDUCTION ..... Roy L. Jackson  
Vice President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATE  
FOR COMMISSION ..... Commander John Slaven  
Commanding Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE ..... Commander John Slaven

PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICER: "*Veni Sancte Spiritus*" ... The Reverend James A. Eaton  
Pastor, Midway Congregational Church  
Midway, Georgia

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN ..... J. Randolph Fisher, Hillary Hatchett

\*The audience is requested to remain seated  
\*\*The audience is requested to stand

BENEDICTION ..... The Reverend Samuel Williams

SEVEN-FOLD AMEN

\*\*\*RECESSIONAL: "*Pomp and Circumstance*" ..... Sir Edward Elgar

\*\*\*The audience is requested to remain seated until the procession has exited

# Master's Degrees Conferred

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Breedlove, William A. .... | Undergraduate Degrees<br>University of Georgia |
| McNeill, George V. ....    | University of North Carolina                   |
| Sewell, Daniel E. ....     | Armstrong State College                        |

# Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### Accounting

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Davis, Barry Craig .....      | Savannah, Georgia   |
| Gaines, Beverly Denise .....  | Savannah, Georgia   |
| Hill, Gary Lavell .....       | Midville, Georgia   |
| Middleton, Patricia Ann ..... | Davisboro, Georgia  |
| Thompson, Bruce Darrell ..... | Neptune, New Jersey |
| Walker, Pamela Rena .....     | Sparta, Georgia     |
| Verdree, Stanley. ....        | Savannah, Georgia   |

### General Business Administration

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cochran, Jeannette .....           | Savannah, Georgia     |
| Duncan, Deloris D. ....            | Allenhurst, Georgia   |
| Haynes, Earl Frankie .....         | Savannah, Georgia     |
| †Hudson, LaZelda D. ....           | Savannah, Georgia     |
| Montgomery, Roosevelt .....        | Waycross, Georgia     |
| Pearson, Jonette .....             | Savannah, Georgia     |
| Quarterman, Sharon Elizabeth ..... | Savannah, Georgia     |
| Wilson, Gregory Levon .....        | Boston, Massachusetts |
| Woodall, Jacquelyn A. ....         | Gray, Georgia         |

### Finance and Banking

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Lipsey, Joan Laronce ..... | Savannah, Georgia |
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## Finance

Gibson, Lewis Edward ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Weinbrecht, Nancy ..... Savannah, Georgia

## Management - Marketing

Featherston, William Bryan ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Fletcher, James Edward ..... McRae, Georgia  
Morgan, Dennis W. .... Savannah, Georgia

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### English Language and Literature

Dukes, Gloria ..... Winder, Georgia

### Criminal Justice

Allen, Roosevelt ..... Elberton, Georgia  
Batten, Mary Vineater ..... Savannah, Georgia  
‡‡Ferguson, Jernell Elizabeth ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Gibbs, Shirley ..... Burton, South Carolina  
Johnson, Janice Verdon Scott ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Lovett, Willie C. .... Savannah, Georgia  
Platts, Ellie Jean ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Ramey, Carl Lee ..... Savannah, Georgia

### History

Cason, Marsha H. .... Savannah, Georgia  
†Royal, Sandra Marie ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Scott, Margo ..... Savannah, Georgia

### Political Science

†Jordan, Dwight E. .... McIntosh, Georgia  
White, Veronica Quarterman ..... Savannah, Georgia

Social Work

Givens, Cynthia Marie ..... Savannah, Georgia  
†Mitchell, Yvette Lynell ..... Ailey, Georgia

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

Allen, Isaiah James ..... McRae, Georgia  
Harris, Natasha Rene ..... Savannah, Georgia  
Williams, Ranell ..... Savannah, Georgia

Chemistry

Sadler, Elizabeth ..... Savannah, Georgia

Mathematics

Javadi, Shapar Jahromi ..... Iran

Civil Engineering Technology

Ahmadi, Seyed Nooreddin ..... Iran  
Meshksar, Abdolhamid ..... Iran  
†Saadat, Abbas Ebrahimzadeh ..... Iran

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Akanbi, Babiru Saibu ..... Nigeria

## Textiles and Clothing

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mosley, Sherryl Lynn ..... | Savannah, Georgia |
| Newton, Terry Marie .....  | Savannah, Georgia |
| Scott, Margaretta .....    | Savannah, Georgia |

\*In Absentia  
‡‡Summa Cum Laude  
‡Magna Cum Laude  
†Cum Laude

NOTE: Appearance of a name on any list in this program must not be considered as conclusive evidence of graduation. Persons who have met all requirements for a particular degree and whose names appear on the lists in this program will receive the degree indicated.



# Honor Graduates

August 12, 1981

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.750 - 4.000)

Jernell Elizabeth Ferguson

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.400 - 3.749)

LaZelda D. Hudson

CUM LAUDE (3.00 - 3.399)

Dwight E. Jordan  
Yvette Lynell Mitchell  
Sandra M. Royal  
Abbas Saadat

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USHERS  
S.S.C. Staff

## SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

*Let us give thanks and praise to Thee,  
To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.  
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,  
We raise in prayerful reverence.*

*Guide us still from day to day,  
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;  
Help us know that life, short or long,  
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.*

### REFRAIN

*Where Savannah meets the sea,  
Where grassy plains and palms abound,  
Where the flow'rs are gems of loveliness,  
There S.S.C. is found.  
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,  
Our all we pledge to Thee!  
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee.  
We hail Thee, S.S.C.*

—J. Randolph Fisher  
Hillary Hatchett

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1981 Fall Quarter ..... Freshmen, September 14  
Upperclassmen, September 18

## ACADEMIC COSTUMES

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress has the same design for all degrees; black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree, worn open or closed has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is, however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Agriculture .....               | Maise         |
| Arts, Letters, Humanities ..... | White         |
| Business .....                  | Drab          |
| Economics .....                 | Copper        |
| Education .....                 | Light Blue    |
| Law .....                       | Purple        |
| Library Science .....           | Lemon         |
| Music .....                     | Pink          |
| Oratory—(Speech) .....          | Silver Gray   |
| Philosophy .....                | Dark Blue     |
| Physical Education .....        | Sage Green    |
| Science .....                   | Golden Yellow |
| Theology .....                  | Scarlet       |

At Savannah State College, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.

