

Savannah State College

Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth
Commencement



Lux et Veritas

June Tenth

Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

Two Thirty O'Clock P.M.

Savannah Civic Center Theater

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, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering Technology. 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 Services

- PRELUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in G Major"..... Bach
Willie G. Tucker, Organist
- *ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "War March of the Priests"..... Felix Mendelssohn
Willie G. Tucker
- **INVOCATION The Reverend William E. McTier
Pastor, White Bluff United Methodist Church, Savannah, Georgia
- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO GRADUATES..... Wendell G. Rayburn
President, Savannah State College
- SELECTION: "I'm Goin' to Sing"..... Shaw-Parker
The Savannah State College Concert Choir
Willie E. Jackson, Director
Randy Duncan, Accompanist
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER..... Wendell G. Rayburn
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS..... William A. Butts
Director, Postsecondary Relations Staff, Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
- SELECTION: "O' Clap Your Hands"..... Ralph V. Williams
The Savannah State College Concert Choir
- PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S AWARDS..... Wendell G. Rayburn
Assisted by Charles J. Elmore, Assistant to the President
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES..... Edward J. Hayes
Vice President of Academic Affairs
- CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES..... Wendell G. Rayburn
Assisted by Alvin Collins, Acting Registrar
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:
- School of Business Dean Leo G. Parrish
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences..... Dean Ja A. Jahannes
- School of Sciences and Technology Dean Margaret C. Robinson
- CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES Wendell G. Rayburn
Assisted by the Academica Deans and the Acting Registrar
- CLASS SONG Class of 1984
- ALUMNI INDUCTION..... Roy L. Jackson
President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association
- PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION Commander John Slaven
Commanding Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.
- PRESENTATION OF A.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION Captain Arnet J. Whorley
Officer in Charge, Savannah State/Armstrong State A.R.O.T.C.
- ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE
- N.R.O.T.C..... Commander John Slaven
- A.R.O.T.C..... Captain Arnet J. Whorley
- PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICERS
- "Veni Sancte Spiritus"..... The Reverend Samuel A. Williams
Savannah State College Minister
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN
- BENEDICTION..... The Reverend William E. McTier
- THREE-FOLD AMEN
- ***RECESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance"..... Sir Edward Elgar
Willie G. Tucker, Organist

*The audience is requested to remain seated

**The audience is requested to stand

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

Master's Degrees Conferred

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Akabuogu, Ferdinand Sonni	University of Southwestern Louisiana
Edgar, Mark Patton	Tulane University
Franklin, Jeffrey Paul	Louisiana Technical University
Green, Ronald Wayne	College of Charleston
Jones, Ruby D.	Savannah State College
Malick, Ray Cyrus	Armstrong State College
!Sweeny, Diane Theresa	University of North Carolina

Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting

Bakrin, Alade Zacariah	Ilorin, Nigeria
!Boatright, Richard, Jr.	Metter, Georgia
Bramblett, Charles Donald	Vidalia, Georgia
**Frankenhauser, Nancy E.	Louisville, Kentucky
*Gibson, Erastus, Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
Johnson, Byron Vernon	Savannah, Georgia
*Jones, Sheila Rena	Savannah, Georgia
Morton, William Charles	Washington, D.C.
**Nash, Sandra Mackey	Gadsden, Alabama
Osgood, Carolyn Lizette	Savannah, Georgia
Reisman, Marie Victoria	Tokyo, Japan
Robinson, Cynthia Michelle	Savannah, Georgia
Turner, Matthew	Augusta, Georgia
Williams, Ella L.	Savannah, Georgia
Wilson, Clyde Edwin	Macon, Georgia

General Business Administration

Aiken, Ann Denise	Savannah, Georgia
Barnes, Wanda Patrice	Savannah, Georgia
Cooper, Edwin David	Savannah, Georgia
Gordon, Larry J.	Savannah, Georgia
Martin, Deborah Cecilia	Waycross, Georgia
Price, James E.	Savannah, Georgia
Royal, Gloria A.	Millen, Georgia
Simmons, Linda Faye	Cannon Bluff, Georgia
Wilder, Gail Lavern	Savannah, Georgia
!Wright, Brenda Lee	Louisville, Georgia

!In Absentia

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

Finance and Banking

Kukelhan, Scott Alan	Decatur, Indiana
Sheppard, Josey M., Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
*Williams, Janice Foote	Savannah, Georgia

Marketing

Lumpkin, Terryll Louise	Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Milton, Matilda Margie Anne	Savannah, Georgia
Myers, Donald Justin, Jr.	Forrest, Mississippi
O'Connor, Michael Francis	Savannah, Georgia
*Shaw, Richard Morrison	Rock Hill, South Carolina
Shey, Jennifer Gregory	Milford, Delaware

Management

Corey, Randall A.	Savannah, Georgia
Davis, Patricia Corine	Savannah, Georgia
**!DeLoach, Barbara A.	Hardeeville, South Carolina
Ferguson, Janice Vanessa	Savannah, Georgia
*Flynn, Ann Curran	Savannah, Georgia
Litchfield, Denise Watson	Savannah, Georgia
Smoak, Roy W., Jr.	Tifton, Georgia
Steele, Don L.	Okemah, Oklahoma
Swain, Charles O., Jr.	Atlanta, Georgia
**Vann, Paul David	Conway, South Carolina

Marketing and Management

Foster, Bryan Keith	Atlanta, Georgia
Gordon, Michelle G.	Savannah, Georgia

Information Systems

Chavis, George Robbie III	Long Island, New York
**Davis, James M.	Hazelhurst, Georgia
***!Kirven, John I.	Statesboro, Georgia
Rooks, Hilda Floretta	Baxley, Georgia
Shavers, Donald	Fitzgerald, Georgia

Office Administration

Hudson, Diane Grant	Savannah, Georgia
Youmans, Barbara Ann	Claxton, Georgia
Zanders, Monica Michelle	Vienna, Georgia

Accounting and Information Systems

- **Dotson, James T..... Cusseta, Georgia
***Williams, C. Rosemary..... Riverside, California

Associate/Secretarial Science

- Hennessy, Karen Jeanette..... Columbia, South Carolina
Owens, Annie J..... Quitman, Georgia

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

English Language and Literature

- Smith, Linda Marie..... Savannah, Georgia
*Williamson, Beatrice..... Douglas, Georgia

Mass Communications

- Jackson, Margaret Hart..... Savannah, Georgia
Jones, Vele Keyta Youmans..... Savannah, Georgia
Miller, Renae Manetta..... Savannah, Georgia
Moore, LaVon Rene..... Savannah, Georgia

Criminal Justice

- Dinkins, Edith Lorraine..... Savannah, Georgia
Grant, Jennifer Denise..... Savannah, Georgia
Hagan, Brenda F..... Claxton, Georgia
Hardy, Janice Denise..... Augusta, Georgia
Jackson, Karen..... Savannah, Georgia
Merritt, Kenneth Alan..... Ft. Knox, Kentucky
Wedlock, Bobby Mitchell..... Winchester, Virginia
*Williams, Roy L..... Jackson, Tennessee

History

- !Westgate, Elizabeth Morgan..... Savannah, Georgia

Political Science

- Orr, Marion E..... Savannah, Georgia

Social Work

- Frazier, Barbara Sanders..... Savannah, Georgia

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

Devillers, Carolyn Evett.....	Richmond Hill, Georgia
Graham, Marsha Elaine.....	Savannah, Georgia
Grayson, Cathy Jean.....	Clarence, Louisiana
Hart, Karen Michele.....	Savannah, Georgia
*Rumley, Richard Ezell II.....	Baulmholder, Germany
!Sanders, Jethro, Jr.....	Vidalia, Georgia
*Taylor, Sonya Lynn.....	Savannah, Georgia
Thomas, Bonnita Angelia.....	Elberton, Georgia
Tippins, Felicia Latrell.....	Savannah, Georgia
Williams, Rita M.....	Savannah, Georgia

Chemistry

Mathis, Milton Douglas.....	Savannah, Georgia
*!Parker, Alonzo, Jr.....	Savannah, Georgia
Smith, Rehette Maria.....	Savannah, Georgia

Mathematics

*Anthony, Eric D'Mont.....	Newport News, Virginia
Bettis, Sybil Yvette.....	Columbus, Georgia
Bing, ReGale Tennassia.....	Walterboro, South Carolina
Boazmn, Darrell J.....	Lagrange, Georgia
Darden, Willard Terence.....	Longdale, Alabama
Driskell, Vanessa Gale.....	Milledgeville, Georgia
*Emerson, Regina.....	Savannah, Georgia
**Jivens, Bruce Nathaniel.....	Savannah, Georgia

Medical Technology

Clowers, Lisa Ann.....	Macon, Georgia
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Civil Engineering Technology

Alexander, Sylvester.....	Savannah, Georgia
Allen, Irving T.....	Newark, New Jersey
Ayesu, Ernest Odame.....	Sunyani, Ghana
*Brown, Linda Herkenhoff.....	Duluth, Minnesota
Hashemi, Seyed Mehdi.....	Abadam, Iran
*Muirhead, John Thomas.....	Ammityville, New Jersey
Washington, Sandra Venita.....	Dublin, Georgia
Yadegar, Ninoos Z.....	Tehran, Iran
!Zombalan Victory Orshan.....	Tehran, Iran

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Electronic Engineering Technology

Al-Hmoud, Abdullah Abass.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Al-Kahtani, Mesfer Moshabbeb.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Al-Marhoun, Abdullah Abdulmohsen.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Al-Maskin, Fouad Naji.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Al-Said, Ali Salman.....	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Coney, David Stanley.....	Savannah, Georgia
Ezeugwu, Bernard M.....	Nsukka, Nigeria
Ferrebee, Willie Christopher.....	Savannah, Georgia
Jones, Forrest Kaylōr.....	Montgomery, Alabama
!Martin, Miles.....	Ludowici, Georgia
*Miller, Ralph.....	Savannah, Georgia
Mincey, Douglas.....	Claxton, Georgia
Slay, Morgan L.....	Jeffersonville, Georgia
*!Tilson, Nathaniel Collin, Jr.....	Savannah, Georgia
Willis, Tim S.....	Valdosta, Georgia

Mechanical Engineering Technology

*Bullock, Kennard Eben.....	Neptune, New Jersey
**McLin, Jerome.....	Sparta, Georgia
Onigbinde, Ayoade Michael Olalemi.....	Bukuru, Nigeria

Textile and Clothing

!Burke, B'Rinda J.....	Metter, Georgia
King, Yvonne Deloris.....	Jacksonville, Florida

Dietetics and Institutional Management

Williams, Clarence, Jr.....	Savannah, Georgia
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Mechanical Technology (Associate)

Clayton, Paul L. III.....	Savannah, Georgia
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Electronic Technology (Associate)

LaRose, Willis D.....	Madera, California
**!Nesmith, William Joshua, Jr.....	Sylvania, Georgia
!Humphries, David Edward.....	Savannah, Georgia

Drafting and Design Technology (Associate)

Olliff, Larry B.....	Savannah, Georgia
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NOTE: Appearance of a name in 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.

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1984 Summer School June 18 - August 7
1984 Fall Quarter Freshmen, September 17
Upperclassmen, September 21

Immediately following the ceremonies, a reception will be held for graduates and parents on the Mezzanine.

Honor Graduates

June 10, 1984

Summa Cum Laude

(3.75 - 4.00)

John I. Kirven
C. Rosemary Williams

Magna Cum Laude

(3.40 - 3.74)

James M. Davis	Jerome McLin
Barbara A. DeLoach	Sandra Mackey Nash
James T. Dotson	William Joshu Nesmith, Jr.
Nancy E. Frankenhauser	Paul David Vann
Bruce Nathaniel Jivens	

Cum Laude

(3.00 - 3.39)

Eric D'Mont Anthony	Alonzo Parker, Jr.
Linda Herkenhoff Brown	Richard Ezell Rumley II
Kennard Eben Bullock	Richard Morris Shaw
Regina Emerson	Sonya Lynn Taylor
Anne Curran Flynn	Nathaniel Collin Tilson, Jr.
Erastus Gibson, Jr.	Janice Foote Williams
Sheila Rena Jones	Roy L. Williams
Ralph Miller	Beatrice Williamson
John Thomas Muirhead	

Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society

Regina Emerson
Bruce Jivens
Alonzo Parker, Jr.
Sonya L. Taylor

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

James Dotson	Alonzo Parker, Jr.
Regina Emerson	Sonya L. Taylor
Erastus Gibson	Rosemary Williams
Bruce Jivens	

Delta Sigma Pi International Fraternity

Randall A. Corey
Byron C. Hunter
Byron V. Johnson
Rose Marie Roberts
Gweyn R. Simpson
Barbara A. Youmans

Tau Alpha Pi Honor Society

Miles Martin
Ralph G. Miller
Nathaniel C. Tilson, Jr.

USHERS

N.R.O.T.C. Midshipmen

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 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.

