

Savannah State College

Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred Thirtieth
Commencement



Lux et Veritas

June Ninth

Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

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 Exercises

- PRELUDE: "*Tuccato in d Minor*" Gordon Nevin
James Thompson, Organist
- *ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "*War March of the Priests*" Felix Mendelssohn
James Thompson, Jr.
- **INVOCATION The Reverend Charles W. Pitts
Pastor, St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church
Savannah, Georgia
- SELECTION: "*You Better Mind*" Jester Hairston
The Savannah State College Concert Choir
Willie E. Jackson, Director
Randy Duncan, Accompanist
- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO GRADUATES Wendell G. Rayburn
President, Savannah State College
- SELECTION: "*Come Unto Jesus*" Robert J. Fryson
The Savannah State College Wesleyan Choir
Gerron D. Miller, Director
Jerome S. Glover, Pianist
Spencer E. White, III, Organist
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Wendell G. Rayburn
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Clarence Thomas
Chairman, United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Washington, DC.
- **SELECTION: "*The Hallelujah Chorus*" (from *The Messiah*) George Frederick Handel
The Savannah State College Concert Choir
The Savannah State College Wesleyan Choir
- PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S AWARDS Wendell G. Rayburn
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES Edward J. Hayes
Vice President for Academic Affairs
- CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES Wendell G. Rayburn
Assisted by Alvin Collins, 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 Academic Deans and the Registrar
- ALUMNI INDUCTION Jimmie Lee Jackson
President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association
- PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSION Commander Edward Clark, Jr.
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 Edward Clark, Jr.
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
- THE SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN
- BENEDICTION The Reverend Samuel A. Williams
- THREE-FOLD AMEN
- ***RECESSIONAL: "*Pomp and Circumstance*" Sir Edward Elgar
James Thompson, Jr.

*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

!Arbelaez, Bernardo Estrada	Pontificia Bolivariana University
Bass, Richard Allen, Lieutenant USN	Perdue University
Benson, Nora Lynn	University of Georgia
Heslin, J. Alexander	George Washington University
Howard, Lonnie Taylor	Clemson University
Kwak, Anthony S.	Kon Kuk University
Menon, Sashi K.	Southern Technical Institute
Saumweber, Marliss Ann	Medical College of Georgia
Tilson, Gertrude Robinson	Savannah State College
Woolen, James Roy	Georgia State University

Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting

Abdul-Salaam, Hasan	Savannah, Georgia
**!Bryant, Joanne P.	Savannah, Georgia
**English, Darlene Marie	Savannah, Georgia
Farley, Cathy Denene	Savannah, Georgia
*Gallagher, Kathleen Marie	Savannah, Georgia
*Holland, Dorothy A.	Savannah, Georgia
Johnson, Bonita Elizabeth	Atlanta, Georgia
Johnson, Mary Norwood	Savannah, Georgia
**Kiene, Lester T.	Savannah, Georgia
Muller, Anita Patton	Savannah, Georgia
**Newell, Ernest Andrew	Savannah, Georgia
**Osborne, Vonciel Toconia	Augusta, Georgia
*Porzio, Nicholas Louis	Savannah, Georgia
*Shambayati, Debra Harbeson	Statesboro, Georgia
Simmons, Joe N.	Savannah, Georgia
*Sanders, James Earl	Savannah, Georgia

General Business Administration

!Bouie, Linda Carol	Fitzgerald, Georgia
Ford, Annette Renee'	Charleston, South Carolina
*Lane, Elgin J.	Brunswick, Georgia
McClain, Rhodesia Denise	Savannah, Georgia
Mason, Patricia Ann	Savannah, Georgia
Newton, Josie P.	Savannah, Georgia
Osgood, Yolanda	Midville, Georgia
Paulk, Dorothy Michelle	Baxley, Georgia
Roberts, Rose Marie	Savannah, Georgia
Schaaf, Karen	Savannah, Georgia
!Thomas, Ira Kurt	Cordell, Georgia
Williams, Elvis	Tampa, Florida

Management

!Baugh, Glenda Nanette	Savannah, Georgia
Johnson, Mary Ann	Plainfield, New Jersey
Kent, George G., Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
!Mann, James Craig	Vidalia, Georgia
Moore, Joseph P.	Savannah, Georgia
*Porzio, Nicholas Louis	Savannah, Georgia
!Smith, Jerry Arthur	Savannah, Georgia
Stephens, Kimberly Carol	Gainesville, Georgia
Toney, Yolanda Edricka	Columbus, Georgia

Marketing

Brown, Rosalind	Savannah, Georgia
Buff, Donna Harvey	Savannah, Georgia
Dixon, Janet Diane	Savannah, Georgia
McLendon, Charlene	Dublin, Georgia

Finance & Banking

Garvin, Angela Marie	Decatur, Georgia
Jenkins, Freeman, Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
Sheppard, Josey M., Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
*Smirnoff, John Michael	Savannah, Georgia
*Walker, Roger Craig	Orlando, Florida
Williams, Phyllis Denise	Savannah, Georgia
Williams, Zanita Cyette	Savannah, Georgia

Information Systems

Hutto, John Emerson, Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
**Idleman, Scott G.	Savannah, Georgia
King, Winifred M.	Macon, Georgia
*Middleton, Pamela Johnson	Savannah, Georgia
Muller, Anita Patton	Savannah, Georgia
Osgood, Yolanda	Midville, Georgia
Reid, Kim Gloria	Brooklyn, New York
!Simpson, Gwenyn Reynell	Savannah, Georgia
**Thompson, Marion Rachel Brown	Durham, North Carolina

Office Administration

Edwards, Doris	Morven, Georgia
Gary, Melesa Lee	Elberton, Georgia
Holmes, Cathy B.	Griffin, Georgia
Kitchen, Beverly Ann	Mercersburg, Pennsylvania
Robinson, Dorothy Ann	Brunswick, Georgia

DOUBLE MAJORS
Accounting and Information Systems

Muller, Anita Patton.....Savannah, Georgia

Accounting and Management

*Porzio, Nicholas Louis.....Savannah, Georgia

General Business Administration and Information Systems

Osgood, Yolanda.....Midville, Georgia

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Criminal Justice

Brookins, Gwynette LaEtta.....Hazlehurst, Georgia

Brown, Anderson.....Savannah, Georgia

Brown, Sheila Rebecca.....Savannah, Georgia

Coleman, Thia Anne.....Beaufort, South Carolina

Dawson, Frederick VaRon.....Kingsland, Georgia

*Grant, Lillian Diane.....Savannah, Georgia

Holt, Alphonso.....Atlanta, Georgia

**Jackson, Susan Elaine.....Savannah, Georgia

Lawson, Sharon Yvonne.....Macon, Georgia

Luckey, Valerie Celeste.....Hinesville, Georgia

Oliver, Cynthia L.....Savannah, Georgia

Ross, Beverly L.....Pineville, South Carolina

Simmons, Brenda Lee.....Ridgeland, South Carolina

Williams, Louise Elizabeth.....Savannah, Georgia

History

**Washington, Debra Jean.....Dublin, Georgia

Mass Communication

Bryant, Petruska	Savannah, Georgia
Ferguson, Stanley Lewis	Atlanta, Georgia
Ferrebee, Terry L.	Savannah, Georgia
Mumford, Jacqueline Marie	Savannah, Georgia
Woodard, Briggett K.	Savannah, Georgia

Music

Albright, Lula Mabette Allen	Savannah, Georgia
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Political Science

Miller, Edward Gunnar, Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
*Murphy, Yorquetta Johnnene	Hollis, New York
!Parks, Clarence A.	Augusta, Georgia

Sociology

Bostic, Ernestine Clarissa	Lakeland, Florida
Henderson, Linda	Savannah, Georgia
Myers, Yolette Jennifer	Dublin, Georgia
Ward, Ra'ni Messina	Dawson, Georgia

Social Work

Brantley, Debra Ann	Ailey, Georgia
Green, DeWeece LouWanna	St. Simons Island, Georgia
Hall, Sonja Renee	Hazlehurst, Georgia
Hill, Barbara Louise	Savannah, Georgia
Johnson, Denise Julia	New York, New York
Lee, Jahndra Latrelle Forrest	Cordele, Georgia
Robinson, Kay	Dublin, Georgia
Smith, Byron Leonardo	Savannah, Georgia
*Thompson, Carolyn W.	Savannah, Georgia
*Tindor, Mary Deborah	Savannah, Georgia

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

Antwi-Adjei, Kofi	Kumasi, Ghana
Carter, Nikita V.	Hazlehurst, Georgia
Dunbar, Janet	Sardis, Georgia
Erwin, Monica Faye	Savannah, Georgia
Gilliard, Michael Anthony	Savannah, Georgia
*Jackson, Julia Lucia	Savannah, Georgia
King, Sharon Grace	Savannah, Georgia
Richards, David Forest, III	Burlington, North Carolina
Williams, Sonia Renee'	Savannah, Georgia
Williams, Alimami Kary	Savannah, Georgia

Marine Biology

**Gowens, Wallace Guy	Savannah, Georgia
Richardson, Jacob R., II	Beaufort, South Carolina

Chemistry

*Agyekum, Anthony	Ochirikrom, Ghana
Brown, Linda Middleton	Savannah, Georgia
Kendrick, Joyce Allen	Augusta, Georgia
Mikell, Valerie Rose	Savannah, Georgia

Mathematics

Alghamedi, Saaied Marshall	Saudi Arabia
Anderson, Ernest McKinley, Jr.	Pelham, Georgia
Crawford, Michael B.	Atlanta, Georgia
Humphries, Terri Elaine	Albany, Georgia
!Jackson, Bernard L., Lieutenant, USN	Macon, Georgia
*Jefferson, Eric Bernard	Atlanta, Georgia
*Jones, Chauncey Quentell	Savannah, Georgia
Kendricks, Bridgette M.	Savannah, Georgia
Moton, David Edward	Augusta, Georgia
*Pope, Michael	Greensboro, Georgia
Powell, Johnny C., Jr.	Savannah, Georgia
Settlemyer, Sidney Russell	Greenville, South Carolina
Stephens, Cynthia Marie	Savannah, Georgia
**Willingham, Jeffrey Darryn	Atlanta, Georgia

Electronics Engineering Technology

!Asad, Behrouz	.....	Lorestan, Iran
Ayoubi, Masoud	.....	Tabriz, Iran
*Ball, Herbert Victor	.....	Fitzgerald, Georgia
Brown, Rodney	.....	Savannah, Georgia
**Conner, Harold Ezell, Jr.	.....	Savannah, Georgia
Ferrebee, Thomas, III	.....	Savannah, Georgia
Henley, Rubin Henry	.....	Savannah, Georgia
**!Jen, Kwang-Suz	.....	Shanghai, China
**Owusu Bempah Mensah Poku	.....	Kumasi, Ghana
Ricks, Ranson Joseph	.....	Claxton, Georgia
Tran, Hieu Van	.....	Savannah, Georgia
Walker, Eugene	.....	Savannah, Georgia

Civil Engineering Technology

Akpu, Godwin Ewah	.....	Afikpo-Imo, Nigeria
Emerson, Bryon T.	.....	Savannah, Georgia
*Turner, Michael	.....	Statesboro, Georgia
Shalabi, Haithem Nimer Diab	.....	Tulkarm, Jordan
Tyson, Jessie	.....	Savannah, Georgia
*Young, Toby	.....	Atlanta, Georgia

Child Development and Family Services

Owens, Vickie Michelle McBride	Waynesboro, Georgia
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Environmental Studies

*Arkwood, Gary Dean	Savannah, Georgia
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Dietetics and Institutional Management

*Agyekum, Anthony	Ochirikrom, Ghana
Akonful, Cecilia Elspeth Mensah	.....	Tokoradi, Ghana

Associate/Computer Technology

- **Conner, Harold Ezell, Jr. Savannah, Georgia
- Dang, Hung, Tien..... Savannah, Georgia
- !Ray, William Howarth Savannah, Georgia

DOUBLE MAJORS

Chemistry and Dietetics and Institutional Management

- *Agyekum, Anthony Ochirikrom, Ghana

Electronics Engineering Technology and Computer Technology

- **Conner, Harold Ezell, Jr. Savannah, Georgia

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 Three.

We hail Thee, S.S.C.

—J. Randolph Fisher

Hillary Hatchett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1985 Summer School..... June 17-August 22

1985 Fall Quarter..... Freshmen, September 16

Upperclassmen, September 20

Honor Graduates

June 9, 1985

Magna Cum Laude

(3.40 - 3.74)

Mensah Poku Owusu-Bempah
Joanne P. Bryant
Harold E. Conner, Jr.
Darlene M. English
Wallace G. Gowens
Scott G. Idleman
Susan E. Jackson

Kwang Suz Jen
Lester T. Kiene
Ernest A. Newell
Vonciel T. Osborne
Marion B. Thompson
Hieu V. Tran
Debra J. Washington
Jeffrey D. Williams

Cum Laude

(3.00 - 3.39)

Anthony A. Agyekum
Gary D. Arkwood
Herbert V. Ball
Kathleen M. Gallagher
Lillian D. Grant
Dorothy A. Holland
Julia L. Jackson
Eric B. Jefferson
Pamela Middleton-Johnson
Chauncey Q. Jones
Elgin J. Lane

Yorquetta J. Murphy
Michael Pope
Nicholas L. Porzio
James E. Sanders
Debra H. Shambayati
John M. Smirnoff
Carolyn W. Thompson
Mary Deborah Tindor
Michael Turner
Roger C. Walker
Toby Young

*ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY

Mensah P. O. Bempah
Harold E. Conner, Jr.
Wallace G. Gowens
Julia L. Jackson
Ernest A. Newell

Vonciel T. Osborne
Michael Pope
Marion B. Thompson
Hieu V. Tran
Debra J. Washington

Jeffrey Willingham

*Graduates wearing gold honor stoles

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE

WHO'S WHO

Among Students in
American Universities and Colleges

Richard A. Bass
Harold E. Conner, Jr.
Wallace Guy Gowens
Sonja Renee Hall
Julia Lucia Jackson
Chauncey Q. Jones
Elgin J. Lane
Vonciel Toconia Osborne

Michael Pope
James Earl Sanders
Debra Harbeson Shambayati
Marion Thompson
Michael Turner
Roger Craig Walker
Jeffrey D. Willingham
Stanley Ferguson

BETA KAPA CHI SCIENTIFIC HONOR SOCIETY

Akpu Godwin
Julia L. Jackson

Kwang S. Jen
Jeffrey D. Willingham

DELTA SIGMA PI INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

Michele C. Atkinson
Cathy Farley
Freeman Jenkins

Jacqueline Jones
Dorothy Paulk
Yolanda Osgood

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 degrees, 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, crown-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 the 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.

