

Savannah State College

Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred-Seventeenth Commencement



Lux et Veritas

June Fourth

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight

Two-Thirty P.M.

Savannah Civic Center Theater

## Order of Procession

THE CHIEF MARSHAL  
THE CLASS MARSHALS  
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 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: *“Pomp and Circumstance”* . . . . . Sir Edward Elgar  
James Thompson, Jr., M.M.Ed., Organist

INVOCATION . . . . . The Reverend Edgar P. Quarterman, M.Div.  
Pastor, Second Baptist Church

SELECTION: *“Great and Glorious Is the Name of the Lord”* . . . . . Clarence Dickinson  
Savannah State College Concert Choir  
Butler Presbyterian Church Choir, Guest Choir  
James Thompson, Jr., Conductor  
Brass Ensemble - Samuel Gill, M.A., Conductor

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER . . . . . Clyde W. Hall, Ed.D., Acting President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS . . . . . Albert N. Thompson, J.D.  
Georgia State Representative  
Columbus, Georgia

SELECTION: *“Ride On King Jesus”* . . . . . Arr. Robert De Cormier  
Savannah State College Concert Choir  
Butler Presbyterian Church Choir, Guest Choir

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES . . . . . Thomas H. Byers, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College

- Division of Business Administration . . . . . Mary C. Torian, Ed.D.
- Division of Education . . . . . Thelma M. Harmond, Ph.D.
- Division of Humanities . . . . . Luetta C. Milledge, Ph.D.
- Division of Natural Sciences . . . . . Margaret C. Robinson, Ph.D.
- Division of Social Sciences . . . . . Isaiah McIver, Ph.D.
- Division of Technical Sciences . . . . . Lester B. Johnson, Jr., Ph.D.

ALUMNI INDUCTION . . . . . Earl Brown, J.D.  
President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association  
Columbia, South Carolina

PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATES  
FOR COMMISSION . . . . . Commander Alvin Catalano  
Commanding Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE . . . . . Commander Alvin Catalano

PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICERS: *“Veni Sancte Spiritus”* . . . . . Reverend P. A. Patterson, S.T.M.  
Pastor, Butler Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

BENEDICTION . . . . . The Reverend Samuel Williams, M.Div.  
College Minister

SEVEN-FOLD AMEN

\*\*RECESSIONAL: *“Pomp and Circumstance”* . . . . . Sir Edward Elgar  
James Thompson, Jr., Organist

\*The audience is requested to remain seated.

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

# Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

## DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Accounting

Brown, Barbara Ann . . . . .	Savannah
Holsey, Orpheus Eugene, Jr. . . . .	Savannah
Gannaway, Carlton W., II . . . . .	Atlanta
†Johnson, Patricia Ann . . . . .	Savannah
Mitchell, Edsel Ernie . . . . .	Savannah
Morrow, Darryl Steve . . . . .	Albany
Smith, Delores Ann. . . . .	Lexington

### General Business Administration

Ballard, Lawrence . . . . .	Savannah
*Boatright, Renty Odell . . . . .	Metter
Brown, Sylvester . . . . .	Savannah
Emmett, E. L. Stephens. . . . .	Savannah
Fletcher, John Wesley. . . . .	Swainsboro
Gadson, Juliette . . . . .	Savannah
Gordon, Shelia . . . . .	Savannah
*Greatheart, Mary Elizabeth . . . . .	Jesup
Greene, Allen . . . . .	Savannah
Greene, Anthony C. . . . .	Barnesville
Lawrence, Angela L. . . . .	Savannah
Levett, Sharon Denise . . . . .	Savannah
Martin, Eleanor R. . . . .	Savannah
Noble, Terry Louis . . . . .	Elberton
Odell, Deborah S. . . . .	Savannah
Quarterman, George, Jr. . . . .	Savannah
Robbins, Richard L. . . . .	Savannah
Roberts, Milton . . . . .	Riceboro
Smith, Vera J. . . . .	Charleston, South Carolina
Timmons, Clealice . . . . .	Claxton
Williams, Horace, Jr. . . . .	East Orange, New Jersey

### Marketing & Management

Burns, Veda Elaine . . . . .	Savannah
Boles, Winfred Darryl . . . . .	Fitzgerald
Green, Tonya Marva . . . . .	Savannah
Moore, Samuel Kermit, II. . . . .	Glenwood
Patillo, Addie . . . . .	Savannah
Wynn, Michael. . . . .	Swainsboro

Office Administration

Cobb, Sheila . . . . . Cordele  
Goethie, Mary A. . . . . Baxley  
Grubbs, Sarah E. . . . . Twin City  
Selmon, Louis . . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF EDUCATION

Elementary Education

Allen, Linda G. . . . . Savannah  
Arkwright, Nonie B. . . . . Savannah  
Brown, Helen Louise . . . . . Beaufort, South Carolina  
Brown, Margaret S. . . . . Savannah  
Fields, Betty Lynette . . . . . Savannah  
Foston, Linda Annice . . . . . Milledgeville  
Frazier, Gail Monica . . . . . Savannah  
Green, Willie T. . . . . Savannah  
\*Hunter, Judy . . . . . Savannah  
James, Cynthia . . . . . Atlanta  
Jefferson, Gwendolyn . . . . . East Dublin  
Jones, Rossalyn V. . . . . Macon  
Lee, Marva K. . . . . Blakely  
\*Mayo, Patricia H. . . . . Wrens  
\*Mumford, Virginia Sheffield . . . . . Savannah  
Reese, Eleanor Lynett . . . . . Guyton  
Sams, Eugenia White . . . . . Savannah  
Small, Beverly E. . . . . Savannah  
Washington, Rose M. . . . . Savannah  
Williams, Barbara Aiken . . . . . Savannah  
Williams, Etta H. . . . . Savannah  
Williams, Vertell D. . . . . Savannah  
Wilson, Malvina . . . . . Townsend

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Art Education

Cooper, Marilyn E. . . . . Savannah  
Herring, Ava C. . . . . Savannah  
\*Hill, Marvin R. . . . . Perry

Business Education

Bacon, Lucille S. . . . . Townsend  
Pickett, Barbara S. . . . . Boston  
Porter, Debra W. . . . . Savannah  
Riley, Pearl Chance . . . . . Savannah  
Tate, Lois Armstrong . . . . . Brunswick

Biology Education

Hall, Jesse Allen . . . . . Johnston, South Carolina

English Education

Allmond, Monica Louise . . . . . Savannah  
Merkerson, Gayle Denise . . . . . Atlanta  
\*Ores, Barbara Jean . . . . . Savannah  
Tindal, Raymond Franklin . . . . . Savannah

Physical Education

Camp, Timothy . . . . . Clarkston  
Larkins, Deborah Zeporah . . . . . Thomasville  
Slocum, Robert . . . . . Macon  
\*Stevens, Kelsey . . . . . Savannah  
Williams, Ronald Leon . . . . . Savannah

Industrial Arts Education

Aaron, Jimmy Lee . . . . . Macon  
Horton, Steven L. . . . . Savannah Beach  
Roughen, Albert Hugh . . . . . Savannah  
Smith, Bertram Cornell . . . . . Macon

Music Education

Albright, Ruth E. . . . . Savannah  
Crawford, Gerald . . . . . Savannah

Social Studies Education

Fletcher, Raymond, Jr. . . . . Newport News, Virginia  
Grant, Beverly Hyman . . . . . Savannah  
Jackson, Adrian Iverson . . . . . Savannah  
Owens, Willie L. . . . . Savannah  
Saxby, Oliver, Jr. . . . . Savannah  
Williams, Deborah L. . . . . Savannah

Spanish Education

Robertson, Melba A. . . . . Puerto Cortes, Honduras, C.A.

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

English Literature & Language

Plummer, Carol R. . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology

Burns, Vera E.	Savannah
McClure, Sheila A.	Temple
Pelote, Miriam	Savannah
*Poitier, Pamela	Pelham
Wright, Garry C.	Glenwood

Chemistry

Jones, Leonard B.	Keyville
Kent, Merylyn.	Guyton
Lane, Ray C.	Wrens
Mikell, Valerie	Los Angeles, Calif.
†Miller, Sheryl.	Savannah
Morgan, Helen	Tifton

Mathematics

Jackson, Anita	Savannah
Sermons, Lawana.	Baxley
Smulevitz, Marvin	Savannah

Medical Technology

Thompson, Mary B.	Savannah
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DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Criminal Justice

Anderson, Wendell.	Swainsboro
Blackwell, Roderick	Waynesboro
Cowart, John, Jr.	Savannah
Curtis, William	Valley Lee, Maryland
Davis, Frederick	Savannah
Freeman, David A.	Savannah
Futch, Articia.	West Palm Beach, Florida
Jackson, Jacquelyn	Savannah
Lewis, Donnell	Statesboro
Owens, Allynne	Savannah
Parker, Jimmy.	Savannah
Pierce, Dorsey M.	Sylvania
Small, Nathaniel	Savannah
Smith, Cheryl	Savannah
Taylor, Jennifer.	Augusta
Welch, Eric A.	Savannah

History

- †Jones, Beryl W. . . . . Savannah
- †Welch, Reginald . . . . . Savannah

Social Work

- Brown, Benjamin . . . . . Savannah
- Oswell, Cheryl A. . . . . Savannah
- Smith, Linda Gail . . . . . Savannah
- Thomas, Betsy Boyd . . . . . Savannah
- Wingster, Patricia . . . . . Savannah

Sociology

- Bryant, Raleigh, III . . . . . Savannah
- Hurt, Danny Edward . . . . . Savannah

DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Civil Engineering Technology

- Rusden, Michael . . . . . Savannah

Electronics Engineering Technology

- Curry, Danny T. . . . . Savannah
- †Grant, Gregory . . . . . Savannah
- †Johnson, Byron Dale . . . . . Athens
- †Joseph, Larry V. . . . . Savannah
- \*Kenny, Danny Lee . . . . . Savannah
- Kheradmandi, Farhad . . . . . Shiraz, Persia
- Miller, Mario Ivan . . . . . Savannah
- \*Watson, Nathaniel. . . . . Savannah

Mechanical Engineering Technology

- Campbell, Samuel. . . . . Millen
- Cox, Roy Lee. . . . . Savannah
- White, Kelly. . . . . Richmond Hill
- \*Willis, Demetrius . . . . . Atlanta

† Cooperative Education Program.  
 \*In absentia

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 this program will receive the degree indicated.



**THE JOINT GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM**  
**Savannah State College—Armstrong State College**

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN BIOLOGY**

Irene G. Hines . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1969
John Patrick Noisworthy . . . . .	B.S.	Memphis State University	1970

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Frank D. Black . . . . .	B.S.	Iowa State University	1968
Howard Roland Boyd . . . . .	B.A.	Armstrong State College	1969
*Woodrow Alson Crick . . . . .	B.S.	Arkansas State University	1969
Ashley Alan Ginn . . . . .	B.A.	University of Georgia	1973
Clarence F. Haynes, Jr. . . . .	B.A.	Armstrong State College	1975
Charles Thomas Johnson . . . . .	B.A.	Thiel College	1973
Charles Thomas Orne, III . . . . .	B.A.	Armstrong State College	1969
Steve Pyles . . . . .	B.S.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	1970
Harold Clark Sims, II . . . . .	B.A.	Armstrong State College	1968

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CHEMISTRY**

Emma G. Bush . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1960
Linda P. Calloway . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1975

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Lucy Smith Brannen . . . . .	A.B.	Vassar College	1964
Marilyn H. Cook . . . . .	M.Ed.	Savannah State/Armstrong State	1973
Mary C. Dietrick . . . . .	B.S.	Illinois State University	1969
Octavia Marie Jackson . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1951
Nellie Wallace . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1970
Lee R. Walter . . . . .	B.A.	Concordia Teacher's College	1974
Lillian Richardson Washington . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1972

**MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

Jettie M. Adams . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1956
Madelyn Carol Atkins . . . . .	B.Ed.	University of Georgia	1968
Emma Jean Brock Bailie . . . . .	B.S.	Valdosta State College	1974
James Edward Bing, Jr. . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1972
Idonia M. Butler . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1964
Rita Williamson Butler . . . . .	B.S.	Armstrong State College	1973
Pollyann J. Kirk Diamond . . . . .	B.S.	Gettysburg College	1968
Susan Mack Eswine . . . . .	B.S.	Georgia Southern College	1975
William Ernest Eswine . . . . .	B.S.	Armstrong State College	1972
Sandra Pearl Hicks . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1975
Judith Eure Kandel . . . . .	B.S.	Georgia Southern College	1960
*Kerry Prentice Kicklighter . . . . .	A.B.	Atlantic Christian	1951
Isaac Miller . . . . .	B.S.	Savannah State College	1976
*Anita Schwartzman Odrezin . . . . .	B.A.	University of Georgia	1950
Mary Cynthia Coffey Smith . . . . .	B.S.	Armstrong State College	1970
Valerie Johnson Wagoner . . . . .	B.S.	University of Georgia	1974

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ENGLISH

Patricia O. Williams . . . . . B.A. Armstrong State College 1973

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION - BEHAVIOR DISORDERS

Tom Chisholm, Jr. . . . . B.S. Savannah State College 1974  
Marva Euleta Harris . . . . . B.S. Savannah State College 1967  
Thomas D. Miles . . . . . B.S. East Tennessee State University 1971  
Gloria Fay Wright. . . . . B.A. South Eastern Bible College 1975

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN HISTORY

Beatrice Herrin Asbury . . . . . B.S. Georgia Southern College 1968  
Leona Ruth Frye . . . . . B.S. Savannah State College 1965  
Thomas Linder Fulton, Jr. . . . . A.B. Emory University 1948  
Deloris P. Gaulden . . . . . A.B. Talladega College 1965  
Lindsey Patterson Henderson, Jr. . . . . B.A. University of Virginia 1952  
Joseph Hopkins. . . . . B.S. Savannah State College 1976  
Mobley Preacher Toro . . . . . A.B. Mercer College 1951

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN MATHEMATICS

Olive Westberry Conlin . . . . . B.S. Stetson University 1964

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

\*Lonnie Williams, Jr. . . . . B.S. Savannah State College 1973

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SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE  
HONOR GRADUATES  
JUNE 4, 1978

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.750 - 4.000)

Veda Burns  
Anita Jackson  
Kelly White

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.400 - 3.749)

Vera Burns  
Roy Cox  
Leonard B. Jones  
Marva Lee  
Sheila A. McClure  
Melba Robertson  
Albert Roughen

CUM LAUDE (3.000 - 3.399)

Lawrence Ballard  
Renty O. Boatright  
Samuel Campbell  
Sheila Cobb  
Gerald Crawford  
E. L. Stephen Emmett  
Betty Fields  
Articia Futch  
Mary E. Greatheart  
Jesse A. Hall  
Ava C. Herring  
Steve Horton  
Jacquelyn Jackson  
Cynthia James  
Byron Johnson  
Beryl W. Jones  
David Kenny  
Ray C. Lane  
Sheryl Miller  
Darryl Morrow  
Virginia Mumford  
Allynne Owens  
Miriam R. Pelote  
Carol R. Plummer  
Michael J. Rusden  
Eugenia Sams  
Lawana Sermons  
Cheryl Smith  
Vera Smith  
Betsy Thomas  
Deborah Williams  
Etta H. Williams  
Malvina Williams  
Garry C. Wright

MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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Veda Burns  
Vera Burns  
Samuel Campbell  
Roy Cox  
E. L. Stephen Emmett  
Steven Horton  
Anita Jackson  
Marva Lee  
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Ava C. Herring  
Marva Lee  
Virginia Mumford  
Melba Robertson  
Eugenia Sams  
Malvenia Wilson

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Carol R. Plummer

MEMBERS OF PI GAMMA MU  
NATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES HONOR SOCIETY

Allynne Tosca Owens  
Cheryl Smith

## 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

1978 Summer School . . . . . July 12 - August 18  
1978 Fall Quarter . . . . . Freshmen, September 18  
Upperclassmen, September 22

## 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.



