

Savannah State College  
Savannah, Georgia

The One-Hundred Twelfth Commencement



Lux et Veritas

August Tenth

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

Two-Thirty P.M.

Savannah Civic Center Theater

1890

EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

1975

## Order of Procession

THE CHIEF MARSHAL  
THE CLASS MARSHALS  
CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE  
CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS 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 AND THE OFFICIAL MEDALLION*

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 Mr. Ernest S. Brown, Instructor of Industrial Arts. Dr. Lester B. Johnson, Head of the Department of Engineering Technology, designed and built the Mace Stand.

It is significant to note that the mace bears the official seal of the College and the motto of President Prince A. Jackson, Jr., "*Lux Et Veritas*" ("Light and Truth"), which is his conception of what Savannah State College should be, must be, and is to all individuals associated with her. Dr. Jackson also wears a silver medallion which bears the official seal of the College and symbolizes the Office of the President.

# Savannah State College

hereby confers upon

the degree of  
Bachelor of Science  
in

together with all the rights, privileges and honors pertaining thereto  
in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the course prescribed

by the Faculty of this College.

In Witness Whereof the undersigned have affixed their names and the seal  
of the College of Savannah, Georgia, on the tenth day of August, 1975.

*George I. Ayers, Jr.*

Chancellor of the University System



*Prince Jackson*

President, Savannah State College

*J. B. Demmons*

Registrar of the College

# Savannah State College & Armstrong State College

hereby confer upon

the degree of  
**Master of Education**  
In

together with all the rights, privileges and honors appertaining thereto in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the course prescribed by the  
faculties of these Colleges

In witness Whereof the undersigned have affixed their names and the seals of the Colleges  
at Savannah, Georgia, this thirteenth day of August, 1975.

*Ernie A. Jackson*  
President Savannah State College

*W. H. Demmons*  
Registrar of the College

*James A. Eaton*  
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

*Henry S. H. H.*  
Registrar of the College

*Joseph V. Adams*  
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies



SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE  
HONOR GRADUATES  
AUGUST 10, 1975

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (3.750 to 4.000)

Joyce Lorraine Coney  
(Mathematics)

David Lawrence Hamilton  
(Chemistry)

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (3.400 to 3.749)

Merita Howard  
(Accounting)

Altamont Michael Howell  
(Accounting)

Burma J. Ruth  
Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Dannette Taylor  
(Mathematics)

Sandra M. Hunter Young  
(Mathematics)

CUM LAUDE (3.000 to 3.399)

James Nelson Geter  
(General Business Administration)


Sandra Harrington  
(Elementary Education)

Clinton Earl Kent  
(General Business Administration)

Marilyn Dianne Odom  
(Accounting)

Margaret Ann Roberts  
(Elementary Education)

Levoine Elaine Stewart  
(Accounting)



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# Award of Appreciation

VIRGIL V. MCGEE, B.S.  
Commander, United States Navy  
Professor and Chairman, Division of Naval Sciences

You have provided outstanding leadership in all of your assignments at sea and ashore. Indeed, you were an outstanding student leader at Tennessee State University and you served with distinction as a division officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte. As Commanding Officer of the NROTC, you made it one of the strongest programs at Savannah State College. An intensive dedication to service and excellence has imprinted an indelible debt of gratitude and appreciation to you from all members of the College Family.

With abiding respect we pray, as you depart, *Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.*

Given on the tenth day of August *anno Domini MCMLXXV*  
SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE  
Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D., President

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

- \* ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "God of Our Fathers" ..... George Warren  
Coleridge A. Braithwaite, Ed.D., Organist
- INVOCATION ..... The Reverend Edward C. Ducree, M.Div.  
Assistant Dean of Students  
Savannah State College  
and Pastor, Asbury United Methodist Church
- SELECTION: "America, Our Heritage" ..... Helen Steele  
Upward Bound Chorus  
William L. Anderson, Conductor  
Elizabeth Albright, Accompanist
- INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER ..... Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D., President
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... The Honorable Benjamin D. Brown, J.D.  
Georgia State Representative, District 34  
Chairman, Georgia Legislative Black Caucus
- SELECTION: "I Don't Feel No-Ways Tired" ..... arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
Upward Bound Chorus
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:  
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 ..... Dr. Isaiah McIver, Ph.D.  
Division of Technical Sciences ..... Clyde W. Hall, Ed.D.
- CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES ..... Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.  
Assisted by the Dean of the College, Thomas H. Byers, Ph.D.
- ALUMNI INDUCTION ..... James O. Thomas, B.S.  
President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association  
Washington, D.C.
- PRESENTATION OF N.R.O.T.C. CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSION.. Commander Virgil V. McGee  
Commanding Officer, Savannah State College N.R.O.T.C.
- ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE ..... Commander Virgil V. McGee
- PRAYER FOR THE NEW OFFICERS: "Veni Sancte Spiritus" ... The Reverend Samuel Williams  
M. Div., College Minister
- AWARD OF APPRECIATION ..... Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN
- BENEDICTION ..... The Reverend Samuel Williams, M.Div.
- THREE-FOLD AMEN
- \*\* RECESSIONAL: "Triumphal March" (from "Aida") ..... Giuseppe Verdi

\* The audience is requested to remain seated.

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



# Candidates For The Baccalaureate Degree

## DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### *Accounting*

Merita Howard .....	Savannah
Altamont Michael Howell .....	Savannah
Levoine Elaine Stewart .....	Union Point
Evelyn M. Turner .....	Savannah
Othello Williams .....	Savannah

### *General Business Administration*

Charles Donald Anderson .....	Savannah
Sidney Louis Beach .....	Los Angeles, Calif.
Thomas Curtis Cornelius .....	Macon
Andrena Elliott .....	Statesboro
James Nelson Geter .....	Elberton
Kathy Davis Hannah .....	Louisville
Annie Jackson .....	Wrightsville
Lelia Mae Jones .....	Riceboro
Clenton Earl Kent .....	Vidalia
Cleveland Lewis, Jr. ....	Savannah
Marilyn McPherson .....	Savannah
Jimmy Pugh .....	Augusta
Horace Anthony Ruff, Jr. ....	Savannah
Karen Henricka Shellman .....	Savannah
Mellenia A. DoCoteau .....	Savannah
Betty A. Sneed .....	Savannah
Annie Lou Young .....	Savannah

### *Office Administration*

Charlene Williams .....	Pembroke
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### *Management and Marketing*

Emily Maxine Crawford .....	Savannah
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*Business Education*

Marilyn Anderson .....	Glennville
Jimmie Nell Cain .....	Glennville
Mary Elizabeth Adkins Smith .....	McIntosh

**DIVISION OF EDUCATION**

*Elementary Education*

Linda Maria Grant .....	Savannah
Brenda Joyce Griffin .....	Bainbridge
Sandra J. Harrington .....	Savannah
Pamela Dianne Hooks .....	Savannah
Ella Mae Jones .....	Claxton
Cynthia Marie Perry .....	Savannah
Margaret Anne Roberts .....	Savannah
Kathy Ann Scott .....	Townsend
Ruby Jean Johnson .....	Glenwood

*Health, Physical Education and Recreation*

Burma J. Ruth .....	Savannah
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**DIVISION OF HUMANITIES**

*English Language and Literature*

Beverly Ann Keitt .....	Savannah
Audrey Regina Williams .....	Savannah

**DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

*Chemistry*

David Lawrence Hamilton .....	Savannah
Avera Bettina Hensley .....	Columbus

*Mathematics*

Joyce Lorraine Coney .....	Savannah
Jackie L. Famble .....	Savannah
Sandra M. Hunter Young .....	Savannah
Ardell Leonard Richardson, Jr. ....	Macon
Dannette Taylor .....	Kingsland

**DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

*Criminal Justice*

Pamela Patricia Anderson .....	Atlanta
Jacquelyn Marie Gilbert .....	Savannah
Shirley Ann Jackson .....	Quitman
Robert John Jones .....	Savannah
Randolph Frederick Jones .....	Clermont, Fla.
Deborah Ann Scott .....	Savannah
Barbara Anne Speights .....	Savannah
Jerry Thomas .....	Dupont
Phillip Duane Tremelling .....	Dodgeville, Wis.
Gwendolyn Elayne Walker .....	Orangeburg, S.C.
June Diane Wilson .....	Savannah

*Sociology*

Betty Jean Culver .....	Savannah
Howard Duncan .....	Savannah
Jacqueline Joyce Brown Elmore .....	Beaufort, S.C.
Gwendolyn Hargrove .....	Savannah
Lester Harris .....	Savannah
Vangie Lee Hawkins .....	Moultrie
Walter Hawkins .....	Orlanda, Fla.
Debra Lavern Hill .....	Waycross
Doris Ann Key .....	Covington
Neil A. Mosley .....	Savannah
Audrey Beatrice Oliver .....	Savannah
Vesta Beal Shephard .....	Cordele
Mozella Louise West .....	Savannah

*Social Work*

Patricia Ann Cutter .....	Savannah
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*History*

Sanford Ellis .....	Mayfield
Danny Louis Parrish .....	Metter
John Wesley Rivers, Jr. ....	Columbus

*Social Studies Education*

Carolyn M. Hilton .....	Savannah
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**DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES**

*Civil Engineering Technology*

Curtis Joe Haynes .....	Albany
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*Dietetics and Institutional Management*

Vernice LaShon Barnes .....	Savannah
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*Textiles and Clothing*

Ruby Hannah Brown .....	Wrens
Althia Marie Little .....	Athens

*Industrial Arts Education*

Isaac Lamarshall Shubert .....	Waynesboro
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*Trade and Industrial Education*

John H. Davis .....	North Augusta, S.C.
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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.

THE JOINT GRADUATE PROGRAM OF  
ARMSTRONG STATE COLLEGE AND SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF EDUCATION  
AND  
THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREES  
August 13, 1975

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Matthew Joseph Daly .....	B.B.A. Degree	Armstrong State College	1974
Gary F. Felts .....	B.A. Degree	University of South Florida	1970
Phil Murray Hope .....	A.B. Degree	Albany State College	1964
James W. McCabe .....	B.A. Degree	Wolford College	1970

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN BUSINESS EDUCATION

Mary Vickers Edwards .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1971
Alma Chisholm .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1971
Jerry Andrew Mims .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1969
Shirley L. New .....	B.S. Degree	University of Florida	1956
Geraldine Saures .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1972
Barbara Morrow Stokes .....	B.S. Degree	Florida State University	1964
Martha Jackson .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1972

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Barbara Merle Aimar .....	B.S. Degree	Armstrong State College	1972
Sara Orr Baker .....	A.B. Degree	Georgia College at Milledgeville	1967
Joyce A. Bellamy .....	B.S. Degree	Clafin College	1969
Reatha L. Moore Butler .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1962
Suzanne Atnip Butler .....	B.S. Degree	Union University	1962
Victoria T. Dennis .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1964
Thomas Marcus Dixon .....	A.B. Degree	Morris College	1946
Sue B. Dumas .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1971
Ernestine Marie Fleming .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1969
Betty J. Frazier .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1970
Eugenia Taylor Gallon .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1959
Georgia H. Gray .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1965
Marietta C. Hardwick .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1971
Merida Harris .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1963
Vivian T. Hope .....	A.B. Degree	Albany State College	1964
Nathaniel Jenkins .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1951
Louise Mallard Jones .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1957
Katherine Nicoll Lee .....	B.A. Degree	Pfeiffer College	1968
Ruth Ling .....	B.S. Degree	Fort Valley State College	1971
Jimmie Cooper McGraw .....	B.S. Degree	Armstrong State College	1971
Norris L. Montague .....	B.A. Degree	Armstrong State College	1973
Frances Smith Patton .....	B.S. Degree	Lander College	1954
Patricia Pursley .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1969
Margaret Dahlia Hood Rahn .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1973
Emmett Laurence Ramsey .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1973
Elizabeth Stone Sahlie .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1958
Merleye Grant Sanford .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1971
Onnye Jean Sears .....	B.S. Degree	Langston University	1951
Catherine Wade Shakespeare .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1958
Shirley Ferguson Shaver.....	B.M.Ed. Degree	East Texas Baptist College	1959
Billie Sue Munden Shehan .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1965
Patricia Anne Smith .....	B.S. Degree	Women's College of Georgia	1964
Ruby Celia Stevens .....	B.S. Degree	Fort Valley State College	1970
Helen Allred Strozier .....	B.S. Degree	University of Wisconsin	1953
Ollie Tate Thomas .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1970
Sonya Ann Ferrell Ward .....	B.S. Degree	University of Georgia	1960
Marie Rhan Williamson .....	B.S. Degree	Armstrong State College	1970

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION:  
BEHAVIOR DISORDERS

Sue Ann M. Anderson .....	B.S. Degree	Armstrong State College	1967
William L. Anderson .....	B.S. Degree	Clifton College	1969
Melissa Ruth Arata .....	B.A. Degree	University of South Carolina	1972
Isaiah Ezel Boles .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1973
Connie Poppel Brown .....	A.B. Degree	Armstrong State College	1972
Pamela J. Easson .....	A.B. Degree	Armstrong State College	1974
Jane Smith Goodwin .....	A.B. Degree	Auburn University	1972
Shirley Cynthia Johnson .....	B.S. Degree	Troy State College	1973
Carol Gordon Matthews .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1973
Edith S. Padgett .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1969
Elizabeth P. Sears .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1971
Pauline Simmons .....	A.B. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1971
Marilyn Ann Tuten .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1973

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN BIOLOGY

Carl W. Brown .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1967
Robert L. Gilbert .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1972
Willie Bruce Michael .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1965
Cecil Strong .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1968

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CHEMISTRY

Franklin Goldwire .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1970
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MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ENGLISH

Marjory Varnedoe .....	B.S. Degree	Hampton Institute	1971
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MASTER OF EDUCATION IN HISTORY

Dianne Snell Banner .....	B.S. Degree	Valdosta State College	1965
Ernest Brisbane, III .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1969
Mary G. Ford .....	B.A. Degree	Armstrong State College	1971
Glenda Ann Griggs .....	B.S. Degree	Middle Tennessee State University	1964
Deonn Bostic Stone .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1974
Anita Varner .....	B.A. Degree	Women's College of Milledgeville	1967

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN MATHEMATICS

Robert Edward Bailey .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1970
Margaret H. Polite .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1962
Gladys Cordray Robbins .....	A.B. Degree	Mercer University	1946
Teresa Beatrice Smith .....	B.S. Degree	Georgia Southern College	1970
Malcolm Blair White .....	B.S. Degree	North Carolina State University	1968

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ben Francis Fargason .....	B.A. Degree	Armstrong State College	1973
Earl Jackson .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1972
Mary L. Smalls .....	B.S. Degree	Savannah State College	1970
David H. Whiteis .....	A.B. Degree	Birmingham Southern College	1967
Doris Davida Woods .....	B.S. Degree	South Carolina State College	1956

## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Robert John Jones .....	President
Walter Hawkins .....	Vice-President
Margaret Anne Roberts .....	Secretary
Jacquelyn Marie Gilbert .....	Treasurer

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## MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA MU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Mary Allen

Pamela F. Baker

Ethel Boles

## MEMBERS OF SIGMA PI TAU DELTA HONOR SOCIETY

Audrey Williams

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## U S H E R S

Midshipmen - N.R.O.T.C.  
Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity

## 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

1975 FALL QUARTER ..... Freshmen, September 15  
Upperclassmen, September 17

## 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.





