Augusta University
Fall Commencement

Friday, December 10, 2021
James Brown Arena
Augusta, Georgia
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

In 1828, eight ambitious doctors founded a medical academy in the heart of Augusta, Georgia. Little did they know the school they created, now the Medical College of Georgia, would go on to become part of a much larger university. Nor could the founders of the Academy of Richmond County have foreseen the impact of chartering the state’s first junior college, the Junior College of Augusta, in 1925. Today, the legacies of both institutions continue to develop, grow, and flourish together as one in the form of Augusta University.

Augusta University is at the forefront of groundbreaking research focused on improving and enriching the human experience. Offering undergraduate programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, health sciences, business, education and cybersecurity as well as a full range of graduate programs and clinical research opportunities, Augusta University is Georgia’s innovation center for education and health care. With four campuses in Augusta and satellite campuses in Athens, Albany, Rome and Savannah, the university’s 10 colleges and schools have a truly statewide impact.

Home to the Medical College of Georgia, which is among the top 10 largest medical schools by class size, the university’s Health Sciences Campus is at the forefront of health care innovation. Housing the state’s largest College of Nursing, the College of Allied Health Sciences, The Graduate School and the Dental College of Georgia, the Health Sciences Campus also features the state’s only public academic medical center. The College of Science and Mathematics recently made the Health Sciences Campus its new home. Built in and around a former United States arsenal, the historic Summerville Campus is home to the university’s liberal arts curriculum and Cyber Institute. In the shade of ancient trees, professors from the Katherine Reese Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; the nationally ranked James M. Hull College of Business; and the College of Education prepare students for a lifetime of critical thinking, creativity and entrepreneurial success.

Christenberry Fieldhouse houses 11 of the Augusta Jaguars’ 13 competition sports as well as all administrative and support staff for the Augusta University Department of Athletics. CFH also houses the College of Education’s Kinesiology Department. The Forest Hills Campus also houses a full-size golf course, baseball, softball and soccer fields, and serves as the home of the Jaguars’ nationally recognized NCAA Division I golf team.

In June of 2017, Augusta University announced the creation of its new School of Computer and Cyber Sciences to train the next generation of cybersecurity and computer science professionals. The new school is housed in the Hull McKnight Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center, located on the Riverfront Campus in beautiful downtown Augusta.
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

The remarks to the AU graduating class are given by Dr. Annette Rainge, a Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry alumnus and Shayla Angelique Riley-Dorsey, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology candidate, from Naylor, Georgia.

Dr. Annette Rainge

Dr. Annette Rainge took office July 18, 2020 as the 152nd president of the Georgia Dental Association (GDA), the premier professional organization of dentists in the state committed to improving oral health.

A member of the GDA for 30 years, Dr. Rainge is the first female African American president of the association. She has held multiple leadership positions at the state and local level and is a past recipient of the Georgia Dental Association Honorable Fellow award.

In addition to her leadership roles at GDA, she is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy and a member of Hinman Dental Society. She also serves on the Dental College of Georgia Alumni Board and was named Alumnus of the Year by both the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University and the College of Science and Mathematics at Georgia Southern University.

Her many charitable endeavors include dental screenings during Children’s Dental Health Month, health screenings throughout the community, Georgia Mission of Mercy events, and the Pampered Smiles Project providing free dental care for victims of domestic violence.

Dr. Rainge completed dental school at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry. She has practiced in the Augusta area for 30 years and is a general dentist at Rainge Family Dental, PC.

Shayla Angelique Riley-Dorsey

Shayla Angelique Riley-Dorsey is earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology with a concentration in Pre-Physical Therapy. Ms. Riley-Dorsey’s involvement and leadership on campus includes service to the Jaguar Production CREW (Vice President, two years) and the Black Student Union (Secretary, two years). She has supported first-year students in their transition to college for three years, first as a R.O.A.R. Camp Mentor and more recently as a Leap Week Leader. Ms. Riley-Dorsey has served on the Student Advisory Council for the Division of Enrollment and Student Affairs since 2020. While attending classes, Ms. Riley-Dorsey has worked for the Office of Admissions, Multicultural Student Engagement, and Georgialina Physical Therapy.

Ms. Riley-Dorsey is the daughter of Angela Riley and Randy Dorsey. She is from Naylor, Georgia where she attended Lanier County High School. After graduation, she will be returning to her hometown to work as a rehab technician while applying to Doctor of Physical Therapy schools.
PROGRAM

Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., President, Augusta University, presiding

Prelude and Faculty Processional

Convening of Commencement

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcome

Speaker

Presentation of Candidates

The Graduate School

College of Nursing

College of Allied Health Sciences

College of Education

College of Science and Mathematics

Hull College of Business

Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

School of Computer and Cyber Sciences

Degree Conferral

Student Speaker and Tassel Toss

Alma Mater

Recessional
Executive Leadership
Brooks A. Keel, President, Augusta University
Neil MacKinnon, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost
David Hess, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration, Dean, MCG
Katrina Keefer, Executive Vice President Health Affairs, Chief Executive Officer, AU Health System
Russell Keen, Executive Vice President Administration, Chief of Staff to the President
Karla Leeper, Executive Vice President Operations for Augusta University and AU Health
Chris Melcher, Vice President Legal Affairs, General Counsel, Augusta University
Michael Shaffer, Executive Vice President for Strategic Partnerships & Economic Development
Yvonne Turner, Executive Vice President for Finance, Chief Business Officer

Academic Leadership
Kim Davies, Dean, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Richard Franza, Dean, Hull College of Business
Carol Lefebvre, Dean, Dental College of Georgia
Lester Pretlow, Dean, College of Allied Health Sciences
Alexander Schwarzmman, Dean, School of Computer & Cyber Sciences
Tanya Sudia, Dean, College of Nursing
Jennifer Sullivan, Dean, The Graduate School
John Sutherland, Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Judi Wilson, Dean, College of Education

Other Platform & Program Participants
Dr. Zach Kelehear, Vice Provost, Instruction & Innovation
Dr. Almira Vazdarjanova, Chair, Faculty Senate
Rev. W. Jeffery Flowers, Director, Pastoral Care
Shayla Riley-Dorsey, Degree Candidate, College of Education
Dr. Annette Rainge, Alumnus, Dental College of Georgia
Dr. Christina Amonson, Soloist
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Nada Aboelella
Dissertation:
Indomethacin-induced Oxidative Stress Sensitizes Tumor Cells to T-cell Cytotoxicity Through the Trail-DR5 Axis

Kasey Belanger
Dissertation:
Immune Cell Activation in DOCA-salt Hypertensive Males and Females

Karis Casseus
Dissertation:
A Systematic Review & Meta-analysis: The Role of Cytokines in Adult Women 18 Years or Older with Fibromyalgia

Henry H. Claussen III
Dissertation:
Modeling the Simultaneous Effects of Copy Number Variation and Methylation on Gene Expression Using Next Generation Sequencing Data

Brandon David Gramazio
Dissertation:
Method Development of an Early Detection Biomarker Panel for Bladder Cancer

Melissa Joyce Howie
Dissertation:
Predictive Inference for Linear and Circular Concomitants with Biomedical Applications

Sai Karthik Kodeboyina
Dissertation:
Defining the Role of Aqueous Humor Proteome in Glaucomatous Optic Neuropathy

Deborah Jo Lassiter
Dissertation:
Associations between Social Determinants of Health and Net Stress

Jiaqi Li
Dissertation:
A Novel Network Based Linear Model for Prioritization of Synergistic Drug Combinations

Sarah Ray McLarnon
Dissertation:
Pathogenesis of Vascular Congestion Following Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in WKY Rats

Bhaumik Dineshchandra Pandya
Dissertation:
Unraveling the Complex Interplay Between Heat-Shock Transcription Factor 1 (HSF1) Networks and T-cell Metabolic Reprogramming in Anti-Tumor Immunity

Marjorie E. Petty
Dissertation:
Belief in Research, Religious Coping, and Willingness to Participate in Clinical Trials among African Americans with Hematologic Malignancies: A Pilot Study

Marissa Ann Seamon
Dissertation:
The Effects of Daily Niacin Supplements for Parkinson's Disease Patients

Racheal Lee Wood
Dissertation:
Multimorbidity and Physical Activity in Adults with Heart Failure

Luodan Yang
Dissertation:
Photobiomodulation Attenuates Alzheimer's-Associated Pathology and Improves Cognition

Seth Lee
Dissertation:
Social Determinants of Health Associated with Parental Hesitancy and Teen Human Papillomavirus Immunization

Sunita Zechariah
Dissertation:
Development, Reliability, Validity and Item-Level Psychometric Measurements of the Interactive Nutrition Specific Physical Exam Competency Tool (INSPECT) to Evaluate Registered Dietitians' Competence in Performing Nutrition Focused Physical Exam on Adult Patients

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Chima Anukam

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Shanita Southerland Ausborn

Emily Baynham

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Andrew Cartier

Shelby Cofer

Charlotte Cooper

Frances Curry

Brittany Darnell

William Hammond Darnell

Maxwell Walker Donnan

Kristin Anne Dortch

Andrea Bird Franklin

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Danielle E. Bernard
Arlen Lewis Camak
Kelly Anne Giles
Griffin Allen Graves
Michael Gross
Asia Tenée Harrison*
Ibeth Hernandez-Morales
Ross Allen Noah
Camryn Shernevia Norman
Adam J. Nutting*
Queenesha S. Opapeju**
Brooke Elizabeth Parker
W. Cody Smith
Tori L. Stanek

Bachelor of Business Administration Management
Jaqueline Taylor Jones
Sydney Bailie Young

Bachelor of Business Administration Management Information Systems
Danielle Alicia Buford

Bachelor of Business Administration Marketing
Kira Bowdre
Patience N. Hickox
Andrea Katherine Von Plinsky
Jarrett F. Wangsnes

PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts Intelligence and Security Studies
Steven T. Cauthron
Alicia Nicole Cliff
Hannah Jean Doughty
Matthew David Goodin
Haley Beth Lawton
Meagan K. Mays
Holly McBride
Kevin Scott Metheny
Samantha E. Mullaney
Peter O. Otim
Jessica S. Robinson
Johvonte’ Fa’Quann Singleton
Clara Ervin Swint

Master of Public Administration
Brittany Nicole Akins
Kelli Cody Brookins
Eric J. Carrier
Si-Long Chen
Neema R. Colon
Paris Marie Hollar
Jennifer Elaine Jaremski
Macy Knowles Rice
Aleia Trunnell Ringel
LeDarius Jamal Scott
Shellie Smitley
Nicholas Ross Terry
Charlotte Pinkney Watford
Teresa R. Young Pinheiro

Bachelor of Arts
Anthropology
Daija Chantel Faulk

Bachelor of Arts
Communication
Taylor Ashley Branam
Darrius Anthony Davis*
Aunarey Vashon Herbert Jr.
Brooklyn M. Holthaus*
Quinlan Avan Hughes
Westley Tran Keller
Justin James Little
Brian Jacarree Mitchell
Gary Hardge Nipple Jr.
Lauren B. Ramos**
Sarah Jessica Reese
Zarabion Shike-Kendrell Riley
Kayla Faith Smiley
Zachary Daniel Sperry
Jesse Walker
Micah Tori Weathers*

Bachelor of Arts
Criminal Justice
Mikaila Kaira Conley
Sarah Jane ElLaissi Smith

Coral Enid Flores Tolentino
Serena Hamilton
Ashleigh Marie Holmes
Jasmin Samantha Lopez*
Jasmine Polina
Andrew Carson Varnadoe*

Bachelor of Arts
English
Madison Claire Brown
Christopher Quang Bui
Grace Cornelison
Logan E. Eidson
Richele M. Greenhill**
Tiffanie Lauryrn Moore
Richard Owen Nevard III
Alison O'Keefe**
Jalen Pope
Montanna Fay Wilber III
Terry L. Wilber*

Bachelor of Arts
Health, Society, and Policy
Chennel Anagbo-Dowetin*
Oyedoyin Amina Oyelami*

Bachelor of Arts
History
Nina Marie Clary
Darius M. Henderson*
Chad M. Iden
Gregory Jones**
Tyler D. Lonaker
Matthew Brett Pope
Peyton Rose Rester
Megan Marie Williams**

Bachelor of Arts
Integrated Studies
Ricco M. Coleman
Mackenzie Abigail Dewyee*
Dearius Devon Fluellen
Lauren Victoria Jackson
C’era Danyelle Nathan
Jeong E. Park**
Brennan Patrick Silliman*
Amber R. Warren*
Sara Ashlyn Wilson

Bachelor of Arts
Music
Amera Fischer
Damian Ahmad Green*

Bachelor of Music
Music Education
Sarah Jessica Williams

Bachelor of Music
Performance
Thomas Lamar Barnes II**
Bachelor of Social Work
Tina Deshea Baker
Ayanna W. Rozier

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice
Elizabeth Mary-Ann Eisner

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND CYBER SCIENCES

Master of Science
Information Security Management
Mariam Ikphemosime Bello-Ogunu
Vonny P. Nogales
Michael Alex Norman
Shante Denise Perrin

Bachelor of Science
Computer Science
Tyler Devin Aguilar
Brennon Mikell Burke
Rafay Makhdooom Chaudhary
Justin Michael Enz
Ethan Caleb Hull
Daniel G. Kim
David W. Lee
Steven Lewis Mann
Adam Mansour*
Amine Sellak
Brandon Robert David Steed
Joseph Daniel Stenger
Brittney A. Stone
Jacob Matthew Tuten*
James A. Williams

Bachelor of Science
Cyber Operations
Maggie Cluney
Jacob Grant Ellis***

Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity
David Brienzo*
Kedesh Jahn Chambers
Edward T. L. Faauui
Devin J. Hale
Brooklyn M. Holthaus*
Juan Pablo Kang Kim
Jennifer Kim
Robin J. Lee
Henry Cumming Leonard

Luis Manuel Lopez
Richard Gerard Magon***
Christopher J. Martin
Sean W. Miles
Shakeah Lavon Mitchell
Ariel E. O’Riley
Mohammad Kalim Raza Khan
Kaitlyn Reyes
Ilea Jade Smalley
Tayelaur NaCorey Towns

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Jenee’ Nicole Allen
Ethan Baines
Kenneth Ray Baker II
Shelby-Grace Corwith Beane
Braxton Alvin Bolt*
Maria Bianca Bush
Anuj Gandhi
Rebecca Harper
Joshua Carter Hewing
Kendra Nicole Hewitt
Tae Min Lee
Sean McCreary
Kevin A. McIwain
Nicholas J. Mundell
Jonathan Preston Murphey
Hunter L. Rhodes
Isaiah Fitzgerald Ryan
Osvaldo Alexander Suarez
Chasity Nicole Sullivan
Jasmine Mary Shaquia Toole
Kadarius Ar’Kel Williams**
Auriana B. Yormans*

HONORS PROGRAM
Honors program graduates are undergraduate students in a variety of majors who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.3 while completing a program of work designed specifically for honors students.

Mackenzie Abigail Dewyea
Leslie Duncan
Isabella Esteban Castaneda
Jordan Starr Lopez Locklin
Nadine Nicole Long
Alison O’Keefe
Madeline R. Olson
Rhys Payne

LEGACY GRADUATES
Generations of families have continued Augusta University’s rich tradition, and we celebrate this unique relationship by listing graduates whose parent or grandparent graduated from Augusta University or one of her legacy institutions.

Mariam Ikphemosime Bello-Ogunu
Desiree Keiyana Burau
Teresa A. Cobb
Callie Hagler Cosper
Alexander McNeill Daniel
Caroline Harari
Ashley Harrison
Jennifer M. Jones
Lauren Briana Lowell
Sarah Ray McLarnon
Lauren Sara Palefsky
Matthew Cody Phillips
Jenna Simmons
Ann Darby Smith
Shellie Smitley
Heather D. Typhair
Zachary Wheless
Karen White
Sara Ashlyn Wilson

*** Summa Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
* Cum Laude
The style of academic regalia worn in today’s Commencement originated in medieval European universities and has undergone little modification since the 16th century. As in the Middle Ages, the attire denotes the wearer’s academic accomplishment. In 1895, a code was adopted to specify design and appropriate colors for various degrees.

The modern dress consists of a gown or robe, headpiece and hood. The gown denotes the wearer’s level of education, with the baccalaureate gown being the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by open, flowing sleeves, which end in a point. The master’s gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve that is open at the wrist. The doctoral gown is full flowing and has bell-shaped sleeves. It is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominant color, the color of the gown may denote the wearer’s university. Augusta University follows the guidelines of the Intercollegiate Regalia Costume Code and has adopted the use of black gowns. The color of the trim denotes the wearer’s discipline.

The headpiece in most American universities is a mortarboard. At Augusta University, mortarboards are worn by those attaining bachelor’s, master’s or specialist degrees while a soft tam is worn by candidates receiving doctoral degrees. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline in which the wearer’s degree was earned.

It is the hood that adds meaning to the academic regalia. Changed little since the Middle Ages, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of color. It is edged in velvet, which by its color denotes the discipline in which the wearer’s degree was earned. It is lined in two colors of silk, which represent the university from which the degree was awarded. The hood lining of Augusta University graduates consists of blue and silver fields with a red saltire cross superimposed.

A partial listing of colors signifying disciplines as standardized in the 1895 Intercollegiate Code includes:
- Arts and Letters – white
- Commerce and Accounting – drab
- Dentistry – lilac
- Education – light blue
- Kinesiology – sage green
- Mathematics – science gold
- Medicine – kelly green
- Music – pink
- Nursing – apricot
- Philosophy – dark blue
- Psychology – gold
- Public Administration – peacock blue
- Public Health – salmon pink
- Science – golden yellow
- Social Science – citron

A braided cord, worn draped from the neck on the front of the gown, designates the wearer as an honor graduate. At Augusta University, honor cords are silver and blue. Members of Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary honor society, are designated by medallions suspended from the neck by ribbon and bearing the society’s insignia. Some disciplines may have their own honor society, which distinguishes its honor graduates the same way. Normally, the color of the ribbon is unique to the honor society.
THE AUGUSTA ARSENAL BELL

The Augusta Arsenal Bell was cast a century ago – in 1918 – by the famous Meneely and Company, a foundry in West Troy, New York. The bell was part of the U.S. Arsenal property acquired by the Junior College of Augusta in 1955. Many historic Arsenal structures, like Bellevue Hall and the Benet House, still stand today and serve as administrative offices on the Summerville Campus. The Augusta Arsenal Bell weighs 586 pounds and is topped by a hand-crafted wooden cap with an inset of the Arsenal Oak. This miniature version of the storied Oak was created using wood from the original tree. The bell was refurbished and capped by the skilled craftsmen in Facilities at Augusta University.

Bells peal at colleges, statehouses, churches, and corporate buildings throughout the U.S. and other countries. They ring for many reasons, and more commonly signal the time of day or announce the start of special occasions and celebrations. The Augusta Arsenal Bell is rung to begin the Commencement Ceremony and as it concludes. The bell and bell tower are part of the modern Augusta University brand, and the Arsenal Bell is part of its history. The ringing of the bell marks a resounding celebration of Augusta University’s past, present and future.

THE PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

President Brooks A. Keel is wearing a medallion and chain of office during today’s Commencement Ceremony. The medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President. The chain of office refers to the authority granted to the president by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents to confer degrees and lead the university.

The President’s Medallion

The President’s Medallion of Augusta University is a finely detailed silver medallion that hangs from the Chain of Office. Approximately three inches in diameter, it features the university’s name and the date of its founding, 1828. Oak leaves are used on either side of the founding date and symbolize strength, endurance, eternity and honor. Above the date is the Latin phrase Vivere Discere, which means “live to learn.”

Appearing on the shield are four images: the Arsenal Oak, the Lamp of Knowledge, the Rod of Asclepius and the old Medical College of Georgia building. Atop the shield is the Unity Flame, an element representing the university.

In a circle surrounding the shield are words incorporated in the Vision Statement of Augusta University that denote the university as a destination of choice in health, innovation, discovery, creativity and education.

The Chain of Office

The Augusta University Chain of Office symbolizes the authority vested in the Office of the President by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The sculpted medallions pay homage to the history of the Summerville and Health Sciences campuses and merge together at the presidential stone. The presidential stone is sapphire crystal quartz, and its color is representative of President Brooks A. Keel’s discipline of philosophy. The stone also represents the president’s role in uniting the legacy institutions.
THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A mace is a symbol used to communicate and to designate authority. The era in which the mace came into use is not known, but the first recorded use was during the Middle Ages when maces, made wholly or partly of metal and often spiked, were used for breaking armor. Medieval bishops, who were forbidden to shed blood, carried maces instead of swords. Gradually, maces became ceremonial and were used symbolically as protection for the king. The use of maces extended into America by the middle of the 18th century, and they now are used principally in universities as traditional symbols of the authority of the president.

The Augusta University mace was designed and hand-carved in the spring of 2016. The mace features two medallions. The first represents the official Augusta University seal, and the other represents the seal of Georgia.

The mace and handcrafted wooden seal are made possible through a gift from the foundations.

AUGUSTA: THE BELL RINGS FOR ME
(Alma Mater)

by Robert W. Smith (ASCAP)