

Augusta University
Fall Commencement

December 13-14, 2023

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 Academy of Richmond County founders have foreseen the impact of chartering the state's first junior college, the Junior College of Augusta, in 1925. Today, the legacies of these institutions continue to develop, grow and flourish together, creating an experience like no other.

Augusta University provides a world-class academic and social community that is inclusive, diverse, and positions students for opportunity and success. As Georgia's innovation center for education, health care and cybersecurity, Augusta University is training the next generation of innovators, leaders and health care providers in classrooms, communities and clinics on four campuses in Augusta and locations across the state.

Augusta University is at the forefront of groundbreaking research focused on improving and enriching the human experience and addressing the challenges of our world. The university's colleges and schools include the state's only public medical school, only dental school and only public academic health center, where our students are creating a safer, healthier and more prosperous Georgia. As the state's designated health sciences center of excellence, we offer students a well-rounded education preparing them for a lifetime of critical thinking, creativity and success.

Students choose Augusta for educational opportunities and experiential learning in fields as diverse as the arts and humanities to the health sciences. Students from undergraduate to post-doctoral levels are mentored and inspired by a world-class faculty that includes prestigious scientists, clinicians, scholars and artists.

Augusta University is the home of the Jaguars' nationally recognized NCAA Division I men's golf team, the NCAA Division II national runner-up men's basketball team, and many other men's and women's varsity sports.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

The keynote remarks to the AU graduating class are given by Ms. Stephanie Stuckey, CEO of Stuckey's Corporation, and Mr. Rodney Bullard, CEO of The Same House

Ms. Stephanie Stuckey

Chair, Stuckey's Corporation

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Stephanie Stuckey is chair of Stuckey's, known as a highway oasis serving up pecan log rolls, rubber alligators, and snow globes to generations of Americans. Founded in 1937 by her grandfather, W.S. Stuckey Sr. in Eastman, Georgia, Stuckey's grew into over 350 stores nationwide by its peak in the 1970s. The company was sold and sadly declined for decades under a series of outside corporate owners. Fortunately, Stuckey's returned to family hands in 2019 when Stephanie acquired the then-failing brand. In 2020 she joined forces with her business partner, R.G. Lamar Jr., a pecan farmer from Middle Georgia, and brought on a third co-owner, marketing professional, Ted Wright, a year later.

Stuckey's acquired a pecan shelling and candy plant in Wrens, Georgia in January of 2021. Since then, sales of Stuckey's pecan snacks and sweets have grown from \$2 to \$14 million. Retail outlets selling Stuckey's products – including TA, Wawa, and Food Lion – have increased from several hundred to several thousand. Stuckey's also operates a distribution center, a fundraising business, a corporate gift program, and an online store.

Stephanie received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Georgia. She worked as a trial lawyer, was elected to seven terms as a state representative, served as director of sustainability for Atlanta, and taught at the University of Georgia School of Law. Stephanie's achievements include being named one of the Most Admired CEOs of 2022 by the Atlanta Business Chronicle, 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend Magazine and a graduate of Leadership Atlanta. She serves on the corporate board for Bealls, a Florida-based retailer with more than 550 stores.

The Stuckeys' story has been featured recently in the New York Times, the TODAY Show, The Washington Post, and a tweet by Martha Stewart. When she's not running Stuckey's, Stephanie enjoys road tripping across America, pulling over at every boiled peanut stand and World's Largest Ball of Twine.

Mr. Rodney Bullard

CEO, The Same House

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Rodney Bullard is chief executive officer of The Same House, a public benefit corporation based in Atlanta, Georgia. The Same House is a community-driven movement addressing the social and economic challenges facing our world today. The mission of The Same House is rooted in the values and aims of the Beloved Community, an annual experience created by The Same House to bring all of Atlanta together, and the uplifting words of Congressman John Lewis: "We're one people. We're one family. We all live in the same house."

Bullard previously served as vice president of global corporate social responsibility at Chick-fil-A, Inc., and executive director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation, where he started and scaled the company's corporate social responsibility, environmental, community engagement, and philanthropic functions. With experience in marketing, real estate, customer service, and ESG, he led Chick-fil-A's efforts to revitalize the Westside of Atlanta, the Beloved Benefit, aimed at bridging social and economic division, created the True-Inspiration Awards, and inspired several successful public, private partnerships touching the lives of over 30 million people annually.

Bullard is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, received his Juris Doctorate in Law from Duke University School of Law in 2001, and his MBA from the University of Georgia in 2012. A proud veteran, he served in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps, eventually working at the Pentagon as a congressional legislative liaison in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Bullard is a best-selling author of "Heroes Wanted: Why The World Needs You to Live Your Heart Out." He was named to The Atlanta Magazine's "500 Most Influential Atlantans" list from 2019 to 2023 and recognized by the Georgia Secretary of State as an Outstanding Georgia Citizen.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

The student speakers were selected by their peers as representatives of the Class of 2023.

Ms. Deepali Naina Giri

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker

Deepali Naina Giri graduated from California State University at East Bay in May 2022 with a B.S. in Health Sciences. She graduates today with a Master of Science in Nursing with a major in Clinical Nurse Leader.

During her time as a student at Augusta University, she's been fortunate to volunteer with community organizations such as Compass for Hope, which aims to serve and provide health education for the homeless in Augusta. Thanks to a practicum spot in the Pediatric Medical Surgical Unit at the Children's Hospital of Georgia, Deepali has grown a strong passion for pediatric health. Her student nurse residency position provided her with hands-on exposure to the full spectrum of health that solidified her passion to provide high-quality, family-centered care for children of all ages.

After graduation, Deepali will be relocating back home to California to be closer to her family and friends. Her goal is to work with the pediatric population where she can apply her clinical expertise, quality patient care, and evidence-based protocols as a compassionate nurse. She also aspires to continue her education in pursuing a Doctorate of Nursing Practice with a concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner.

A native of San Francisco-Bay Area, California, Deepali is the daughter of Sonia Bharti Giri.

Mr. Justin Roger Goddard

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Student Speaker

Justin Roger Goddard is a 2019 alumnus of Union Grove High School in McDonough, Georgia. Today he graduates with his Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Digital Marketing.

Throughout his time at Augusta University, Justin was a highly engaged and accomplished student. He actively contributed to various organizations and held leadership positions, starting with his involvement in the 2019 Jaguar Jumpstart Program, where he made a lasting impact. He was also recognized as an 1828 Ambassador and an Augusta Influencer, showcasing his ability to influence and inspire. As a University Brand Ambassador, Justin was a proud representative of Augusta University. In addition to his academic pursuits, he showcased his athletic ability as a dedicated member of Augusta University's Track and Field team.

In addition to his studies and leadership roles, Justin held a significant position as the Social Media Manager at the Augusta University Police Department, where he effectively utilized digital marketing strategies to improve community relations. He also served as a 2022 Leap Week Leader, demonstrating his commitment to personal and professional growth.

After graduation, Justin aspires to take his digital marketing skills to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he plans to work in the field while pursuing his dreams of becoming a photographer and digital creator.

A native of McDonough, Georgia, Justin is the son of Roger and Jennie Goddard.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Brooks A. Keel, PhD, President, Augusta University, presiding

PRELUDE	Augusta University Brass Quintet
CONVENING OF COMMENCEMENT	Provost Neil MacKinnon
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INVOCATION	Ms. Deepali Giri
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PRESENTATION OF HOODING	Dean Jennifer Sullivan
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES	Provost Neil MacKinnon
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	Dean Judi Wilson
COLLEGE OF NURSING	Interim Dean Beth NeSmith
HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Dean Mark Thompson
PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Dean Kim Davies
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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH	Dean Teresa Waters
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GRADUATE STUDENT OATH	Mr. Arnoneel Sinha
ALMA MATER	Ms. Larianna Goss
RECESSIONAL	Augusta University Brass Quintet

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 14, 2023

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INVOCATION	Chaplain Henry Holt
WELCOME	President Brooks A. Keel
STUDENT SPEAKER	Mr. Justin Goddard
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Mr. Rodney Bullard <i>CEO, The Same House</i>
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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Provost Neil MacKinnon
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	Dean Judi Wilson
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS	Dean John Sutherland
HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Dean Mark Thompson
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Other Platform & Program Participants

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*Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony

**Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Theresa Akoto*

Dissertation:

Biomechanical and Genetic Factors

Contributing to Keratoconus Pathogenesis

Frederick Baker

Dissertation:

Proximity Biotin Labeling Reveals the

Interactions and Mechanisms of the Elg-BicD-Dynein Complex in the Drosophila Egg Chamber

Deidre Anne Harp

Dissertation:

The Impact of Dog Ownership on Depression, Anxiety, and Loneliness in Community Dwelling Older Adult Dog Owners: An Exploratory Study

Amanda Howard

Dissertation:

Stroke Survivors' Transition Home during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Focused Ethnography

Brittany Inlow Mellinger

Dissertation:

Nontraditional BSN Students' Academic and Social Experiences in a Public Postsecondary Institution in the Rural Southeastern United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Juliette R. Seremak

Dissertation:

Overcoming Multidrug Resistance in Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer by Implementing Novel Adjuvant Therapy

Anuj Kumar Sharma

Dissertation:

Role of Hyaluronic Acid in COVID-19 Lung Pathology

Arnoneel Sinha

Dissertation:

On the Detection of Multiple Change Points in A Sequence of Bivariate Random Vectors with Application to COVID-19 Data

Rongrong Wang

Dissertation:

High-Dimensional Mean Vector Test For One-Sided Hypothesis

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Haley Lowe
Courtney R. Lyles
Alexandria Drea'Shell Maddox
Kelly Marie Madeira
Austin Martin
Sarah Amelia Conditt Martinez
Jamarcus Gregory Mathis
Lori Hanna McArthur
Rebecca McCurry
D. Lee McFatridge II
Mary Claire McGuigan
Hannah Mendoza
Arielle Middleton-Chavous
Josie Leigh Mignogna
Sarah Anne Miller
Hannah Dare Mitchell
Paige Elaine Mitchem
Shelby Elizabeth Mixon
Emily Frances Moore
Lauren Murphy
Miriam Elizabeth Newman
Zamaiya Newsom
Emily Nguyen
Anne Donlon Norton
Jessica Monique Olivera
Damaris Marie Oliveria
Oyedoyin Amina Oyelami
Eliza Shadi Paknya
Joshua Blaine Parham
Alexis Pavone
Ronja Shovette Pearson
Harrison Peed
Chloe Elizabeth Phillips
Madison Plemons
Taylor Briana Pressnall
Madelynn Grace Priest
Lindsey Gayle Puckett
Mary Carter Putman
Helena Akua Sekyiwaa Quainoo
Bailey Rawlins
Abby Rhodes
Hillary Rich

Justin M. Richburg
Yaricsa Andrea Rivera Davila
Kira Ananda Ross
Gisele Sanchez
Joshua A. Scruggs
Babatunde Fahad Shekoni
Kaytlyn Larin Simmons
Abigail Nichole Smith
Dylan Smith
Emily Smith
Jake Smith
Kyera Nadine Spivey
Briana Suitt
Mufashara Tanzum
Austin Taylor
Macie Taylor
Al'Dasia ShiAmber Terrell
Aiyanna Thomas
Stancy Thomas
Keonna Thompson-Perry
Brooklyn Hannah Turner
Cordula Wachtelborn
Danielle Walton
Alayah Michelle Whitaker
Alexandria Wilbanks
Tyler Williams
Chelsey Tonitte Wilson
Vanessa French Wilson
Shakeila Wood

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Arts Chemistry

Zachary Ryan Sweatman

Bachelor of Science Biology

Milca Alfaro
Emily M. Bunch*
Leigha M. Campos
Sarah Conner
June Myriette Ekechukwu
Dounya Amale Ghafar
Matthew Gillen
Cheyenne Nicole Head
Arfan Ahmad Khawaja
Ashley Anne Koch*
Lakshmi Naga Sai Srut Medicherla
Lizbeth Flores Mendez

Kelina Elvy Momperousse
David Moore
Hailey Netherton
Jenny Nguyen
Elizabeth A. Rodgers
Alexis May Santos
Wakana Melody Sato
Devyn Renae Schaefer***

Bachelor of Science Cell and Molecular Biology

Fabiha Maarij Anwar***
Jaeshia Jacqueline Lindsay
Zaenab Bassam Sanadiki*

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

Yara A. Chakra**
William B. Guy III †
Mary Paulline Lopez
Tina Makkanal
Macy Peyton
Hander Suazo Tovar
Clarissa Thompson*

Bachelor of Science Ecology

Trevor L. Jordan
Sarah Murray
Amy Yu

Bachelor of Science Mathematics

Noah Allen
Joseph DeSantis Jr.*
Felicia M. Dufour**

Bachelor of Science Physics

Noah Braden Gray
William B. Guy III †
Tucker Daniel Koenig**
Jazmine Neal

HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

Justin Anderson
Gautam Anem
Candice Renea Atkinson

Davis Michael Battle
Sean Christopher Bayer
Garrison Reece Boling
Mia Bonner-Forbes
Alexandria Sarah Calderon
Kelly Bell Crawford
Eric Raynard Evans
Ciara Lee Fender
Ankit Jain
Abbas Jarrahi
Eric Kai Jenkins
Zarina Leeann Jenkins
Luke Fleming LaDow
Joshua Daniel LaFavor
Zachary Lee James Lukowski
Holly Brewer Moreno
Ryan Daniel Murphy
April Lisa Paschal
Nikhil Govindbhai Patel
Palak Chandranath Patel
John Edward Paul
Jessica Lynn Pealer
Eduardo Antonio Perez
Michelle Y. Reville
Mason Robertson
James Shire
Ana Laura Silva Faria
Kelly Baldrige Thomas
David Armando Vivas Villarreal
Victoria Ann Worsham
Alyssa Lasha Wright
Emily Rae Yonchak

Bachelor of Business Administration

William Kale Arrington
Paul Ethan Balducci
Mason Carter Bernard
Justice Blount
Matthew Brackx
Morgan Brooks
Alexander Jared Brown
Devon Duncan Browning
Roberto Carlos Carrasquillo Santos
Kristen Nicole Crose
Donald Edward Dahlin III**
Nicholas R. David
Cailyn Elizabeth Dutton
Bailey Trent Edmonds*
Prisca Ekpahomah
Hannah Faith Ertz
Zachary Feeney*
Emma Grace Rose Gadd**
Natia T. Gillis
Justin Roger Goddard

Rebecca Ann Goolsby
Nicholas Walton Hemphill
Benjamin Thomas Howard
Richard John Hroblak III
Gavin Slade Hursey
Briana Alexandra Izaguirre
Orondia Marie Jackson
Daniel Daehyun Jang*
Harrison Charles Jones
Lyle Kelly III
Philip Harris Land
Kyle Bennett LaRoche
Matthew Alden Little**
Mecca Mack
Blake Marks
Derek Jim May II
Michaela Janay Nelson
Kenzie Grace Noland
Ashley Marie Overton Reynolds
ShaDonasty Lashay Palmer
Ruhaan Pannu
Laurel Brooke Pate
Rebecca Ranieri***
Chayanne A. Rock**
Maribel M. Sanchez**
Xadier A. Santiago Serrano
Nicole Marie Sloan**
Jasmyn Alexis Smith***
Julia Elizabeth Smith
Matthew R. Stapleton
Joseph Richard Steele
Imo Gregory Sunday
Ryan Edward Tharpe
Christopher Troxel
Marica Elecia Mae Tubman
Matthew Teleron Villagorda
John Richard West III
Mary-Paige Lenora Whyte**

Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting

Timothy Michael Arnette
Sydni Nicole Farmer***
Vinh Hoang
Alyssa Marie Monroe***
Joseph H. Pittman
Emily Bridget Rynners*
Benjamin Sayers
Timmy L. Sellers Jr.
Chau T. Treadway
Paul S. Whitman*

**PAMPLIN
COLLEGE OF ARTS,
HUMANITIES, AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Master of Arts Intelligence and Security Studies

Bryan D. Batista
Diedre Kaye Howell
Richard T. Jacob Jr.
Christopher Oscar Wayne Martin
Patrick Thomas O'Toole
Taylor Pearce
Meryl Elizabeth Prince
Grantham Truesdale Sandlin
Bobby Smith
Austin W. Stacy
Racquel Victoria Renee Turner
Patrick Wayne Walworth

Master of Public Administration

Sheryl Lemoncito Baladjay
Amanda Jean Cruz
David Nash Geeter
Kiera Katherine Howard
John Haydn Jones
Samuel Eric Klein
Lacey Owens
Mariana Valentina Sima

Bachelor of Arts Anthropology

Alexandria Denise Coleman

Bachelor of Arts Art

Lillian Jester***
Edna Veronica Martinez Sanchez

Bachelor of Arts Communication

Rose Terese Brannigan
Savannah Grace Luckey
Isabella B. Moody
Joshua G. Picklesimer
Parker Ray
Carlos Rafael Rodriguez Jr.**
Angela Stephan
Nathaniel James Walters
Kimberlyn Sharde'Ware
Justin Elijah Williams

***Bachelor of Arts
Criminal Justice***

Mallory Lynn Cagle
Katelynn Virginia Chason***
Debrah J. Hadlock
Jason P. Hyland
Jalyssa Jimenez
Wynia Ge'ne Johnson
Lu Kline
Zuzanna Maria Kowalska
Caitlyn Marie Miles*
Tamia L. White

***Bachelor of Arts
English***

Dane E. Doughty
Caitlyn Joyce Key
Caleb Robertson
Zaenab Bassam Sanadiki*
Chloe Westbrook**

***Bachelor of Arts
Health, Society, and Policy***

Anthony Arnold
Rodas Mahari Gide
Jerin Jamil*

***Bachelor of Arts
History***

Alexander Charles Elkin
Blaine Holenchick
Lauren Racquel Jackson*
Ethan Cole Radke
Joseph E. Sloan
Courtney Alicia Wilson

***Bachelor of Arts
Integrated Studies***

Jay Arthur Avery
Joel Daniel Deserto**
Kayla Floyd
Kendra Jade Geter
Caroline Marie Jeffcoat
Tesneem Sherif
Kelly Nikitas Woehr
Ethan Paul Yopp

***Bachelor of Arts
Music***

Daijah T. Generette
Larianna Goss*
Paul Lawson Jones

***Bachelor of Arts
Nonprofit Leadership
and Administration***

Hase S. Cola

***Bachelor of Arts
Political Science***

Prosperity Joy Blair
Grant E. Cawley
Keturah B. Claytor
Logan Royal Fracassa
Hannah Bliss Johnston
Alissa Briana Long
Cameron Ragland
Caroline Elizabeth Richards
Franklin Turner Sircy
Landon Watson

***Bachelor of Arts
Sociology***

Danielle Bullock*
Elizabeth Eggers
Jasmine Shane' Godwin
Alexus Ti'Mari Grant
Kamari T. Johnson
Breanna Gabriella Nickol
Anne Claire Phillips
Audrey Cadena Richards

***Bachelor of Arts in
World Languages***

Zachary Marron-Librizzi
Paula I. Recinos Urizar

***Bachelor of Fine Arts
Art***

Shawn Michael Allen
Jordan Bienis Brooks
John V. Cook
Robert A. Gustin III**
Onyx Vale Jankiewicz
Henry P. McCarter
Hannah Samuli
Payton Tamas
Kendrick Walker
Brian Shawn Webb Jr.

***Bachelor of Fine Arts
Digital and Visual Storytelling***

Gracie-Jean D. Rolfe**

***Bachelor of Music
Music Education***

Tanee G. Boyd

William J. Harper**

***Bachelor of Science
Psychology***

Zaneta Coleen Adu*
Destanee Armoni Atwell
C'Avionne Alexis Barber
Lauryn Abria Barber
Travis Joseph Barnes
E'Niyah Re'Jhae Boyd
Jacquelyn Elieen Byrd
Yara A. Chakra
Erynne Kathleen Christian
Emerald Coleman
Gabriel Teixeira Correia da Silva
Mahogany Wynita Davis
LeAndrea C. Detheridge
Shyneice Brana Corshell Doss
Kiana Durham Rogers
Katherine Elms
Ariel Figueroa-O'Farrill
Jenna Gauvreau
Chasity Gibbons
Kristen Naomi Hale
Hannah Louise Hintz
Justin Hofmeister*
Lillian Jester***
Zujeremiah Richard Jones
Lindsay Kassi**
Kathryn Melissa Kelly***
Alexis Nicole Lanier
Christina McCaslin
Ashley T. McKenzie
A'nasia Rakia Monford
Diamon Mosley*
Christine Hien Nguyen**
Meredith Leigh Prichard
Valeria C. Sierra
DiAsia Simmons
Kaylyn Dawn Sinclair
Anita Daliann Singh*
Antonio Fernando Smith
Emily Standifer
Heather Elizabeth Story
Cassandra Marie Sweet
Justin Dellan Tecson-Santos
Holly Belle Thomas***
Jermia Lamaria Thurston
Kayla Walker
Harley Denise Williams
Victoria E. Wise

Bachelor of Social Work

Makalah Nicole Griffin

***Associate of Applied Science in
Criminal Justice***

Nicholas Emmanuel Williams

**SCHOOL OF COMPUTER
AND CYBER SCIENCES**

***Master of Science
Computer Science***

Dane Troyer

***Master of Science
Information Security
Management***

Douglas W. Blackburn
Chaunte' Patrice Bost
Darrius A. Gramling
Joseph Andrew Hoffman
Luis Manuel Lopez
Fiona McGreevy
Kevin A. McIlwain
Mohit Rajpurohit
Ashley C. Woods

***Bachelor of Science
Computer Science***

Logan Bowman
Victoria Leigh Vining Broeker
Christopher Drenthe
Shawn Michael Edwards
Michael Nevan Ford
Luterra Daniya Fulks
Martin Navarrete
Bethany J. Sumner**
Brett Williams**
James A. Wilt*

***Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity***

Vimal Tom Alapatt
Roger Bazemore
Briana A. Campbell***
Ansley Elizabeth Cheatham
Marcus James Dunn
Trent Faulkner
Benjamin Alexander Frails
Quan Fussell
William Wesley Gavitt
Dylan Govero
Carson P. Klein
Peter Dylan Kraft
Tal Lavi*

Griffin Brian McClain*
James B. Mick*
Logan J. Morrison
Noah Navarre*
Andrew Thomas O'Connor
Tyler R. Owens
Chase Pfeifer
Andreana Remy
Madeline Love Smith**
James Alexander Timmons
Sean Garrett Yohe

***Bachelor of Science
Cybersecurity Engineering***

Justin Davis Carney
Hoang Long Vu*

***Bachelor of Science in
Information Technology***

Jacob Best
Ericka Nicole Gibbons*
Minook Jin
Jerel Tre Mendoza
Mohammad Sayed Naqawe
Jeannie Pham
Spencer Linwood James Robinson
Danielle Crystal Thompson
Carter Thomas Wolfe

**SCHOOL OF PUBLIC
HEALTH**

Master of Public Health

Patricia Lam Bussey
Alma Guadalupe Carrillo Robles
Kristy Lynn Clodfelter
Jordan N. Fields-Thomas
Brittany E. Frazier
Ashlyn Brooke Hosti
Carmelita La'Nise Moreno
Zoey Morrison
Nadine Akemi Odo
April D. Parham
Ana Cristina Maria Quinlan
Brittany Laurel Schreier

***Master of Science
Biostatistics***

Arnoneel Sinha
Rongrong Wang

***Master of Science
Data Science***

Jaime Figueroa
Wei Xiao

***Master of Science
Epidemiology***

Samah A. Ibrahim

*** Summa Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

* Cum Laude

† Awarded Posthumously

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.

Zaneta Colleen Adu
Fabiha Maarij Anwar
Katelynn Virginia Chason
Sarah Conner
Emma Grace Rose Gadd
Onyx Vale Jankiewicz
Lillian Jester
Ashley Anne Koch
Leesa Rajesh Patel
Zaenab Bassam Sanadiki
Isabella Stefania Stec

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONEES

Graduates who successfully complete the military science program receive commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army upon their graduation. They may be assigned to active duty, Reserve or National Guard.

2nd Lt. James B. Mick

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.

Emory Shay Allen
Rose Terese Brannigan
Emily M. Bunch
Madelynn Danielle Butler
Harry Frank Byus IV
Amanda Carter
Grant E. Cawley
Ansley Elizabeth Cheatham
Jeffrey Myers Clark
Yaricsa Andrea Rivera Davila
Afokeoghene Gimbiya Egberi
June Myriette Ekechukwu
Alexander Charles Elkin
Hannah Faith Ertz
Kayla Floyd
Ericka Nicole Gibbons
Matthew Gillen
Evelyn W. Goodwin
Rebecca Ann Goolsby
Savannah Graham
William J. Harper
Caroline Hill
Shannon Alexandrya Hobbs
Corin E. Hoell
Alyssa Lorren Holley
Hannah Bliss Johnston
Zujeremiah Richard Jones
Joshua Alexander Hornsby
Lyle Kelly III
Casey Marie Killough
Zachary Alexander Koschene
Kaylee Ann Lawless
Alissa Briana Long
Paige Mays
Griffin Brian McClain
Kenneth Michael McDonald
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Andrew Thomas O'Connor
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Laurel Brooke Pate
Harrison Peed
Cameron Ragland
Parker Ray
Spencer Linwood James Robinson
Hannah Samuli
Muhammad Fasih Shaikh
Babatunde Fahad Shekoni
Kyera Nadine Spivey
Emily Standifer
Bethany J. Sumner
April Melanie Tredore
John Richard West III
Mary-Paige Lenora Whyte
Justin Wilson
Carter Thomas Wolfe
Rebecca June Wooten

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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.

GRADUATE OATH

As I embark on my career, now an alumnus of Augusta University, I pledge that I will represent my discipline honorably by conducting myself and my professional endeavors in a manner that is always above reproach. I will strive to show compassion, embrace diversity, and above all, uphold excellence that I should become a worthy role model and ambassador of Augusta University.

With this affirmation, I acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me, while seeking truth and the advancement of knowledge in all my actions. I will always remember to act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and incorporate both the art and science of my profession in the products of my labor. I will incorporate ethical and moral principles that constitute integrity in all that I do, and faithfully ensure that the results of my professional activities ultimately benefit our world.

for Augusta University Past, Present and Future
AUGUSTA: THE BELL RINGS FOR ME
(Alma Mater)

by Robert W. Smith (ASCAP)

Solemn (♩ = 76) With Warmth
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mf In the shade of the might-y oak we forge our de - sti - ny. Through



knowl-edge, truth and hon - or our jour - ney clear to see. We draw up - on the cour-age and



guid-ance of the past. We bold - ly build our fu - ture with friends that ev - er - last.



Majestic
f Au - gus - ta — Au - gus - ta, the bell rings for me. Au - gus - ta, — Au - gus - ta, it



tolls our his - to - ry — Au - gus - ta — Au - gus - ta, sound - ing to the world. With



vi - sion for the ag - es, — Au - gus - ta, we are A - U!