

Augusta University
Spring Commencement

May 8-9, 2025
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.

Augusta University provides a world-class academic and social community that 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 university, 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 art and humanities and the health sciences. Students from undergraduate to post-doctoral levels are mentored and inspired by a world-class faculty including 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 Mr. Jeffrey Foley, founder, Loral Mountain Solutions, and Ms. Vera Stewart, host of “The VeryVera Show”.

Mr. Jeffrey W. Foley *Founder, Loral Mountain Solutions*

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Keynote Speaker

Jeffrey W. Foley is a leadership coach, author, and speaker. He is a West Point graduate who retired after 32 years in the U.S. Army as a brigadier general. He is the founder of Loral Mountain Solutions and works with business leaders who want to achieve greater results by developing positive, lasting change in behavior for themselves and the people they lead.

Throughout his military career he served in leadership positions around the world, all the time focused on the accomplishment of the mission and developing people. His last duty assignment was the commanding general of the U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia.

Upon completion of military service, he served as an executive administrator at Augusta University. In these positions he served as a strategic planner and led efforts to connect the enterprise’s educational resources to meet military and veterans’ needs.

His latest book is *BRAVE Business Leadership: Grow Competent, Confident Leaders and Get Great Results*. This book captures best practices from world-renown leadership experts combined with what he learned during his Army career leading organizations up to 8,000 people.

He also co-authored the Penguin-published book *Rules and Tools for Leaders* (4th Edition) and is a contributing author to the book *Servant Leadership in Action* (edited by Ken Blanchard and Renee Broadwell, 2018). He is certified as a Marshall Goldsmith Stakeholder Centered Coach, a former partner with the Ken Blanchard Companies and a member of Patrick Lencioni’s Table Group.

Jeff played intercollegiate sports at West Point, earned his Eagle Scout, and is a Distinguished Alum from Mariemont High School. He holds master’s degrees in computer systems from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology and National Security Policy from the National War College as well as an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Union Institute and University. The most significant award he received as a soldier was the opportunity to serve his country. On a personal note, he is a recovering college baseball centerfielder and a lifetime Cincinnati Reds baseball fan.

Ms. Vera Stewart *Host, The VeryVera Show*

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies Keynote Speaker

Vera Stewart is a nationally-recognized television personality, cookbook author, and entrepreneur whose career in the food and hospitality industries spans four decades. She is an accomplished speaker and covers a variety of topics, all of which are motivational. Vera’s philosophy is based on a winning attitude and passion for perfection.

Launching her career in the 1980s with a cottage catering business, VeryVera, she has become a household name with ventures that include a bakery and cafe, and a national mail order business for her signature cakes and casseroles. She currently has the cooking and lifestyle show *The VeryVera Show*, the *VeryVera Cookbook Series*, the VeryVera Cooking Camp, and VERA, a catering, concierge, and hospitality service for patrons of the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

With a passion for Southern dishes passed down through generations, her manifold business endeavors have inspired people all over the nation to create memories in the kitchen. *The VeryVera Show*, in Season 13, is syndicated in 68 metropolitan markets; the popular VeryVera Cooking Camp is starting its 22nd year; her first cookbook, *Recipes from my Table*, is in its sixth print; and her new cookbook, *Occasions*, was released in spring 2023. She is currently working on the trilogy to her cookbook series, the *Children’s Cookbook*.

Vera graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Home Economics education in 1974. Early in her career in 1997 she was named Small Business Person of the Year and is a 2010 Business Hall of Fame Laureate. In 2019, she was recognized with the ‘Bulldog 100’ award, signifying the top 100 growing businesses in Georgia.

ABOUT THE STUDENT SPEAKERS

The student speakers were selected by their peers as representatives of the class of 2025.

Mr. Roosevelt Steven Jones

Graduate Hooding and Commencement Ceremony Speaker

Steven Jones graduated from Albany State University with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education. He began teaching in an elementary school in the Bibb County School District in 1998. After several years of teaching physical education and reading, he was selected to add the title Reading Coordinator/Coach to his duties and responsibilities. This led Steven to pursue a masters in administration and supervision from Georgia College and State University. Shortly thereafter, he began his career as an administrator.

Steven has served as a principal at each level, including three and a half years in elementary school, six years in middle school, and seven years in high school. Steven was deemed a turnaround principal and strategically placed in schools during his tenure to ignite positive change. While serving as principal, Steven enrolled at the University of West Georgia to pursue his specialist degree in school improvement. Steven's principalship can be summarized with his last assignment to Northeast High, where the term #EastsideOutLoud originated, a term used to reference the positive shift in East Macon schools under his leadership.

Steven is loved and honored by his wife, Danielle, and his 2025 high school graduate, Kennedi. A native of Augusta, Georgia, he cherishes the opportunity to come back and earn a degree at Augusta University. Steven has dedicated the intense work on his Doctor of Education in Educational Innovation degree to his deceased family members, Roosevelt (Dad), Edna (Mom), and Russell Jones (Baby Brother). Steven also presents this degree to Randy and Robyn as a sign of faith that we continue to move and thrive through the strength of God.

Ms. Ta'zheara Butts

10:00 am Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Speaker

Ta'zheara Butts is a graduate of Fayette County High School. Today she graduates with a Bachelor of Social Work with a minor in Political Science.

During her time at Augusta University, Ta'zheara received several awards including the New Resident Assistant of the Year and Housing Director's Awards in 2023 and 2024 from Housing and Residence Life. Ta'zheara worked during her time as a student, serving the Ronald McDonald House of Augusta from 2021-2025 as well as an RA for AU's Housing and Residence Life from 2022-2025. Additionally, she's served as the Historian and Advocate for Social Justice Chairman of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, as well as the Vice President of Member Development and Recruitment for the 1828 Ambassadors.

After graduation, Ta'zheara will attend the University of Illinois, Chicago, as a Master of Social Work student in the Advanced Standing Program. She intends to focus on child and family welfare.

A native of Macon, Georgia, Ta'zheara is the daughter of Lavela Simmons and David Butts.

Ms. Christina M. Waller

2:00 pm Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony Speaker

Christina Waller is a graduate of Arlington Christian School in Fairburn, Georgia. She graduates today with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

During her time at Augusta University, Christina worked as a student assistant in the Student Life and Engagement Office. She held several leadership positions in student organizations including president and vice president of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, vice president of Black Greek Life Organizations, vice president of National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), and president of Order of Omega. Additionally, she was a member of Black Student Union, She Blossoms, and Black Student Nursing Society. Christina received several awards during her time as a student including Miss Kappa Alpha Psi, Soror of the Year, and the Ella Spring Jones Service Award.

After graduation, Christina is going to work in Piedmont Augusta's Orthopedics Unit. She also plans to pursue her Doctor of Nursing Practice in psychiatric mental health nurse practitionership.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Christina is the daughter of the Rev. Christopher and Carolyn Waller.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MAY 8, 2025

Russell T. Keen, Ed.D., President, Augusta University, presiding

PRELUDE	Summerville Brass Quintet
CONVENING OF COMMENCEMENT	President Russell T. Keen
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	Augusta University Jaguar Battalion
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Ms. Madelyn Eden
WELCOME	Mr. R. Steven Jones
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Mr. Jeffrey W. Foley <i>Founder, Loral Mountain Solutions</i>
PRESENTATION OF PROFESSIONAL CANDIDATES DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA	Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan Dean Nancy Young Dean David Hess
WELCOME FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL	Dean Jennifer C. Sullivan
PRESENTATION OF HOODING	Dean Jennifer C. Sullivan
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES THE GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLEGE OF NURSING COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & CYBER SCIENCES SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH	Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan Dean Jennifer C. Sullivan Dean Lester Pretlow Dean Judi Wilson Dean Beth NeSmith Dean John Sutherland Dean Mark Thompson Associate Dean Dustin Avent-Holt Dean Alexander Schwarzmann Dean Teresa Waters
DEGREE CONFERRAL	President Russell T. Keen
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Dr. John T. Baker Jr. <i>Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, '94</i>
ROTC OATH OF OFFICE	2nd Lt. Jherrica Childers
GRADUATE STUDENT OATH	Dr. Dominique Monroe
ALMA MATER	Ms. Madelyn Eden
RECESSIONAL	Summerville Brass Quintet

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MAY 9, 2025

Russell T. Keen, Ed.D., President, Augusta University, presiding

PRELUDE	Augusta University Wind Ensemble
CONVENING OF COMMENCEMENT	President Russell T. Keen
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	Augusta University Jaguar Battalion
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Ms. Beatrice Jackson
INVOCATION	Chaplain Henry Holt
STUDENT SPEAKER	Ms. Ta'zheara Butts* Ms. Christina Waller**
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Ms. Vera Stewart <i>Host, The VeryVera Show</i>
HONORS GRADUATE RECOGNITION	Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Interim Provost Jennifer C. Sullivan
COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES*	Dean Lester Pretlow
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*	Dean Judi Wilson
COLLEGE OF NURSING**	Dean Beth NeSmith
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**	Dean John Sutherland
HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*	Dean Mark Thompson
PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*	Associate Dean Christine Crookall
SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & CYBER SCIENCES**	Dean Alexander Schwarzmann
DEGREE CONFERRAL	President Russell T. Keen
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME AND TASSEL TURN	Mr. Kyle Scott <i>Hull College of Business, '03</i>
ROTC OATH OF OFFICE	2nd Lt. Lisa Alexandre* 2nd Lt. Manna Philip* 2nd Lt. Brandon Ramirez**
ALMA MATER	Ms. Beatrice Jackson
RECESSIONAL	Augusta University Wind Ensemble

* 10:00 am ceremony

** 2:00 pm ceremony



Executive Leadership

Russell T. Keen, President, Augusta University
Jennifer Sullivan, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dean, The Graduate School
Kristina Baggott, Interim Executive Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Economic Development
Susan Davies, Executive Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs
Jack Evans, Interim Executive Vice President for Strategic Effectiveness and Chief of Staff to the President
David Hess, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration; Dean, Medical College of Georgia; Interim Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation,
Chris Melcher, Vice President for Legal Affairs; General Counsel
Yvonne Turner, Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Business Officer

Academic Leadership

Kim Davies, Dean, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Beth NeSmith, Dean, College of Nursing
Lester Pretlow, Dean, College of Allied Health Sciences
Alexander Schwarzmann, Dean, School of Computer and Cyber Sciences
John Sutherland, Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Mark Thompson, Dean, Hull College of Business
Brad Warren, Dean of Libraries
Teresa Waters, Dean, School of Public Health
Judi Wilson, Dean, College of Education and Human Development
Nancy Young, Dean, Dental College of Georgia

Other Platform & Program Participants

Lisa Alexandre, Degree Candidate, Hull College of Business*
Dustin Avent-Holt, Associate Dean, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences^
John Baker, President, Augusta University Alumni Association^
Hannah Bennett, Vice Chair, Augusta University Faculty Senate; Associate Professor, College of Education and Human Development*
Ta'zheara Butts, Degree Candidate, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*
Patricia Cameron, Vice Dean, The Graduate School^
Jherrica Childers, Degree Candidate, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences^
Christine Crookall, Associate Dean, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*
Tiana Curry-McCoy, Chair, Augusta University Faculty Senate; Associate Professor, College of Allied Health Sciences^
Elena Dent, Assistant Dean, The Graduate School^
Jenessa Ducelus, Degree Candidate, College of Science and Mathematics**
Madelyn Eden, Degree Candidate, Hull College of Business^
Jeffrey Foley, Founder, Loral Mountain Solutions^
Karen Head, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Henry Holt, Spiritual Care Director * **
Beatrice Jackson, Degree Candidate, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences * **
Steven Jones, Degree Candidate, College of Education and Human Development^
Zach Kelehear, Vice Provost
Dominique Monroe, Degree Candidate, The Graduate School^
Manna Philip, Degree Candidate, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*
Brandon Ramirez, Degree Candidate, School of Computer and Cyber Sciences**
Carrie Reif-Stice, Assistant Professor, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**
Richard Rogers, Web Developer, Augusta University Information Technology * **
Kyle Scott, President, Augusta University Summerville Alumni Society* **
Vera Stewart, Host, The VeryVera Show * **
Crystal Vincent, Business Operations Specialist, Hull College of Business^
Christina Waller, Degree Candidate, College of Nursing**

DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

Doctor of Dental Medicine

Sarah Austin Alonso
Aisha Ambrose
Sina Ayati
Shawnah Banks
Taylor H. Barnett
Tristen Julian Hinson Bennett
Parker Allen-Partee Black
Evan Victoria Boland
Nicole Boudeau
Obie Caleb Brannon
Haley Burgess
William Taylor Carrick
Aiden Cho
Forrest Ira Collins
Logan Cumbaa
Charles Dong
Amine Hussein Elkhail
Leslie Madison Fickling
Kole W. Fisher
Trenton Brewer Fowler
Juan Sebastian Garcia
Carson Tanner Glore
Kansington Caroline Gloster
Jacob Alexander Goldberg
Laura Hamilton
Hailey Marie Hargis
Allison Lampkin Hay
Madelyn Anne Herrington
Melissa Ann Hewett
Christopher D. Hollingsworth
Benjamin Paul Hopkins
Deion Ruochian Huang
Angela Hulse
Gabriel B. Hutcheson
Rishabh Jaryal
Jacob A. Jenkins
Caleb Jensen
Chan Young Jin
Rusty Daniel Johnson
Alex Eumin Kang
Jin Kim
Yeram Kim
Ykeisha M. Knowles
Joonas Koski
Amandeep Kullar
Carson Russell Lail
Justin David Lane
Brandon Austin Lee
Alexandrea Grace LeVines
Kyoungmin Lim
Adrienne Tien-Luen Liou
Alexander Liou
Betelhem Berhanu Lonse
Adrian Lopez Hanson
Marc Rocco Macchiaverna

Philip Weston Maeser
Zachary Alba Marana
Jeffrey Fletcher Mazzola
Daniel McCullough
Davis Edward McHugh
Malainha T. McKinney
Emily Caroline Medendorp
Madison Alyce Mondry
Niang Tawi Muang
Mary Garrett McLeod Neel
Jackson Nguyen
Ronald Edwin Owens II
Cayla Paradise
Soon Sean Park
Anjali R. Patel
Omar Peralta Rios
Kevin Prashad
Aida Rassam
Eve Melanie Reiter
Mahsa Roosta
Alexandra Russell
Tanner Christian Scaggs
Jonathan Scaringe
John Senat
Amber Sillivent
Caroline Elizabeth Slocum
Emsley Elena Smith
Harrison James Smith
Kellie E. Soafer
Emily Adela Summers
Amber Shere Thomas
Kaitlin Spivey Thrift
Madeline Drummond Tidwell
Clayton Douglas Timmerman
Emily Florence Watmore
Kinsley Marie White
Mark Allen Willis II
Diana Winecoff

Master of Science in Oral Biology

Mahmoud El-Kahly

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA

Doctor of Medicine

Sujith Abbagoni
Warda Abdi
Abigail Lee Abernathy
Brianna Abernathy
Queen Abure
Rashi Agrawal
Nebil Ahmed

Tarab Ajjan
Sergio Alcantar Jr.
Fatma Mabrouk Aldihri
Elijah T. Alston
Brooke Amero
Sachit Anandan
Megan Anandappa
Brennen Keith Anderson
Heath Matthew Aston
Sara Attari
Ji Young Baik
Neha Balachandran
James Logan Ballard
Adebisi Khadijat Bamidele
Lisa Babirye Bateganya
William Bedinger
Marc Bernstein
Madison Jenelle Beverly
Sedia Miatta Beysolow
Brennan S. Bogdanovich
Leila Deanna Bond
Jordan Bothwell
Samantha Claire Brener
Kathryn Ann Brieck
Reagan Brinkley
Michael Robert Salisbury Bruno
Brian Robert Buck
Tommy Bui
Piawoh Ngwe Bujung
Jessica Sarah Marie Burke
Iagn Nino Kenji Valenzona Cabahug
James Harris Calhoun
William Carico
William Clifton Chafin Jr.
Sneha Chauhan
Madison Lynette Chimenti
Joseph Anthony Cleland
Samuel Joseph Coppola
Stephanie Cumbey
Michaela Elizabeth Cushing
Kadesh Abigail Daniels
Christopher Dick
Hannah Dixon
Sara Katherine Doerr
Lori Carol Domanico
Shresttha Dubey
Gabriela Andrea Duchesne
Katherine Nicole Dunn
Sadhana Durbha
Destine C. Ede
Nicholas Britton Ehrhardt
Vinayak Eranezhath
Marisol M. Escanuela
Will Christopher Sanchez Evans
Joseph Fahey
Mustafa Farooq
Shereen Farooq
Samantha Nicole Feinstein
Kate Ferencsik

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Susan Lindsey Fields
David Storm Filston
M. Raine Foulkes
Michael Fowler
Samantha Fraime
K'Mani Khimoi Maleek deMari
Fredericks-Blyden
Kelsey Fuchs
Anusha Gadipudi
Margrett Victoria Garrett
Ahana Gaurav
Casey Ryan Gazza
Michelle Ann George
Salil Sharad Ghamande
Mohini Prashant Gharpure
Nirali Rajesh Ghodasara
Alexa Mariam Ghulam
Jake Lazzaro Gigliotti
Brandee Goo
Christine Elizabeth Gough
Arnav Goyal
Cody Steele Greene
Blake Kenneth Hamil
Falon Macawley Hassett
Emma Kathleen Hazenberg
Tucker Reeves Hickox
Molly Lauren Hirsh
Brandon Parker Hodges
Matthew Robert Hopkins
Elizabeth Huang
Hannah Huang
Madison Lauren James
Summer M. Jefferson
Satya Jella
Stephanie Marie Jiang
Austin Minkyu Jin
Chandler Elizabeth Johnson
Ashley Catanzarite Johnston
Thomas Randolph Johnston III
Megan Emily Jones
Nia Kalifa
Hisham Kashif
Nisha Kashyap
Mark Coleman Keenum
Olivia Diane Keenum
Jackson Patrick Kelly
Afnan Umar Khan
Aleisha Khan
Joyce Kim
Tyra Alicia Evette Kimbler
Brenna Shae Kincaid
Marybeth Koepsell
Frederick Pearce Kudlata
Erin Katherine Langston
Lane Hunter Langston
William Luke Ledford
Eunji Lee
Tylor Kue Lee
Tiffanie Leeman

Michelle Lin
Phillip Loan
Mitchell James Lomis
Jaron Longo
Isabella Mellits Lopez
Kali Malham
McKenzie Elizabeth Maloney
James Bui Mansfield
Seena Mansouri
Manvitha Saisri Manyam
Luke Allen Martin
Katerina Ann Massengale
Niva Surendran Matcha
Elaina Joy Matthews
William Fray McCormick Jr.
Jessica Hope McElrath
Kathleen Frances McIntyre
Melinda L. McKew
Daniel Mehrabian
Vinay Dinesh Mehta
Arthur Boris Miller
Simon Miller
Jordan K. Mixon
Rushan Imran Momin
Robert McAfee Moody
Miles Morgan
Maya Muhanna Gore
Hannah Myers
Angela Joy Neal
Apurva Nemala
Loretta Njomi Fembe Ngog
Tena Ngoc Nguyen
Brianna Taylor Nicholson
Joshua Nougaisse
Olabamibo Olajuwon Oke
Ty'a Kristian Oliver
Nicholas Orris
Nicholas Timothy Owings
Caleb Alvin Padgett
Kaley Parchinski
Stephanie Eleyes Hackett Parris
Binal Patel
Vraj Tushar Patel
Garima Paul
Isabela Lucretia Pavkov
William Michael Pearson
Taylor Madison Pigg
Olivia Piscano
Elexis Bridges Price
Om Samir Purohit
Taha Javed Rahmatullah
Alexa Rakusin
Danae Rammos
Ahmad Awais Rathor
Mayra Razo
Yazmin Reategui-Almonacid
Stephanie Lynn Revoredo
Anna Robicsek-Hatcher
Matthew L. Rollins

Nicole Marie Ronczkowski
Erik Ruben Rosas Rosas
Elizabeth Anne Roth
Lily Nicole Rubin
Laura Katherine Rush
Farris Mohammed Sabir
Gillian Catherine Safai
Om Vishwas Sakhalkar
Eric Williams Santana
Siddharth Krishna Satuluru
Luke Gregory Scanlan
Lakshya Seth
Pearl Viraj Shah
Yasmeen Shahout
Pareena Sharma
Sachi Shastri
Caroline Ann Shaver
Brittany Sheffield
Aashka J. Sheth
Joshua Siar
Kristin Sisk
Tylin Ja'Mier Mugerwa Siwemuke
Brooke Wilkinson Sligh
Katlyn Marie Smaha
Elizabeth Caroline Snyder
Hannah Elizabeth Dailey Spivey
Hunter Allen Spivey
Antron Spooner
Sreesh Sridhar
Kisa Stoney
Katherine Grace Street
Hayden Alfred Suggs
Justin David-Li Swaby
Nagaraj Swaminathan
Jacob Tadros
Niral Manish Thaker
David Edwin Thomas
Blayne Thomason Santa Maria
Ramalakshmi Thulluri
Morgan Victoria Town
Katharine Marie Tracy
Arfa Ul-Haque
Kyra Urquhart-Foster
Florence Urum
Shane Vahjen
Sarah Elise Verdery
Sharanya Vijaykumar
Mia Vreeland von Gal
Dakota Wheeler
Grant Charles Whitebloom
Maiah Ann Wiley
Hannah Wilkey
Madison Wood
Ivie Uwaifo Woodard
Jack Xhemali
Edward Jing Xie
Kenji Yoshida
Meira Sarah Zibitt

Master of Science Medical Physiology

Ambreya Adams
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Amina Aly
Bradley T. Bergum
Olivia Alexandra Boykin
Martina Louise Bryant
Austin Yi Jia Chan
Antara Chaudhuri
Torrie Depeyster
Alanna Gearl
Alexander Felipe Gonzalez
Marvin Earl Harris
Morgan Elizabeth Harris-Pleas
Cheyenne Nicole Head
Jeffery Austin Parker Herriott
Rachel Iannotti
Mehak Jain
Bintou Kebe
Nyiah Kelley
Taryn Renee Lykes
Jubin Joseph Mathew
Taylor McClure
Lauren Tiffany Miller
Gunavardhan Murugulla
Keith J. Nelson
Tana B. Nguyen
Peter Osayi
Tiranda Mikole Plummer
Casandra Abembom Sam
Garrett Sigley
Heather Smaha
Jhania Leanne Smith
Travis Carlyle Varnum
Praneet Veerapaneni
Carl Whitehead
Shafat Zaman
Jenny Zhang

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy

Nour Alhussien

Dissertation:

*A Comprehensive Framework for Evaluating and
Mitigating Adversarial Machine Learning
Attacks on Network Intrusion Detection
Systems*

Jennifer Dorn

Dissertation:

*Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor (AHR) as a Mediator of
Skeletal Health and Homeostasis*

Katherine Anne Fopiano

Dissertation:

*Peroxisiredoxin 5 Mediated Protection against
Coronary Vascular Rarefaction in
Cardiometabolic Heart Failure with Preserved
Ejection Fraction*

Brandee Goo

Dissertation:

*The Role of Histone Deacetylase (HDAC9) in
Adipose Tissue Dysfunction in Obesity and
Aging*

Malita Anesia Jones

Dissertation:

*Innovative Approaches to Retinal Inflammation
Through TIM-3 Modulation and Insulin
Dynamics*

Dominique Monroe

Dissertation:

*Elevated dNTP Pools Sensitize Refractory
Glioblastoma to Genotoxic Therapies by
Promoting DNA Polymerase, a Gap Filling
Synthesis, and by Diverting SAMHD1 HR
Activity*

Ogacheko David Okoko

Dissertation:

*Tailoring Immunotherapy Strategies for Cancer:
From T Cell Engineering to Targeted
Modulation of the Tumor Immune
Microenvironment*

Edidiong Raphael Usoro

Dissertation:

*Enhancing Double-Strand Break Induction in
Hypoxic Glioblastoma Cells Through dNTP
Modulation and its Potential Therapeutic
Implications*

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Amara M. Abdul
Lauren Atkinson
Shingen Tyler Briem
Brandon West Bruton
Benjamin James Burch
Patrick Allen Carson
Vivianna Chang
Andrew Curtin
Jeffrey Austin Cushing
Ashley Kathleen Douglass
Natalie Rose Edmunds
Reed Sheldon Fernandez
Cassidy Flynt
Carissa Grace Giles
Elizabeth Culver Grandin
Carter Ryan Grant
Blake Thomas Green
Hunter L. Harris
Zachary Hill
Abigail Leigh Hotchkiss
Adam Hutchinson
Elizabeth Grace Jackson
Rebecca E. Jackson
Amber Johnson
Kasey Joanna Kaiser
Emily Morton LaBoon
Rebecca Hart Lorimer
Noel A. Lukose
Savannah Elizabeth Lyons
Madison Elizabeth McCleary
Lindsay Mewbourne
Caleb Moss
Adrenne T. Olowiany
Ariana Nicole Ranieri
Janie Riggins
Trevor A. Shewmaker
Ryan Christian Smith
Emily Kate Williams
Ashleigh Willis

Master of Health Science in Clinical Laboratory Science

Sydney E. Davidson
Saba Khan
Sophia P. Sather
Gaige M. Watkins

Master of Health Science in Occupational Therapy

Grace Elizabeth Bartle
Sarah Gardi Barton
Brianna Nicole Brown
Serenity Joy Burley

Juliette Eliza Calemire
 Courtney Marissa Cox
 Sarah Eldridge
 Carson Caroline Elwell
 Tylar Fallaw
 Mackenzie Elsa Fife
 Maria Fisher
 Tanner Jeffery Fletcher
 Emily Folmar
 Allison Grace Freeman
 Memory Kate Goodin
 Ryan William Harley
 Rachel Elizabeth Henderson
 Abby Nicole Key
 Sara Danielle Kitchens
 Annie Katurah Knight
 Kathleen Taylor Maley
 Anamarie Taylor McDaniel
 Josie Grace McGraw
 Cassidy McHenry
 Abigail Kate Morgan
 Alondra Ochoa
 Kesha Patel
 Ansley Elizabeth Peeler
 Michelly Vieira Pereira
 Madison Perreault
 Julie Pham
 Madison Claire Seguin
 Jenna Sulkowski
 Haleigh Olivia Timmons
 Daphne Walker
 Mary Carly Robinson Warbington
 Amber Warren
 Rebecca Warren
 Julia Elizabeth Wesley
 Cassidy Rose Williamson
 Mollie Wilson

Master of Physician Assistant

Lamees Hamoud Aldahbali
 Sarah Elizabeth Allen
 Joselyn Maria Amadiz Bonilla
 Audrey Camille Arthur
 Emily Elizabeth Bauman
 Han Bui
 Jewel Collins
 Lauren Alexandra Collins
 Chandler Covert
 Campbell Alana Covington
 Alexandria Cynthia DeLand
 Leah Danielle DeWitt
 Anne Echemendia
 Catherine Fisher
 Katherine Bell Fulcher
 Rachel Elizabeth Gomes
 Addison Alford Grice
 Celeste Hosfeld
 Savannah F. Johnson
 Victoria Johnson

Aubrey Lee Kamariotis
 Sarah Khalifa Kredan
 Zachary Hunter Kross
 Jennifer Lawrence
 Mary Nichols Lollis
 Jacqueline Mary Madeira
 Patricia Marie McLeer
 Celine Nguyen
 Olivia Rose Norris
 Evan Simone Null
 Suzanne Marlene Oellerich
 Mallory Ann Oslacky
 Michael Payne
 Hue Thi Hong Pham
 Rachel Hathy Phan
 Amari Jordan Pickett
 Ashley Ramirez
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Sophia Mackenzie Wise

Presley Allen Wood
Aaron Woodward
Davin K. Wyche

Bachelor of Arts English

Colin Carson Bell-Thornton
Emma Crochet
Danielle Elaina Denton*
Makenna Ray Gillette**
Colton Laurence Groth**
Maya Percival
Clara Ann Sorrow

Bachelor of Arts Health, Society, and Policy

Laurel Michelle Darr
Je'Bria Monique Fullwood

Bachelor of Arts History

Sebastian Crawford Greene*
Ariel Ansley Harper
Cameron J. King
Daron Dominck Lamkin**
Hannah Catharyn Ledford**
Leroy Christian Linen III
Camden Lord
Nicholas Anthony Mantlow***
Michael Edward Sanders
Mitchell Tanner
Sawyer Huff Whatley
Hayley Elizabeth Zills*

Bachelor of Arts Integrated Studies

Katherine Yeargain Altick***
Evan Loreno Cadle
Henry Joseph Garrick
Stephen Scott Hamby**
Alexis J. Hill*
Terrence James Holman Jr.
Raigen Alyse Jeter
Ayanna Janelle Parker

Bachelor of Arts Music

Beatrice Jackson**
Ricardo Lambert

Bachelor of Arts Nonprofit Leadership and Administration

Lena E. Garrard***
Daniela Carmen Harris**
Isabella Waters***

Bachelor of Arts Political Science

Maira P. Dos Santos
Lee Earnest Saffold II

Bachelor of Arts Sociology

Duaa Faisal Ahmad
Chasity Nicole Roberson Avery
Ethan Bush
Delma Desirae Gonzalez
Kodi Nicole Reno
Michael J. Winters III

Bachelor of Arts in World Languages

Nia Faison
Jacob Andrew Wilson**

Bachelor of Fine Arts Art

Zoe Beard-Ortiz**
Jaime Del Rosario**
Shaneice E. Driskell
Ashley Dunn-Smith
Caleb Neal Hale
James Lloyd Herring**
Emily McBrayer Hogue***
Taylor Lawson*
Patricia Marciano
Dekira Danielle Obi
Kassandra Parker
Jazmine Cristair Lushun Robinson*
Miles Avery Terrell

Bachelor of Fine Arts Digital and Visual Storytelling

Greyson Wayne Duncan*
Sarah E. Reimche***

Bachelor of Music Music Education

Kathleen Darielle Acuna
Robert J. George
Hayden Elizabeth Seymour

Bachelor of Music Performance

Tallulah Abigail Schaumann

Bachelor of Science Psychology

MarQuisha Cierra Brantley
Vanessa Browning*
Presley Carver
Rueben I. Chishom
Alexis Renee Edge**

Annya Victoria Forbin**
 Toreya Monay Green
 Taliah Hartman
 Tiffany Monique Hill
 Alisha Sophia Hoosain
 Danyelle Latrese Hurley
 Samaiya Skye Kimora Ivey
 Deontae Marquez Jones
 Ericka Delilah Luna
 Makayla A. Major
 Martha Dawson Mapp
 MaKaelyn Nicolee Martin
 Julia Maryniak
 Alaia McCan**
 Amanda Faith Murz**
 Hannah Newsome
 Mary Elizabeth Page
 Zytoria Alise Parham*
 Riya Milan Patel
 Manna Mary Philip***
 Aric Reed
 Yamilet Reyes Jimenez
 Alexis Robinson
 Marsha Aaliyah Russell*
 Jaden Damear Scott
 Aniya Ashae' Shaw
 Ka' Niya Smith
 Shelby Danielle Smith*
 Rebecca Summer
 Katherine McKinley Thomas
 Miranda Nicole Todd
 Mary Wambui Wanjoya*
 Ashlee V. Williams
 Nyasia Monae Williams
 Heather Blake Williford
 Amanda Mackenzie Wolbert

Bachelor of Social Work

Jakaylia Gabriel Barnes
 Ta'zheara Butts*
 Emily Crawford**
 Jea'Neisha Arionna Dauphin
 Zaria Ivy
 Skylar Cassidy Kirkpatrick***
 Jacob Lifsey*
 Cordelia Leinita-Tipoti Olive
 MyKeinze Rae'Ann Tate
 Luna Tracey

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND CYBER SCIENCES

Master of Science Computer Science

Jennifer Warren

Master of Science Information Security Management

Roberto Carlos Abeledo Cordero
 Porche Byenes
 Briana Aurora Campbell
 Abigail Grace Catoe
 Brittany Georgetta Curry
 Sania J. Dukes
 Mason Ryan Edwards
 Timothy John Gray
 Sherols Priscila Herrera Lamanna
 Michael R. Holm
 Gabriel Michael Joseph Horton
 Taylor Dianeria Jones
 Jen-Liz Maile Maldonado
 Daniel Martinez III
 Delano D. McCormack
 David William Andrew Rand
 Brae'den Maxxwell Smith
 Peter Torres
 Matthew Allen Twiddy
 Micah Christopher White
 Patrick Woodell

Bachelor of Science Computer Science

Kaylee Andrews
 Charles Lance Brawner
 Austin Isiah Coleman*
 Wesley Ryan Cooke***
 Trevor Creagan*
 Seth Dewyea
 Gwenevere Nicole Gentry
 Nathaniel Tyler Keoboupha***
 Matthew Steven Lanham
 Hiren Sanjay Patel*
 Adam Reynolds**
 Joseph A. Sandoz*
 Aden A. Shire
 Daniel A. Singletary
 Charles Leslie Smith III
 Heyabel Tekle
 Randi Williams

Bachelor of Science Cyber Operations

Emerson Asher Smith

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity

Ahmad J. Afzali
 Amir Afzali
 Ramsey C. Battle
 Komalpreet Bhullar
 Simrandeep Bhullar
 Michael Chance Fisher Blair
 Christopher A. Bonilla Aviles
 Trenton Spencer Butler
 Joshua D. Cash
 Jaqwan M. Cummings-Smith
 Ryan Curry Jr.
 Amir Jordan Dayal
 JoVi Douglas
 Andrew Edenfield
 Thomas Michael Folger
 Dylan Hayes
 Cody Thomas Heymans*
 Aubrey Nicole James**
 Benjamin Carson Jennings
 Nathan Layug
 Shawn Patrick Perez Linnell
 Jalen Luke
 Christopher Mason
 Nicholas Andrew Mason
 Aidan Massenberg*
 Aaron Robert Mims
 Alyssa Mitchell
 Matthew Salet Moore*
 John Hayden Morrison
 Patrick Mulcahy***
 Owen Cameron Mullins
 Jack Henry Newton**
 Kaylee O'Steen
 Ethan James Quattlebaum
 Brandon Michael Ramirez
 Josuan Rodriguez
 Andrew Jeremiah Rosier
 Suma Sharma***
 Niya Jahlena Shepherd
 Ashton Bradford Sowell
 Andrew Bryce Stanley*
 Xadryan Lawrence Tucker
 Caine Varnell
 Bryan D. Williams*
 Claire Rebecca Williams*
 Kati Morgan Mai-ly Williams*
 Malachi Isaiah Wilson*

Bachelor of Science Cybersecurity Engineering

Cameron Marie Cunningham*
 Zachary A. Fulsang
 Christopher William Keller Jr.**
 Patrick A. Rimbey*

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Michael Lamar Ballard
Brandon Woodward Bentley
Logan K. Carlile**
Jaden T. Durand
Thomas Joshua Green
Tram Tran Linh Huynh***
Loren Jude King
Noah Michael Milford
Price Moreno
Andrew Ogiba
Victoria Bain Proctor*
Aaron Allen Ray

Chelsea Deana Gailliard
Sophia Lynn Patton
Alexis Williams

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

† Awarded Posthumously

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health

Darrell J. Boazman Jr.
Tommy Bui
Sara Katherine Doerr
Sadhana Durbha
Mikalsh Exum Phelps
Hina Fawad
Emma Kathleen Hazenberg
Steve Allen Huston Jr.
Ophelia A. Imuze
Freeinna Tashe'Sallie Jackson
Marsha Sharon Kocherla
Jason Seton Lanham
Katerina Ann Massengale
Brianna Joyce McIndoe
Leanna Grace Ogbuke
Ronisha Nicole Peace
Elexis Bridges Price
Sharad Balkishan Purohit
Ankitha Ruby
Anneka Ruffin
Tyler Nickol Shepherd
Aashka J. Sheth
Kayla T. Vaughner
Hannah Wilkey
Sadiah Yousaf

Master of Science Data Science

Chaundramukhi Sunita Panda
Jacob Thielemier

Master of Science in Epidemiology

Paul Wesley Brison

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. Lisa Riggie Alexandre
2nd Lt. Christopher Bonilla Aviles
2nd Lt. Jherrica Childers
2nd Lt. Maira Dos Santos
2nd Lt. Henry Flink
2nd Lt. John Morrison
2nd Lt. Manna Philip
2nd Lt. Brandon Ramirez
2nd Lt. Chloe Stripling

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.

Madina Shamcy Afzali
Jataisa Latrell Alexander
Jessica Alvarez
Ezequiel Balbino
Komalpreet Bhullar
William Brunkow-Schnell
Danielle Elaina Denton
Stephanie Neves Felonta
Annya Victoria Forbin
Anne Njeri Kamau
Skylar Cassidy Kirkpatrick
Folasade Mia Logan
Isabella Susanne Lynch
Christopher Mason
Julianna Hope McGahee
Patrick Mulcahy
Osarume Ogala
Shelle Outlaw
Hiren Sanjay Patel
Mit Patel
Riya Milan Patel
Rohan Sanjiv Patel
Abraham Raji
Jeremiah Ethan Reeves
Adam Reynolds
Marsha Aaliyah Russell
Neha Mary Thomas
Mary Wambui Wanjoya
Priscilla Xiong

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.

Amara M. Abdul
Ambreya Adams
Juliana Marie Van Alstine
Autumn D. Arrington
Ashton Bargerone
Grace Elizabeth Bartle
Sarah Gardi Barton
Madison Stephens Begitschke
Anna Benfield
Brandon Woodward Bentley
Keshav Bhat
Abigail Billings
Aaliyah Latonya Boyd
Bryce Brinson
Olivia AnnMarie Bryson
Benjamin James Burch
Lisa L. Byrd
Evan Loreno Cadle
Juliette Eliza Calemine
Tsion Tesfaye Chernet
Glynn Francis Chesser
Alaysiaih Clark
Wesley Ryan Cooke
Alana Nicole Davis
Levi Joshua Davis
Jessica Ann Doby
Ashley Kathleen Douglass
Kathrin Alexis Dowdy
Carson Caroline Elwell
Mai Sireen Erb
Whitney Evans
Lauren Nicole Evens
Anna Grace Farley
Tanner Jeffery Fletcher
Cassidy Flynt
Michael Silvio Fortino
Jackson Evans Fulghum
Henry Joseph Garrick
Preksha Sapkota Gautam
Andrew David Gill
Anna Gill
Makenna Ray Gillette
Jaime Elizabeth Gonnella
Memory Kate Goodin
Meghan Elizabeth Goodwin

Abigail Marie Grandin
Elizabeth Culver Grandin
Karen Boseman Grate
Thomas John Halter
Hannah Robbins Hanson
Marvin Earl Harris
Kaley Jane Hartley
Alexis Hawkes
Grace Katherine Hemingway
James Lloyd Herring
Ashley Ann Herzberg
Clifford Lawton Hill
Malik Abdullah Holmes
Gabriel Michael Joseph Horton
Abigail Leigh Hotchkiss
Kelley Howard
Gracie Suzanne Howell
Megan Howell
Stormi Katherine Hubble
Benjamin Carson Jennings
Hannah Johnston
Wyatt Eric Jonske
Iris Kaputa
Paul M. Katterjohn
Matthew Berhanu Kededu
Avery McNair Kitchens
Sara Danielle Kitchens
Amber R. Klepsch
Carson Alexandra Lack
Ricardo Lambert
Jacie Ann Lane
Jacob Lifsey
Erin Marie Lovett
Aliyah Briana Luke
Jalen Luke
Noel A. Lukose
Jen-Liz Maile Maldonado
Ashley Manker
Nicholas Anthony Mantlow
MaKaelyn Nicolee Martin
Rachael Graham May
Emily Ann McBride
Julianna Hope McGahee
Joshua Alexander Melton
Claire Marie Miller
Morgan Emily Millhouse
Price Moreno
Abigail Kate Morgan
John Hayden Morrison
Amanda Faith Murz
Kendal Nadolsky
Tierra S. Newkirk
Ivan Duy-Tan Nguyen
Dekira Danielle Obi
Suzanne Marlene Oellerich

James Thomas Oester
Grace Catherine O'Neill
Olivia Nekayah Ottley
Mary Elizabeth Page
Annmary Palathinkal
Zytoria Alise Parham
Esha Sunilkumar Patel
Lindsey Nicole Pettis
Elexis Bridges Price
Ethan James Quattlebaum
James Trevor Rachels
Nathan Joseph Ramaswamy
Kyle Edward Reeder
Sarah E. Reimche
Denise Rodriguez
Dozier Gibbs Rogers
Lily Cynthia Rowe
Anneka Ruffin
Sarah Maureen Curtis Sachy
Casandra Abembom Sam
Remington Renteria Sauers
Wyatt Randal Sears
Katelen Michelle Selph
Nelya Marinovna Serzhant
Samad Shaikh
Abigail McKenzie Short
Daniel A. Singletary
Kian Carl Fernandez Sison
Caroline Sizemore
Lauren Rose Smith
Summerstar Lorraine Soto
Tyler J. Standard
Andrew Bryce Stanley
Abigail Grace Tapley
Grace O. Thomas
Kennedy Sams Tiner
Kareena Jankhana Trivedi
Christopher James Trussell
Allyson Ann Wahun
Daphne Walker
Christina M. Waller
Sawyer Huff Whatley
Micah Christopher White
Rachel White
Abreia Williams
Ashlee V. Williams
Claire Rebecca Williams
Kaili K. Williams
Trenton B. Williams
Tyler Christian Wilson
Amanda Mackenzie Wolbert
Savannah Morgan Workma
Camryn Yates
Alexandra Mei-Yun Yu
Natalie Elizabeth Zahner

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 Russell T. Keen 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 3-D 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 turquoise, and its color is representative of President Russell T. Keen's discipline of education. 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.

