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FRIDAY, DECEMBER TWELFTH
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PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL (*Audience please stand*).....Pomp and Circumstance
by Edward Elgar

Mr. Ronnie Jackson, Piano

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.....Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith

Ms. Mary Parsons, Soprano

Mr. Ronnie Jackson, Piano

WELCOME.....Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, President

INTRODUCTIONS.....Dr. Leslie Griffin, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs

ADDRESS.....Dr. Lisa Cooley, Assistant Professor in Marketing

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES.....Dr. Daniel J. Ennis
Dr. Leslie Griffin

ASSISTED BY

Dr. Eddie Lovin, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Joseph Childs, Dean, College of Business and Aviation

Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Dean, College of Education, Arts, and Humanities

Dr. Vicki L. Bingham, Dean, College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences

DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

Doctor of Education

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Educational Specialist

Master

Doyce Stallings Mitchell Honor Diploma

Baccalaureate

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION..... Mr. Hays Collins
President, National Alumni Association Board of Directors

ALMA MATER.....Oh, Hail to Old Delta State
by Ruth Fischer

Mr. Zathomasious (Tiko) Jones, Countertenor

Mr. Ronnie Jackson, Piano

RECESSIONAL.....Trumpet Voluntary
by Jeremiah Clarke

Mr. Ronnie Jackson, Piano

(Audience will remain in their seats until the recessional is complete.)

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DR. LISA G. COOLEY



Dr. Cooley joined Delta State University full-time in 2017, after a nearly 20-year career in marketing. Dr. Cooley has served as the Master of Business Administration Coordinator and Interim Assistant Dean for the College of Business and Aviation, and currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Marketing. Cooley teaches various courses, including Social Media Marketing, Sports Marketing, and Strategic Marketing. Her research includes consumer behavior, entrepreneurial ecosystems, and generative AI. Dr. Cooley is very involved in the community, where she has served on the Cleveland Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce Board, the Cleveland Development Foundation Board, the Bolivar County Economic Development Foundation, and the Cleveland Junior Auxiliary. She is also active in professional organizations related to her discipline. She serves on the Executive Board for the MBAA International Conference, serves as the Past-President on the board for the Operations Management and Entrepreneurship Society, and serves on the Mississippi Entrepreneurship Forum's Planning Committee. She also serves on the Advisory Board for Upskill Midsouth at the University of Memphis, as well as many committees at DSU.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Candace Harper A Qualitative Descriptive Study of Student Perspectives on the Influence of Customer Service in Enrollment Management at Post-Secondary Schools Dissertation Chair: Dr. Corlis Snow Hooded by: Dr. Corlis Snow	Professional Studies	Carriere, MS
Lisa Lacy An Examination of Undergraduate Students' Intentions to Seek Formal Academic Assistance Using the Theory of Planned Behavior Dissertation Chair: Dr. Valarie Morgan Hooded by: Dr. Jon Westfall	Professional Studies	Raymond, MS

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Gwenevere Chew Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Perceptions of Job Satisfaction and Retention in a Southern Rural State Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Nora Gough Davis, DNP, MBA, MSNS, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Nora Gough Davis	Nursing Practice	Cleveland, MS
Monica Frazier Asthma Management in the School Setting Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Joanna Barnett, DNP, APRN, AGNP-C, WHNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Joanna Barnett	Nursing Practice	Deville, LA
Undra Haggan Implementation of the Diabetic Foot Ulcer Tool and Education Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Katherine W. Hughes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, RN-TNCC Hooded by: Dr. Katherine W. Hughes	Nursing Practice	Clarksdale, MS
Jequetta Ilion-Mclaurin Implementing Awareness of Prediabetes in Primary Care Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Joanna Barnett, DNP, APRN, AGNP-C, WHNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Joanna Barnett	Nursing Practice	Ridgeland, MS
Olateju Ishola The Impact of Non-Pharmacological Interventions in Managing Hypertension among African American Adults Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Nursing Practice	Argyle, TX

Althea Kerr Nursing Practice Brooklyn, NY
Role Transition of the Novice Nurse Practitioner
 Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Nora Gough Davis, DNP, MBA, MSNS, APRN, FNP-BC
 Hooded by: Dr. Nora Gough-Davis

Yoshie Lilley Nursing Practice Ackerman, MS
Role Transition of the Novice Nurse Practitioner
 Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Nora Gough Davis, DNP, MBA, MSNS, APRN, FNP-BC
 Hooded by: Dr. Nora Gough Davis

Dana Martin Nursing Practice Grandview, TX
Self-Management Educational Sessions in Patients with Systolic Heart Failure
 Scholarly Project Chair: Kyla Holcomb, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Hooded by: Dr. Kyla Holcomb

Breion Scott Nursing Practice Liberty Hill, TX
Decreasing Caregiver Burden in Hospice Family Caregivers
 Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Katherine W. Hughes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, RN-TNCC
 Hooded by: Dr. Katherine W. Hughes

Tandalaya Traylor Nursing Practice Booneville, MS
Increasing the Knowledge of Depression in Adults with Diabetes through a Targeted Educational Program in a Rural Community Setting
 Scholarly Project Chair: Kyla Holcomb, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
 Hooded By: Dr. Kyla Holcomb

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Georgian Alexander	Higher Education	Enid
Demi Doty Bain	Educational Administration & Supervision	Amory
◇ Donesha Baker-Smiley	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
◇ Freida Burkes Bohren	Educational Administration & Supervision	Madison
◇ Shana Bolden	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
Anita Bonilla-DeMari	Curriculum & Instruction	Senatobia
Keiya Brown	Curriculum & Instruction	Cleveland
◇ Jasmine Burns	Higher Education	Shaw
◇ Paidra Chinn	Educational Administration & Supervision	Belzoni
Amy Burchfield Chudy	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
Rosland Clinton	Educational Administration & Supervision	Marks
Letitia Coleman	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenwood
◇ Risha Lynett Coleman	Curriculum & Instruction	Jarrell, TX
◇ Lauren Kamille Collier	Curriculum & Instruction	Mantachie
◇ Shaniqua Conley	Educational Administration & Supervision	Southaven
◇ Joan Michelle Courtney	Educational Administration & Supervision	Hattiesburg

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Alan Crews	Higher Education	Clevelnad
◇ Dominique Cross	Curriculum & Instruction	Clarksdale
◇ Mallory Davis	Counseling	Kosciusko
◇ D'Angela Durr	Counseling	Hattisburg
◇ Alex Fletcher	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
Chasidy Green	Curriculum & Instruction	Yazoo City
Destiny N. Hall	Educational Administration & Supervision	Shelby
◇ Tarya Harrell	Educational Administration & Supervision	Marks
◇ Vyuanna Harrington	Curriculum & Instruction	Indianola
◇ Joni Diane Hernandez-Speck	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
◇ Hannah Sheree Hill	Educational Administration & Supervision	Booneville
◇ Debra Fay Holt	Curriculum & Instruction	Morton
◇ Precious Ivy	Curriculum & Instruction	Vicksburg
T'keyah Jamison	Educational Administration & Supervision	Flowood
Brittney Gill Johns	Curriculum & Instruction	Cleveland
◇ Alicia Johnson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Itta Bena
◇ Jennifer Johnson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Booneville
◇ Kelby Johnson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Pontotoc
◇ Xavier Johnson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Indianola
◇ Katrina Jones	Educational Administration & Supervision	Flora
Christina Leatrice Knight	Higher Education	Cleveland
◇ Wendy Mann	Educational Administration & Supervision	Itta Bena
◇ Willie Moore	Curriculum & Instruction	Leland
◇ Marvin Pittman Jr.	Curriculum & Instruction	Clarksdale
Jacklyn Temple Prince	Curriculum & Instruction	Biloxi
Timikia LaShaye Ramsey	Educational Administration & Supervision	Olive Branch
◇ Xavier Kiedel Reed	Educational Administration & Supervision	Leland
◇ Stacie Michelle Russell	Curriculum & Instruction	Walnut
◇ Aliyah Freshun Shivers-Roberts	Curriculum & Instruction	Lake Cormorant
Oliver Grant Stevens	Educational Administration & Supervision	Rose Hill
Kendal Stokes	Curriculum & Instruction	Greenville
+ Taylor Holland Taylor	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
◇ John'Na Taylor	Curriculum & Instruction	Sardis
◇ Kenesha Taylor	Educational Administration & Supervision	Jackson
Dwayln Markila Thomas	Higher Education	Shaw
Victoria Trotter	Curriculum & Instruction	Clarksdale
◇ Vernice Trotter	Educational Administration & Supervision	Grenada
◇ Tatum Wagner	Educational Administration & Supervision	Canton
◇ Rosetta Washington	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenwood
◇ Leigha Hughes Watson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Carollton
Brittany Imelda Williams	Curriculum & Instruction	Glen Allen
◇ Cassandra Joyce Williams	Curriculum & Instruction	Mantachie

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Deundre Williams	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenwood
◇ Earnest Talmus Williams Jr.	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenwood
Shemeka Wofford	Educational Administration & Supervision	Woodland
Brittany Womack	Curriculum & Instruction	Tupelo

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Sheterricka Danyel Anthony	Liberal Studies	Benton
Patricia Brown	Liberal Studies	Greenwood
◇ Hayden Frank Cooper	Liberal Studies	Wentzville, MO
Jacob West Gray	Liberal Studies	Olive Branch
Terris Hicks	Liberal Studies	Rolling Fork
Angela Obrien	Liberal Studies	Vicksburg
Jessica Szot	Liberal Studies	Cleveland

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Amber Allen	Teaching	Shaw
Markietta Banks	Teaching	Crenshaw
◇ ShaFreda Barber	Teaching	Greenville
Damion Collum	Teaching	Belzoni
Essence Chantel Duvall	Teaching	Cleveland
Takeisha Fisher	Teaching	Byhalia
◇ Candace Marie Foshee	Teaching	Crystal Springs
◇ Mallory Layne Gaines	Teaching	Byhalia
◇ Aaron Gunn III	Teaching	Clarksdale
April Christian Louise Harris	Teaching	Mound Bayou
◇ Leona Grace Harris	Teaching	Clarksdale
◇ Alexis Camille Johnson	Teaching	Itta Bena
Jordan Brianna Jones	Teaching	Clarksdale
◇ LaCandrice Jones	Teaching	Cleveland
Takhara Sherrie Kirby	Teaching	Clarksdale
◇ Christy Long	Teaching	Batesville
◇ Jana Mims-Lyons	Teaching	Brandon
Jonathan Paul Moody	Teaching	Oakland, TN
Jennifer T. Morris	Teaching	Greenville
◇ Courtney Butler Patton	Teaching	Courtland
Jamesa Phillips	Teaching	Grenada
◇ Morgan Roehm	Teaching	Coldwater
◇ Erin Morgan Stevens	Teaching	Pearl
◇ Jamar Taylor	Teaching	Charleston

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Javontae Triplett	Teaching	Cleveland
Timothy Terrell Williams Jr.	Teaching	Greenville
Naniesha Wright	Teaching	Rosedale

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Britney Bettis	Secondary Education	Greenville
◇ Amanda Bishop	Educational Administration & Supervision	Booneville
Jessica Blakeney Black	Educational Administration & Supervision	McCool
Rhonda Elaine Brown	Counseling	Booneville
Jasmyne Cain	Counseling	Leland
Roshanique Cannon	Educational Administration & Supervision	Indianola
Allison Marie Conley	Counseling	Gore Springs
◇ Tiffany Yvette Cooper	Educational Administration & Supervision	Indianola
Haley Couch	Counseling	Liberty, MO
Nadia Crawford	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
Jillian Kade Creel	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
◇ Jennifer Daniels	Educational Administration & Supervision	Booneville
Michaela Michelle Davenport	Elementary Education	Greenwood
Sara Nickolson Dawson	Elementary Education	Monticello, AR
◇ John Evans	Educational Administration & Supervision	Luka
◇ Brinkley Farmer	Educational Administration & Supervision	Benoit
Presley Farrish	Counseling	Benton
Loren Olivia Gainey	Elementary Education	Raymond
Sandra Garner	Educational Administration & Supervision	Mound Bayou
Casandra Ann Harvell	Counseling	Rienzi
Lashundra Higgenbottom	Educational Administration & Supervision	Hernando
◇ Corie Hulen Hill	Educational Administration & Supervision	Amory
◇ Amanda Mae Hillman	Elementary Education	Carthage
Robert Hogan Jr.	Educational Administration & Supervision	Lexington
◇ Polly Melissa Johnson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Corinth
◇ Carrie Elizabeth Lambert	Elementary Education	Ramer, TN
◇ Krysten Nicole Lindsey	Elementary Education	Booneville
Kierra Shannell Love	Elementary Education	Cleveland
◇ Marlee Kate Mask	Elementary Education	Corinth
Verneitha Causey McGee	Counseling	Drew
Christine Chidinma Okeke	Counseling	Cleveland
◇ Nathaniel Dean Ozbirn	Educational Administration & Supervision	Rienzi
Rachel Brasfield Parker	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
◇ Autumn Journee Peavie	Elementary Education	Walnut Grove
Shelby Pinnix	Counseling	Flowood

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Denisha Scott	Counseling	Indianola
+ Mary Kathryn Shaw	Elementary Education	Greenwood
◇ Kayla Harris Shouse	Educational Administration & Supervision	Marietta
Lauren Ashley Simpson	Counseling	Scobey
Autumn Tribble	Elementary Education	Southaven
◇ Pashun Teneise Walker	Counseling	Shreveport, LA
◇ Benjamin Wallis	Educational Administration & Supervision	Baldwyn
Devin Thomas Williams	Counseling	McKinney
◇ Anna Leigh Witt	Secondary Education	Dennis

MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Angela Cole	Studio Art	Schlater
Bonnie Jean Dillon	Studio Art	Greenville
◇ Natasha Huerta	Studio Art	Merigold
◇ Gunner Americo Sizemore	Studio Art	Benoit

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Marion Brooks	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Carthage
Jonathan Myles Hopson	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Madison
Whitney Jones	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Coldwater
◇ Michael Wayne McDonald II	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Richland
Masheema Miller	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville
◇ Robert Mosley	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Batesville
Shermaine Treshon Nash	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Cleveland
Riccardo Rashon Plant	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville
Devan Waller	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Brandon
◇ Kathleen Joy Warrington	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Benton

MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kristian Broche	Geospatial Information Technologies	Waynesboro, PA

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Amberia Nicole Adams	Business Administration	Southaven
Ashley Allen	Business Administration	Hickory
Brandi Atkinson	Business Administration	Preston
◇ Cynthia Bass	Business Administration	Pontotoc
◇ Latresha Beans	Business Administration	Canton
Albany Beasley	Business Administration	Walnut Grove
Ashley Benjamin	Business Administration	Brookhaven
Nicolas Bevacqua	Business Administration	Rosario, Italy
◇ Diamond Tierra Michelle Bracey	Business Administration	Flora
Erika Brisco	Business Administration	Leland
Katie Suzanne Brown	Business Administration	Coldwater
◇ Triston Bailey Burden	Business Administration	Greenwood
◇ Trent Calvin	Business Administration	Clarksdale
◇ Jeffery Wade Cannon	Business Administration	Fulton
Damoyrn Fitzgerald Carroll	Business Administration	West Point
◇ Lakendra Clark	Business Administration	Vicksburg
Billy Coghlan	Business Administration	Diamondhead
Mikayla Takira Cook	Business Administration	Cleveland
Samuel Cooper	Business Administration	Shaw
◇ Kyria Shalise Cooper	Business Administration	Schlater
Mallory Lee Craft	Business Administration	Picayune
◇ Jayden Ladarrius Curtis	Business Administration	Greenville
Michael Davenport Jr.	Business Administration	Greenwood
◇ Hailey Elizabeth Dennis	Business Administration	Cleveland
Dylan Farley	Business Administration	Andover, MA
◇ Parris Fields	Business Administration	Minnetonka, MN
◇ Eric Galimany	Business Administration	Ordino, Andorra
Ariel Galloway	Business Administration	Indianola
◇ Armena Gamblin	Business Administration	Itta Bena
Anthony Gatlin	Business Administration	Leland
Tyler Goad	Business Administration	Tupelo
◇ Raven Goins	Business Administration	Olive Branch
Erinn Ashleigh Grady	Business Administration	Cleveland
Johnnari Ke'Shawn Harris	Business Administration	Humble, TX
◇ Tiffany Harvey	Business Administration	Indianola
Katorra Yameka Hawkins	Business Administration	Clarksdale
◇ Amy Renee Howell	Business Administration	Luka
William Eduardo-Mario Hulbert Jr.	Business Administration	Jackson
◇ Peter Igwilo	Business Administration	Wilmington, DE
Dalton Chamberlain Johnson	Business Administration	Oxford
◇ Carlie Johnson	Business Administration	Inverness
◇ Teresa Johnson	Business Administration	Southaven

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Zathomasious Jones	Business Administration	Horn Lake
◇ Zamaria Jones	Business Administration	Shelby
Zekeria Love	Business Administration	Southaven
◇ Anne Marie Connelly Mangialardi	Business Administration	Cleveland
Jamelia Mason	Business Administration	Clarksdale
Jairus Ahmad Mcfarland	Business Administration	Hattisburg
Colby Nesbit	Business Administration	Bartlett, TN
Wilman Ocoro	Business Administration	Houston, TX
Allie Boyette Parkinson	Business Administration	Pickens
◇ Sydney Ruth Pevey	Business Administration	Jayess
Loretta Phillips	Business Administration	Madison
◇ Rachel Patterson Pratt	Business Administration	Gore Springs
Joy Yvette Redwine	Business Administration	Forth Worth, TX
Miya J Sanders	Business Administration	Hollandale
◇ Rafailia Stergaki	Business Administration	Greece
Cassandra Leigh Stokes	Business Administration	Olive Branch
Ryan Christopher Talley	Business Administration	Raymond
Zachary Thomas Talley	Business Administration	Raymond
◇ Shakendra Taylor	Business Administration	Olive Branch
◇ Artia Barnee' Thomas	Business Administration	Rosedale
◇ Nikki Thompson	Business Administration	Bolton
◇ Cameron Threatt	Business Administration	Hernando
Erin Trainer	Business Administration	Greenville
Bennie Ray Viverette	Business Administration	Madison, AL
◇ Steven Wakefield	Business Administration	Athens, GA
Inviolata Wakoli	Business Administration	Mansfield, TX
◇ Terrance Walker Sr.	Business Administration	Cleveland
◇ Diamoneisha Shaquarius Warren	Business Administration	Horn Lake
A'Mya Jenae Williams	Business Administration	Cleveland
Carnita Williams	Business Administration	Clarksdale
◇ Sinarta Fanchon Williams	Business Administration	Baton Rouge, LA
Keara Winters	Business Administration	Sallis
◇ Shondell Shamekia Wright	Business Administration	Greenville
Rachel Carson Yarbrough	Business Administration	Cleveland
Micah Shalil Young	Business Administration	Olive Branch

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Heidi Johnson Ball	Commercial Aviation	Clinton
Charles Grieves	Commercial Aviation	Midland, TX
◇ Helena Nicole Hall	Commercial Aviation	Statesville, NC
◇ Barbara Ingraham Mann	Commercial Aviation	Baton Rouge, LA
◇ Millard Matthews III	Commercial Aviation	Shreveport, LA
Luke Sherrell	Commercial Aviation	Ward, AR
Selcuk Taskin	Commercial Aviation	Istanbul, Turkey

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kelvin Derrell Davis	Accountancy	Cleveland
◇ Anne Marie Rhodes	Accountancy	Benton

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT & HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Dontavius Brookins	Sport & Human Performance	Greenwood
Nicole Daigle	Sport & Human Performance	Summit
Lillian Francis	Sport & Human Performance	Cleveland
Shequita Grady	Sport & Human Performance	McComb
Jordan Graves	Sport & Human Performance	Greenville
Dominick Hall	Sport & Human Performance	Big Rapids, MI
◇ Joshua Paul Hill	Sport & Human Performance	Indianola
◇ Michael Jesse Homan	Sport & Human Performance	Memphis, TN
Pongbhop Jamornsrianan	Sport & Human Performance	Bangkok
Jesse Cole Kirk	Sport & Human Performance	Selmer, Tn
Jalen Deshon May	Sport & Human Performance	Houston
Alexis Urvarshi Nicks	Sport & Human Performance	Horn Lake
Gabriel Michael Schweitzer	Sport & Human Performance	Columbiana, AL
Andrew James Studer	Sport & Human Performance	Southaven

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & AVIATION

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Brady Dean Crone	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	
	Isaac Anthony Doss	Business Administration	Byram
***	Andrew Scott Humphreys	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Bartlett, TN
	Kelly Kirkland	Business Administration	Cleveland
*	Emmanuella Boamah Koranteng	Business Administration	Ghana
	Victoria Vianey McMullan-Sandoval	Business Administration	Petal
	Raymond Alexander Morales	Business Administration	Bay Springs
*	Max Wesley Muessig	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Loogootee, IN
	Hung Quoc Nguyen	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Anaheim, CA
**	Kaley Quinn	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	
	Stephen Sene	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Jeffersonton, VA
***	George David Smith	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Hamel, IL
◇**	Logan Zane Williams	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Lorton, VA

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Presley Jaxon Adams	Accountancy	Batesville
	Seltonia Renee Andrews	Health Care Management	Shelby
◇**	Kamisha Baker	General Business	Greenville
◇	William Wayne Ballenger	General Business	Brandon
◇	Ashley Bennett	General Business	Nettleton
*	Case Alexander Bynum	Computer Information Systems	Batesville
	Davis Ian Byrd	General Business	Germantown, TN
	Jedestiny Ariel Clayborne	Marketing	Belzoni
	Christian Michael Clayson	General Business	Prairieville, LA
◇	Annie Collier	General Business	Hattiesburg
*	Carter Hebert Coullard	Finance	Lake Providence, LA
◇	Clair Edward Cox IV	General Business	Hernando
	Wakiryah Shafawn Daniels	Management	Jonesboro, AR
	Taylor Jenvea Dorsey	Business Administration	Silver City
	Logan Mitchell Eldridge	General Business	Arlington, TN
	Justin Lamar Elliot	Management	Clarksdale
	Lanie Ewing	General Business	Leland
◇	Miguel Roberto Fajardo Martinez	Computer Information Systems	Oxford
◇	Maxwell Scott Favre	General Business	Waveland

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Morgan Elizabeth Grubb	Management	Lakeland, FL
***	Alexandra Guzman	General Business	Winona
◇	Triston Micah Hickman	General Business	Wiggins
	Yazmin Tiara Jackson	Health Care Administration	Cascilla
*	Shadae Johnson	Computer Information Systems	Clarksdale
	Shendricka Ledlow	Management	Greenville
◇	Matthew Forbes Martinolich	General Business	Hattisburg
	Maximus Patrick McCarter	General Business	Panama City, FL
◇	Robert Alan McDaniel Jr.	Management	Cleveland
	Kyla Tenise Moody	Marketing	Petal
	Jesdestiny Morgan	General Business	Cleveland
	Nickos Nolan	Accountancy	Hernando
	Latamara Oubre	Health Care Administration	Woodville
	Joshua Milner Pack	General Business	Holly Springs
	Decorian Darrell Payton	Management	Olive Branch
*	Chelsea Lynne Roberts	General Business	Newhebron
	Troy Robinson Sr.	Management	West Helena, AR
*	Santiago Nicolas Rossi	Computer Information Systems	France
	Lauren Kimberly Smith	Accountancy	Horn Lake
◇	Rebecca Layne Smith	General Business	Isola
◇	Zachary Todd Sorey	General Business	Brandon
*	Valencia Jamyra Stanton	General Business	Auburn, AL
	Kaitlin Brooke Tomlinson	Marketing	Lambert
***	Bailey Marie Way	General Business	Wichita, KS
	Paul Hill Wilbourn III	Accountancy	Grenada
	Jekoria Alishashontae Williams	Marketing	Cleveland
	Anna Fearon Yerger	Management	Yazoo

BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	James William Abel	Aviation Management	Lumberton
	Howard James Albert III	Flight Operations	Washington, LA
*	Aidan David Bogdan	Flight Operations	Picayune
*	Haden Alexander Bourland	Flight Operations	Hattiesburg
◇**	Nicholas Connor Brown	Flight Operations	Boyle
	Jonathon Brooks Butler	Flight Operations	Boston, GA
	Charles Matthew Chism	Flight Operations	Franklin, TN
	Faisal Rashid Dawud	Flight Operations	Shreveport, LA
*	Joseph Augustus Denman	Flight Operations	Luka

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Stephen Asher Gandy	Flight Operations	Brandon
***	Brennan Gage Gardner	Flight Operations	Forest
◇	Carlton Joseph Graziano	Flight Operations	Albany, LA
***	John Mark Parmosa Gutierrez	Flight Operations	Wiggins
*	Tyler Desean Hudson	Flight Operations	Walnut Grove
◇**	Luke Grayson Kennedy	Flight Operations	Cherry Valley, AR
◇	Nicholas Grabriel Krebs	Flight Operations	Moss Point
***	Garet Evan Lefler	Flight Operations	Blue Mountain
*	Bradley Andre Lewis	Flight Operations	Florence
***	Brent Johnston Lindley	Flight Operations	Cleveland
	Douglas Edward Loden	Flight Operations	West Point
	Nathan Wesley McCoy	Flight Operations	Tiplersville
*	Steven Mcdonald	Flight Operations	Cleveland
**	Ian Zebulun McMahan	Flight Operations	Water Valley
	Boyd James McMichael	Aviation Management	Kosciusko
	Ryan Andrew Meachum	Flight Operations	Bailey
◇**	Kaitlyn Brooke Papizan	Flight Operations	Madison
◇*	Katie Grace Papizan	Flight Operations	Hazlehurst
**	Jai Patel	Flight Operations	Vicksburg
**	Bryson Rogers	Flight Operations	Brandon
∞*	Giulia Loredana Scardigno	Flight Operations	Hernando
***	Casey Autumn Stalder	Flight Operations	North Canton, OH
*	Ahmir Taylor	Aviation Management	Starkville
◇*	Cole Thomas	Flight Operations	Blaine, WA
	Anna Grace Travis	Flight Operations	Hernando
	Gavin Scott Wells	Aviation Management	Lake Village, AR

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Keveon Terrell Beavers	Music	Horn Lake

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇	Samuel Nicholas Aultman	Entertainment Industry Studies	Richland
	Victoria Essence Carter	Entertainment Industry Studies	Horn Lake
***	Matthew Lewis Hodge	Entertainment Industry Studies	Brandon
**	Wesley Joseph LeBlanc	Entertainment Industry Studies	Union
	David James Pullin	Entertainment Industry Studies	Georgetown
**	Fakeithian Jarmious Jonvate Reed	Entertainment Industry Studies	Indianola
	Jonathan Glenn Ratcliff	Entertainment Industry Studies	Natchez
	Gray Atkinson Shettles	Entertainment Industry Studies	Belden

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Jah'Daelynn Treshae Smith	Entertainment Industry Studies	Indianola
	Jamie Lynn Spradlin	Entertainment Industry Studies	Pascagoula

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ARTS, & HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Kydrian Kiliq Blocker	Psychology	Shelby
	Jada Kierra Bohanna	Psychology	Holly Springs
◇	Johnathan Antonio Denton	Music	Cleveland
	Addilyn Ann Dickerson	Psychology	Vicksburg
*	Jenna Kaye Edwards	Art	Olive Branch
	Malikah Harmon	Psychology	Greenville
	Kara Amira Hilliard	Psychology	Oxford
◇	Ronnie Lee Jackson Jr.	Music	Cleveland
◇	London Kennedy	Psychology	Greenville
*	Calli McConnell	Psychology	Goddard, KS
	Catherine Cliare Milford	Art	Eupora
◇**	Akumcha Ashton Mobit	Psychology	Cleveland
◇	Desiree Randle	Psychology	Cleveland
◇	Mary Emma Rayburn	Psychology	Vance
	Rachael Marie Weeks	Psychology	Cleveland
◇	Deondre Shamar White	Psychology	Ruleville

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇*	Jenna Kaye Edwards	Digital Media Arts	Cleveland
◇*	Sonia Nicole Matrick	Digital Media Arts	Crystal Springs
	Sarah Ann Mullins	Art	Olive Branch
*	Tabatha Mackenzie Ott	Art	Hernando
***	Hallie Marie Rhodes	Art	Schlater
◇	Anna Elizabeth Schmitz	Digital Media Arts	Florence
	Stedmond Alton Smith	Art	Senatobia
***	Savannah Grace Thrasher	Digital Media Arts	Booneville
	Fredrick Davion Turner	Digital Medial Arts	Grovetown, GA

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Mary Cantrell Parsons	Music Education	Cleveland

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Vannieshia Foster	Family & Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
* Mary Presley McLellan	Family & Consumer Sciences	West
Markeesha Jave Trotter	Family & Consumer Sciences	Clarksdale

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇* Gianni Monet Graham	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Memphis, TN
Michael King	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Memphis, TN
Lawardrick Quentarus Marsher	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Horn Lake
Jessie Gregory Shorts	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Roxie
Asjah Smith	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Tomynic La'teri Allen	Elementary Education	Leland
** Angela Bryant	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Aaliyviah Michelle Frison	English Education	Indianola
Caitlyn Marie Grant	Elementary Education	Pearl
* Meredith Elise Hallman	Elementary Education	Greenville
* Mikah Ashlyn Jantz	Elementary Education	Clarksdale
* Austin Bailey McCausley	Elementary Education	Benton
* Kylie Taylor McDaniel	Elementary Education	Pelahatchie
Leigha Yichell Razor	Elementary Education	Brandon
Jessica Jenkins Taylor	Elementary Education	Benton
** James Robert Van Fleet	Elementary Education	Forest
Kaylie Ann Weiss	Elementary Education	Murfreesboro, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Logan Elizabeth Brooks	Interdisciplinary Studies	Clarksdale
Rosie Lee Brock Ellis	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenwood
Jerrolda LaShay Evans	Interdisciplinary Studies	Pearl
Destinee Darianna Franklin	Interdisciplinary Studies	Shelby
◇ Rachel Guerrey	Interdisciplinary Studies	Cleveland
◇ MaKenzie Leigh Hill	Interdisciplinary Studies	Birmingham, AL
Erykah Aprie Rayford	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenville

BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Lajuan Banger	University Studies	Southaven
Tameka Davis	University Studies	Mound Bayou
◇ John Tyler Gunn	University Studies	Olive Branch
Kimberly Sharron King	University Studies	Mound Bayou
Teraysha Shonta Morris	University Studies	Greenville
LaTonya Phillips	University Studies	Shaw
◇ Kirkland Davis Trahan	University Studies	Greenwood

COLLEGE OF NURSING, HEALTH, & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Chris Albert	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Vicksburg
Layan Rami Asmar	Biology	Cleveland
Curissa Adrianna Bacon	Biology	Durant
Tommiah Jaliyah Birch	Biology	Cleveland
Harry William Browning	Chemistry	Cleveland
Logan Browning	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Cleveland
* Kacy Elizabeth Carson	Biology	Cleveland
William Cullen Carter IV	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Birmingham
* Keegan Matthew Case	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Hernando
* Abbigail Marie Cataldo	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Altoona, IA
Donald Louis Coleman Jr.	Biology	Greenville
Landan Wilson Cox	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Madison
*** Alayna Daigrepoint	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Denham Springs, LA
Kaley Davis	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Vancleave
KeViona Latrice Green	Biology	Greenville
*** Ginny Rae Higginbotham	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Hot Springs, AR
Jocelyn Hooker	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Belzoni
Jonathan Patrick James	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Missouri City, TX
Mackalyn Markivia Jones	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Cleveland
Jayden Kinkopf	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Petal
Tara Denise Love	Biology	Shaw
Ja'Leah Nicole Morris	Biology	Greenville
* Briggs Thomas Nassar	Biology	Cleveland
◇ Kejuan Coreyente Parker	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Greenwood
* Olivia Marie Ann Pharr	Biology	Charleston

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Joshua Sherrod Phillips	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Grenada
◇	Nycolis Prudhomme	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Houston, TX
	Asia Taniya Smith	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Greenwood
**	Samuel Turner	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Mathiston
	Jacob Andrew Vallandingham	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Hamilton, OH
	Abryia De'aveiun Wallace	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Lyon
◇	Allison Breann Watson	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Cleveland
	Jackson Ty Wilson	Environmental Science	Moro, AR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Cameron De'Andre Betts	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Clarksdale
***	Emma Beth Collier	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Golconda, IL
◇	Logan Kyle Cromer	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Edwardsville, IL
***	Mattie Kathleen Granberry	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Florence
	Jayden Kinkopf	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Petal
**	Seth Dewayne Salley	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Grenada
	De'Meric Strong	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Clarksdale

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Anna Grace Ainsworth	Nursing	Leland
	Morgan Nicole Alford	Nursing	Vicksburg
*	Oumaima Bousselmi	Nursing	Cleveland
**	Mary Ansley Chrestman	Nursing	Cleveland
	Asia Mone' Cooper	Nursing	Mound Bayou
	Emma Reese Craven	Nursing	Hernando
	Dorothy Grace Daniels	Nursing	Oxford
*	Kylee Mary Jacqueline Flores	Nursing	Petal
*	Julianna Claire Frazier	Nursing	Brandon
*	Mariah Lakenya Gardner	Nursing	Cruger
	Hanadi Hariri	Nursing	Sallis
	Tyeisha Matheney Haywood	Nursing	Mound Bayou
	Nethel Hector	Nursing	Cleveland
	Chinyere Ijeoma Johnson	Nursing	Houston, TX
*	Ma'Kyria Mone' Lambert	Nursing	Rosedale
	Katlyn Mckenzie Nichols	Nursing	Brandon
***	Uchechi Jennifer Nworah	Nursing	Richland
*	Ann Elizabeth Perkins	Nursing	Itta Bena
	Bailey J Pounds	Nursing	Brookhaven
	Terriya Rhakel Powell	Nursing	Leland

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
+***	Claire Elise Rich	Nursing	Brandon
*	Moizelle Anne Rooks	Nursing	Jackson
	Reid Sanders Russell	Nursing	Hernando
	Randi Simmons Taylor	Nursing	Cleveland
*	Richard Allen Taylor Jr.	Nursing	Cleveland
+**	Alexander Thomas Threadgill	Nursing	Scobey
	Zoie Walker	Nursing	Jackson
	Laney Anne Whitten	Nursing	Valley Park

* cum laude

** magna cum laude

*** summa cum laude

∞ Honors Fellows

+ Phi Kappa Phi

◇ Degree awarded Summer 2025

All cities in Mississippi
unless otherwise indicated

Note: Latin honors are for Undergraduate degrees only and based on GPA at beginning of
Fall 2025 semester

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Commencement is both a joyous and solemn event for a student and their family. By tradition, the Commencement ceremony is a formal occasion honoring the academic achievement of graduating students. To help preserve the decorum of the event, it is requested that guests exercise etiquette appropriate to the occasion. We ask that you please observe the following:

During the ceremony:

- Cell phones are to be turned off or switched to the silent operating mode.
- Be respectful. Please express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from enjoying the ceremony or hearing names of graduates when announced.
- Please hold all applause until all graduates' names have been read. This will allow other families and guests to hear their graduate's name.
- Out of courtesy and respect of graduating students and speakers, please remain in your seat during the ceremony. This will allow the ceremony to flow smoothly and reduce distractions and disturbances to other audience members.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, please remain at your seat until all faculty and students have exited the auditorium.

Delta State University is proud of our student's accomplishments and success. We appreciate your cooperation celebrating a major milestone in students and their family's lives. We want everyone to share and enjoy a memorable and dignified Commencement ceremony.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC REGALIA FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Since the Middle Ages, a time-honored tradition of great dignity has been the wearing of academic apparel, which was a survival of still earlier civilian fashions. The academic gown, necessary for a scholar's warmth, and the hood to protect his tonsured head were apparently first regularly adopted in the thirteenth century at the University of Cambridge (1284). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by King's College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1895 American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic costume, following primarily the Cambridge tradition. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are three: gown, cap, and hood.

The *gown* is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors). The doctors' dress gowns of the chief British universities are scarlet. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves; masters' have long, closed sleeves, with lunettes at the bottom and slits at the elbows from which the arms protrude; and doctors' have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The *cap*, the square mortar-board in American universities but a round, soft, flat, velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel that may be black for all ranks and degrees, or may be of gold thread or the color of the degree for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters. The doctors' cap may be of velvet.

The *hood*, worn around the neck so as to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree and may be worn only after the degree has been granted. Bachelors' hoods are three feet long; masters' are three and one-half feet; and doctors' hoods have wide panels at the sides. The color edging the hood defines the nature of the degree while the lining of silk bears the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

The degree colors are appropriate to the category of the degree rather than to the scholar's major subject. For example, the appropriate color for degrees in Arts and Letters (B.A., M.A., B.Litt.) is *white*; in Commerce, *drab*; in Education, *light blue*; in Engineering, *orange*; in Fine Arts, *brown*; in Humanities, *crimson*; in Laws, *purple*; in Library Science, *lemon*; in Medicine, *green*; in Music, *pink*; in Pharmacy, *olive*; in Philosophy (Ph.D.), *dark blue*; in Physical Education, *sage*; in Science, *golden yellow*; in Theology, *scarlet*. These colors are used for the edging of all hoods and may be used for the velvet facing and sleeve bars of doctors' gowns and for the tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps.

The *institutional colors* with which the hoods are lined indicate the university or college granting the degree. Among those hoods you will see worn by Delta State's faculty are those from Alabama, crimson and white; Arkansas, red and white; Central Missouri, red, white, and black; Columbia, light blue with white chevron; Duke, royal blue with white chevron; Emory, navy blue and gold; Florida, orange and blue; Indiana, crimson with white chevron; Louisiana State, purple with old gold; Michigan, maize and light blue; Mississippi, red with blue chevron; Mississippi State, maroon and white; Missouri, old gold and black; Southern Mississippi, gold and black; Tennessee, white with orange chevron; Texas, white above orange; Tulane, green and white; and Virginia, navy blue with orange.

The colors of Delta State University are green and white, adopted in the fall of 1925, the first quarter after opening, by the faculty and administration on the recommendation of an eight-member committee, including local residents William P. Moses and Doyle Garrett.

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

*Oh Delta State we cling to the memory
Of happy days we've spent
Of standards high and of friendships dear
Making our life there something to treasure
We have come to sing the praises
Of the old school we love best,
Oh, hail to you, to our dear Alma Mater
Oh, hail to Old Delta State.*