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# Delta State University

NINETY-EIGHTH

## Commencement



WALTER SILLERS COLISEUM

FRIDAY, MAY NINTH

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

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## PROGRAM

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

Dr. Julia Thorn  
Associate Professor of Music

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.....Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith  
Ms. Mary Parsons, Soprano (AM); Mr. Johnathan Denton, Tenor (PM)  
Dr. Julia Thorn, Piano

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

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

ADDRESS.....Mr. Billy Nowell, Mayor of Cleveland

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES (PM).....Dr. Daniel J. Ennis

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

### ASSISTED BY

Dr. Eddie Lovin, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Tomeka Harbin, Interim Dean, College of Business and Aviation  
Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Interim Dean, College of Education, Arts, and Humanities  
Dr. Vicki L. Bingham, Dean, College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences

### DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

10:00 AM

Doctor of Education  
Educational Specialist  
Master  
Honor Diploma  
Doyce Stallings Mitchell Honor Diploma  
Baccalaureate – College of Nursing,  
Health, and Sciences

### DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

2:00 PM

Honor Diploma  
Doyce Stallings Mitchell Honor Diploma  
Baccalaureate - College of Business and  
Aviation  
Baccalaureate - College of Education,  
Arts, and Humanities

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  
Ms. Mary Parsons, Soprano (AM); Mr. Johnathan Denton, Tenor (PM)  
Dr. Julia Thorn, Piano

RECESSIONAL.....Trumpet Voluntary  
by Jeremiah Clarke

Dr. Julia Thorn, Piano

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

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER - BILLY NOWELL



Billy Nowell was born and raised in Cleveland, MS. He graduated from Delta State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business. During his time at Delta State University, he served as Vice President of the Student Government Association and President of his fraternity. Throughout the years, Nowell continues to serve his alma mater as a member of the Delta State University Foundation Board of Directors and Alumni Association Board of Directors as well as the Booster Club for Statesmen Athletics. In 2009, Nowell was named Alumnus of the Year.

His rewarding career includes a few years in the banking business before joining his father in the family lumber business, Nowell Lumber Company, where he served as Vice President. After selling the family business, Nowell ventured into the quick lube oil change business and is currently co-owner and manager/broker for Partnership Properties Real Estate Company.

Nowell served as City Alderman for eight years from 2001-2009, and he is currently serving his fourth term as Mayor of Cleveland. During his tenure as Mayor, he has focused on working collaboratively to build partnerships with key stakeholders and the citizens of Cleveland. Under his leadership, the City of Cleveland has worked closely with the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce to promote economic growth and continue to build a vibrant business community. Nowell has worked hard to ensure that Cleveland is safe, clean, and a great place to live with a high quality of life for its citizens. One of his proudest accomplishments during his tenure is helping facilitate Cleveland becoming the home to GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi in 2016. Throughout his time as a government official, Nowell has served on the Delta Mayors Council, Mississippi Municipal Services Board of Directors, and the Mississippi Municipal League. Currently, he serves as the President of the Mississippi Municipal League.

He generously gives of his time to serve Cleveland and Mississippi through involvement in many organizations including the South Delta Planning and Development District Board of Directors, the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Cleveland-Bolivar County Economic Development Foundation, Delta Council, Crosstie Arts Council, Bolivar County Community Action Agency, and the Cleveland Rotary Club. He has been nominated as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Cleveland, awarded the Kossman Award for Community Service by the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce, awarded Keep Mississippi Beautiful Mayor of the Year in 2015, and was named the Cleveland Junior Auxiliary Charity Ball King in 2013.

Nowell and his wife, Becky, have two children and four wonderful grandchildren. They are active members of the First United Methodist Church in Cleveland.

## Honorary Degree

Honorary doctoral degrees have been a tradition in North American higher education for more than 300 years. These degrees are conferred *honoris causa* (“for the sake of honor”). An honorary degree serves to recognize both the grantee and the spirit of the granting institution.

Delta State University confers the honorary degree to individuals who have made significant and meritorious contributions to the university, higher education generally, or other areas of society. Achievements can include, but are not limited to, outstanding creative and scholarly work, distinguished leadership or service, significant accomplishments, and exceptional philanthropic support.

### David R. Bowen



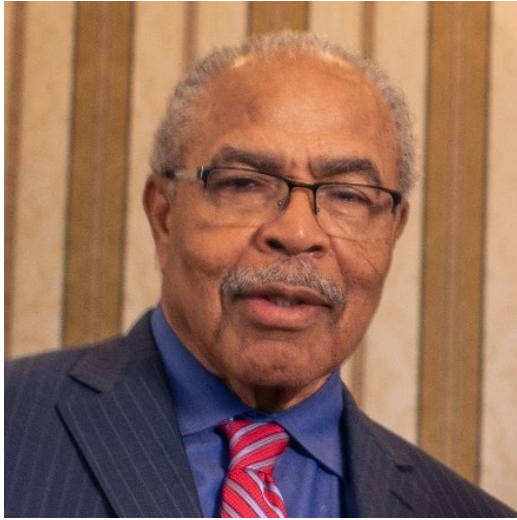
David R. Bowen is a former U. S. Congressman from Mississippi’s second district. He was born in Houston, MS, and he grew up in Cleveland, MS, and was a graduate of Cleveland High School. Bowen received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University, and he received his Master of Arts degree with a focus on politics, economics, and philosophy from the University of Oxford. Prior to his election to Congress, Bowen taught history and political science at Millsaps College, served as Southeastern Coordinator for the Office of Economic Opportunity, was a staff associate for the United States Chamber of Commerce, and was the first Federal-State Programs Coordinator for Mississippi.

During Bowen’s five terms as a U.S. Congressman, he established himself as a leader in agricultural, foreign policy affairs, and maritime issues. He served as a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, where he chaired the Subcommittee on Cotton, Rice, and Sugar. He also served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. On the latter committee, he was active in legislative affairs affecting the maritime and shipping industry, fishing and wildlife, and regulations of inland and coastal waterways. His foreign affairs activities included serving on the Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee and representing the House and the nation in numerous international meetings, negotiations, and debates.

Upon completion of his time in office, Bowen was the Executive Director of the Council for National Interest, and he turned his attention to teaching, creative writing, photography, writing political commentary for newspapers, and preserving history through the Mississippi Historical Society. He was a visiting political science professor at Mississippi State University, and he wrote and produced three plays.

Bowen was recognized in April 2015 for his service to the Second District of Mississippi with a historical marker in Cleveland, MS. In March 2022, Bowen served as the guest lecturer for Delta State’s Colloquia: Distinguished Speakers Lecture Series. He has been a staunch supporter of higher education, and he recognizes its vital role in shaping the future workforce and driving economic prosperity.

## Wheeler Parker, Jr.



Wheeler Parker, Jr. is a native of Schlater, MS, and he is the first child born to Hallie and Wheeler Parker. He graduated from Moler Barber College and devoted 55 years to being a barber. He attended Moraine Valley Community College, C. H. Mason Theological Seminary, Global University, the Art Institute of Chicago, and he graduated from the School of Modern Photography. He served as a Medical Specialist in the United States Army for two years, and he was ordained as a minister in 1978. Parker was appointed as Argo Temple Church of God in Christ's Pastor in 1993, appointed District Superintendent of Glad Tidings District in 2018, and appointed Administrative Assistant to the Bishop of the 5<sup>th</sup> Jurisdiction of Illinois in 2024.

Parker is a cousin to Emmett Till and the last living eyewitness to the events surrounding Till's tragic demise. He is a sought-after public speaker who has dedicated his life to preserving and sharing the history and struggle for equal justice in the United States. Reverend Parker offers a firsthand account of one of the United States' most infamous murders and a message of hope and resilience in the ongoing fight for equality through his memoir, *"A Few Days Full of Trouble."* When the U. S. Justice Department reopened the Till case in 2004 and again in 2018, he served as a witness and spokesman for the Till family. In February 2022, Parker was a guest of President Joe Biden for the signing of the Emmett Till Anti Lynching Act, and he accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of Emmett Till and his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley. On July 25, 2023, he was honored to introduce President Joe Biden at the signing of the proclamation which created the Emmett Till and Mamie Till Mobley National Park.

Reverend Parker has generously given of his time to participate in events sponsored by Delta State University. He participated in panel discussions as part of the Delta Center for Culture and Learning's *The Most Southern Place on Earth* workshop sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has spoken at Delta State University on several occasions, and he collaborated with the University Archivist to create a traveling exhibit, *Emmett Till: An Exhibit*, which has educated audiences across the country.

Reverend Parker is married to Dr. Marvel McCain, and they are community activists and proponents for justice. They do missionary work in Central America, and they are currently building a church in Belmopan, Belize.

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Emily Rose Eaton <b>Examining the Efficacy of Early Grade Retention As It Relates to the Mississippi Literacy-Based Promotion Act</b> Dissertation Chair: Dr. Corlis Snow, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Corlis Snow	Professional Studies	Tiptersville, MS
Tina Garrett <b>An Exploration in Differences in Learning Preferences and Motivations Across Multi-Generational Community College Students</b> Dissertation Chair: Dr. Mary Bess Pannel, Ph.D. Hooded by: Dr. Mary Bess Pannel	Professional Studies	Winona, MS
Ricky Brent Johnson <b>Exploring the Effectiveness of Career Coaching in a Mississippi Secondary School: A Case Study</b> Dissertation Chair: Dr. Timothy Watkins, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Timothy Watkins	Professional Studies	Corinth, MS
Monica Moss <b>The Impact of an ACT Prep Program on the ACT Math Practice Test Based on the Level of Previously Completed Math Classes</b> Dissertation Chair: Dr. Timothy Watkins, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Timothy Watkins	Professional Studies	Tishomingo, MS
Danna Garrison Pritchard <b>An Exploration of Teacher Perspectives Regarding Cultural and Societal Factors That Affect Academic Achievement</b> Dissertation Chair: Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Merideth Van Namen	Professional Studies	Hudson, WI

Note: Latin honors based on GPA at beginning of Spring 2025 semester

*	cum laude	All cities in Mississippi
**	magna cum laude	unless otherwise indicated
***	summa cum laude	
∞	Honors Fellows	
+	Phi Kappa Phi	
◇	Degree awarded Summer 2024	
◇◇	Degree awarded Fall 2024	



## EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Christy Boykin	Educational Administration & Supervision	Hollandale
Lanita Brown	Educational Administration & Supervision	Sallis
Rickeya Patrice Brown	Higher Education	Cleveland
Tracy Ann Brown	Educational Administration & Supervision	Indianola
Gretchen Cagle	Educational Administration & Supervision	Clinton
Pamela Elizabeth Cannon	Elementary Education	Clarksdale
Robin Capler	Educational Administration & Supervision	Ridgeland
Latonya Marie Cooley	Curriculum & Instruction	Silver City
Shekia Meon Ewing-Carroll	Educational Administration & Supervision	West Point
Ashley Nicole Flint	Educational Administration & Supervision	Cleveland
Octavia Glasper	Curriculum & Instruction	Flowood
Olivia Leigh Hall	Elementary Education	Belmont
Reuna MoNique Hall	Curriculum & Instruction	Cleveland
Patricia Hankins	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenville
+ Jessica Nicole Hardy	Curriculum & Instruction	Cleveland
Kaylee Kennedy	Curriculum & Instruction	Tupelo
Laura Miles	Educational Administration & Supervision	Batesville
Kimberly Rigney Orgeron	Educational Administration & Supervision	Lake Village, AR
Jordan Elizabeth Pettit	Curriculum & Instruction	Florence
Kristin Scott	Educational Administration & Supervision	Byram
Syrena Shelton	Educational Administration & Supervision	West Point
Kendal Brooke Southall	Curriculum & Instruction	Greenville
Iesha Nashay Tims	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenwood
Francisco DeJesus Torres	Elementary Education	Sugar Hill, GA
Makeisha Walker	Curriculum & Instruction	Pearl

## MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Hannah Elizabeth Alley	Liberal Studies	Cleveland
Crystal Bramlett	Liberal Studies	Pontotoc
James Caleb Giachelli	Liberal Studies	Itta Bena
Michael Koehler	Liberal Studies	Cleveland
Vito Rocco Menzella	Liberal Studies	Olive Branch
Welborn Lane Smith	Liberal Studies	Cleveland
Glenda Faye Thomas	Liberal Studies	Cleveland



## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Amber Allen	Teaching	Shaw
Kandice Hall Broyles	Teaching	Denham Springs, LA
Diana Latrice Dunigan	Teaching	Cleveland
Kadeijah Hawkins	Teaching	Lyon
Glenda Dozier Huggins	Teaching	Indianola
Ramses Tekena Micheal Apollo Johnson	Teaching	Newark, NJ
Amie Glynesha Newsom	Teaching	Natchez
Wylida Bernice Walker	Teaching	Cleveland
Quinton Dalain Wilson	Teaching	Indianola

## MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Mary Faith Austin	Educational Administration & Supervision	Leland
Monique Cocroft-White	Elementary Education	Moorhead
Chyenne Star Dyess	Elementary Education	Sardis
+ Rebecca Mae Hahn	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
Kelsey Renee Havens	Elementary Education	Pope
Alexis Hayes	Elementary Education	Yazoo City
Elizabeth Claire Lowery	Educational Administration & Supervision	Winona
Thomas Aaron Morrell	Educational Administration & Supervision	Rockwood, TN
Hannah Patrick	Elementary Education	Olive Branch
Emily Yow Pearson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Tishomingo
Ryane Garrett Rogers	Educational Administration & Supervision	Brookhaven
Susan Swain	Educational Administration & Supervision	Crystal Springs
Anna Leigh Witt	Secondary Education	Dennis

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Teresa Alioto	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Coppell, TX
Nicholas De'Andre Bailey	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Vicksburg
Blhetia Bell	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Mound Bayou
Richard Finis Dean	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Vicksburg
Julian Henry	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville
Kristina Victoria Irwin	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Fulton
Faith GranTavia Lewis	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Natchez
Michael Wayne McDonald II	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Richland
Shelby Richardson	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Cleveland
Delinda Samuel	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Hollandale
Lillian Rose Scott	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Cleveland

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Vorris Bennet Williams	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Rosedale

### MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
John Brendon	Geospatial Information Technology	Amarillo, TX
Alexander Currie	Geospatial Information Technology	Panama City, FL
James Walker Dean	Geospatial Information Technology	Leland
David Lews Rice III	Geospatial Information Technology	Jacksonville, NC

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Rashida Jai Allen	Business Administration	Tupelo
Issabella Ampofo	Business Administration	Cleveland
Faith Anuoluwapo Ariremako	Business Administration	Nigeria
Javia Monique Brown	Business Administration	Greenville
Leketia Bryant	Business Administration	Cleveland
Abigail Casey	Business Administration	Senatobia
◇ Arianna R. Chestnut	Business Administration	Yazoo City
Emiliano Elizarraraz	Business Administration	Mexico
+ Kelsey Ann Farmer	Business Administration	Fresno, TX
Aaron John Fernandes	Business Administration	India
Sanetra Antionette Forbes	Business Administration	Summit
Menionti Cianya Hall	Business Administration	Ruleville
Sabrina Rena Hull	Business Administration	Mound Bayou
Tonya Hunt	Business Administration	De Kalb
William Kendall Jenkins	Business Administration	Decatur, GA
Dannika Johnson	Business Administration	Forest
Mashunaka Dnay Jones	Business Administration	Cleveland
Zamaria Jones	Business Administration	Shelby
Pamela Paulette Keys	Business Administration	Brandon
Stacey Denise Langston	Business Administration	Yazoo City
Margaret-Mary McCurry	Business Administration	Biloxi
Michelle Lynette Porter	Business Administration	Mound Bayou
Onelio Marquis Rios III	Business Administration	Miami, FL
Ashley Elizabeth Scott	Business Administration	Red Banks
Harli Sellars	Business Administration	Leland
Jordan Micah Smith	Business Administration	Jackson
Gabriel Morris Stockton	Business Administration	Madisonville, LA
Adriana Subias Botana	Business Administration	Spain
Jalaeion Taylor	Business Administration	Cleveland
Leigh Adale Tucker	Business Administration	Madison
Walter Cade Whitley	Business Administration	Coker, AL

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Leslie Williamson	Business Administration	Columbus
Keara Winters	Business Administration	Sallis

#### MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Sergio Fernandez, Jr.	Commercial Aviation	Kissimmee, FL
William Hunter Rolader	Commercial Aviation	Eastman, GA
◇ Logan Trinity Stephens	Commercial Aviation	North Charleston, SC
Benjamin Wofford	Commercial Aviation	Philadelphia, PA

#### MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Anne Marie Rhodes	Accountancy	Benton

#### EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST IN COUNSELING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Morgan Groover Hoben	Counseling	Natchez
Alantis Holt	Counseling	Vicksburg

#### MASTER OF EDUCATION IN COUNSELING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Takyra Kaye Bolden	Counseling	Cleveland
+ Cassandra Elizabeth Brower	Counseling	Water Valley
Brandy Nicole Collins	Counseling	Laurel
Jada Careese Gear	Counseling	Greenville
Casandra Ann Harvell	Counseling	Rienzi
Marquita LeAnn Henderson	Counseling	Crowder
Madeline Greer Hull	Counseling	Vicksburg
Elizabeth Markham	Counseling	Starkville
Angela Lacey Marquis	Counseling	Cleveland
Marlee Diane May	Counseling	Blue Springs
Maya Monique McGinnis	Counseling	Cleveland
Miltesha Nelson	Counseling	Gunnison
Kanisha Vanyel Patterson	Counseling	Eupora
Robert Kim Rushing	Counseling	Cleveland
Candance Smith	Counseling	Memphis, TN
Deidra Spencer	Counseling	Grenada
Ann Garrison Thomas	Counseling	Vicksburg
Kaylan Sanders Wilson	Counseling	Jackson

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCES DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
+	Alexis Rhea Hartley	Natural Sciences	Hazlehurst

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Elise Chamblee	Nursing	Columbus
Jacquelyn Joy Headley	Nursing	Madison
Keyaira Johnson	Nursing	Charleston
Gradia Carolyn Junius	Nursing	Southaven
Annah Catherine Lacefield	Nursing	Senatobia
Kimberly Robinson	Nursing	Moorhead
Penny Skeen	Nursing	Pontotoc
Shakinah Williams	Nursing	Senatobia

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT & HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jakalyn Brown	Sport and Human Performance	Grenada
	Elijah Brum	Sport and Human Performance	Bakersfield, CA
	Nicole Daigle	Sport and Human Performance	Summit
	Alyssa Gover	Sport and Human Performance	Stanton, TN
	Shequita Grady	Sport and Human Performance	McComb
	Brianna Chantel Greyer	Sport and Human Performance	Shelby
	Darius Anthony Hayes	Sport and Human Performance	High Point, NC
	MyCala Caroline Helms	Sport and Human Performance	Winona
	Michael Jesse Homan	Sport and Human Performance	Memphis, TN
	Owen James Howard	Sport and Human Performance	England
	Jalen Jackson	Sport and Human Performance	Powder Springs, GA
	Dwayne Rashad Jones	Sport and Human Performance	Saltillo
	Jason Judge	Sport and Human Performance	Jackson
	Shanell Kitchens	Sport and Human Performance	Jackson
+	JaCarious Shamon Lucas	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
	Jeremy Hunter Maness	Sport and Human Performance	Lexington, TN
	Demario Martin	Sport and Human Performance	Columbus
	Jordon James Meyer	Sport and Human Performance	Moorhead
	Grayce Elizabeth Redwine	Sport and Human Performance	Leland
	Demetrius Swilley	Sport and Human Performance	Hazlehurst

## CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & AVIATION

#### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Sandra Ling Chow	Business Administration	Webb
	Brandon Joseph Dillon	Business Administration	Greenville
	Kathleen Renee' Necaise	Business Administration	Lumberton
*	Michael Warren Pratt	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Chantilly, VA
	Christopher Erik Robertson	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Virginia Beach, VA
*	Andrew Franklin Williamson	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Clarksdale

#### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Peyton Badon	Marketing	Summit
	Kamisha Shavar Baker	General Business	Greenville
	Parker Daley Beck	General Business	Drew
	Miguel Angel Benavides	Accountancy	Greenville
	Derrick Keith Billings II	Computer Information Systems	Snellville, GA
***	Sara Booth	Accountancy	Charleston
∞***	Amelia Coy Bridges	Accountancy	Winona
	Kaylin Ainajha Brooks	Finance	Jonestown
	Jaelon Eric Davis Brown	General Business	Montgomery, AL
	Jeffery Dwayne Cain	General Business	Mound Bayou
*	Malo Clement	Management	France
**	Jimmy D. Cook III	Marketing	Clarksdale
	Anna Chloe Crews	Marketing	Cleveland
	Olivia S. Crick	Accountancy	Schlater
*	Martyna Czescik	General Business	Poland
	Chelsi Jamerious Davis	General Business	Ruleville
	James Brady Davis	General Business	Hamilton
	Renashaj Davis	Management	Shelby
	Hannah May Dolan	Health Care Administration	Hernando
	Emma Grace Enderud	General Business	Oxford, KS
**	Thomas Parker Fullilove	General Business	Alligator
**	Landon Avery Guest	Management / Marketing	Inverness
∞+***	Anthony Glenn Harbin	General Business	Huntsville, AL
*	Taylor Nicole Harrison	Marketing	Cleveland
	Triston Micah Hickman	General Business	Wiggins
	QuDarius Devontae Hodges	General Business	Batesville

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Baleigh Elizabeth Hood	Health Care Administration	Grenada
	Harrison Clay Hughey	Computer Information Systems	Greenville
	William Robert Hylander	Computer Information Systems	Bartlett, TN
	James Andin Johnson	Management	Smithville
◇◇**	Hayden Riley Kirkhart	Health Care Administration / Marketing	Sumter, SC
**	Rachel Kramer	General Business	Broken Arrow, OK
	Nicky Leger	General Business	Jacksonville, FL
*	James Hardy Lewis	Finance	Brandon
	Jordan Allan Lindsey	General Business	Madison
**	Aleksa Milentijevic	Management	Serbia
	Alexis Marie Moon	General Business	Clarkston, MI
	Marc Ekkehard Mueller	Management	Germany
∞***	Hannah Murray	Management	South Africa
*	Juan Jose Gilberto Narvaez	Computer Information Systems	Pope
**	Pavle Popsavin	Management	Serbia
	Troy Robinson, Sr.	General Business	West Helena, AR
	Branden Rogers	Finance	Collierville, TN
	Kaylee Boykin Sharpe	General Business	Rolling Fork
*	Benjamin Pierce Stanley	General Business	Cleveland
	Chase David Tackett	General Business	Olive Branch
*	Ethan Christopher VanZant	Accountancy	Cleveland
*	Cason Shea Veazey	Accountancy	Olive Branch
*	Samuel William Patrick Wark	General Business	Scotland
*	Wesley Daniel Warnock	General Business	Vicksburg
	Caleb Kareem Westbrook	Management / Marketing	Cleveland
	Cooper Harris Womack	Marketing	Prattville, AL
**	Branson Young	General Business	Columbus, IN

## **BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Ren Aoyama	Aviation Management	Japan
*	Haden Alexander Bourland	Flight Operations	Hattiesburg
	Treyveon Demetris Jordan Chatman	Aviation Management	Crossett, AR
***	Abigail Joy Covington	Flight Operations	Saltillo
**	Kotaro Furukawa	Aviation Management	Japan
*	Stephen Asher Gandy	Flight Operations	Brandon
	Carlton Joseph Graziano	Flight Operations	Hammond, LA
*	Hannah Marie Hasle	Flight Operations	Grapevine, TX
***	Wyatt Bradford Hicks	Flight Operations	Brandon

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
**	James Tartt Hill	Flight Operations	Indianola
**	Thomas Andrew Holden	Flight Operations	Ocean Springs
	Kaito Kamesawa	Aviation Management	Japan
∞**	Luke Grayson Kennedy	Flight Operations	Marion, AR
***	Shumpei Kobayashi	Aviation Management	Japan
	Chandler Ladner	Flight Operations	Pass Christian
***	Garet Evan Lefler	Flight Operations	Blue Mountain
*	Steven McDonald	Flight Operations	Wiggins
**	Kaitlyn Brooke Papizan	Flight Operations	Madison
*	Katie Grace Papizan	Flight Operations	Hazlehurst
*	Russell Cole Shepherd	Flight Operations	Elliston, VA
	Michael Ryan Speth	Aviation Management	Selmer, TN
*	Cole Thomas	Flight Operations	Blaine, WA

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
**	Tymon Tobias Adams	Entertainment Industry Studies	Greenwood
	Stuart McGinn Angle	Entertainment Industry Studies	Como
	Samuel Nicholas Aultman	Entertainment Industry Studies	Richland
+***	Nathan Kyle Beach	Entertainment Industry Studies	Olive Branch
	Joshua Cockrell	Entertainment Industry Studies	Columbus
	Travon Dashon Harris	Entertainment Industry Studies	Greenville
***	Johnathan Edward McGee	Entertainment Industry Studies	Byram
	Jonathan Glenn Ratcliff	Entertainment Industry Studies	Natchez
*	Arabella Jane Rogers	Entertainment Industry Studies	Madison
∞***	LeeAnna Sarah Singleton	Entertainment Industry Studies	Utica
**	Eliza Jane Smith	Entertainment Industry Studies	Picayune
	Jamie Lynn Spradlin	Entertainment Industry Studies	Pascagoula

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ARTS, & HUMANITIES**

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Rebecca Ann Beeler	Psychology	Sumner
**	Canderrian La'Jovius Brown	English	Rosedale
	Waco Dylan Dendy	History	Yazoo City
	Johnathan Antonio Denton	Music	Southaven
	Payton Anthony Denton	Music	Southaven
*	Tristen Shayne Fant	Psychology	Humble, TX
*	Reagan Marie Fulton	Psychology	Hines, OR



	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Geraldine L. Gardner	Art	Greenville
***	Oliver Gemmel	History	Sweden
	Marissa Kailee Hall	Art	Olive Branch
***	Stephen John Huber	Art	Cleveland
	Maya Jones	Psychology	Olive Branch
	London Kennedy	Psychology	Greenville
**	Jacob Pieter Lubbe	Psychology	South Africa
*	Akumcha Ashton Mobit	Psychology	Madison
*	Elizabeth Grace Nerren	Art	Grenada
	Angel Poole	Art	Newton
*	Dajanae Dainalee Prout	Psychology	Gulfport
	J'myl Richardson	Psychology	Cleveland
	Deondre Shamar White	Psychology	Ruleville
	Vonsha White	Music	Ruleville
*	Raven Lekya Whitley	Psychology	Greenville
	Jerry Lane Woods	Psychology	Greenville
***	Luke Aaron Yarbrough	History	Fulton

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Jenna Kaye Edwards	Art / Digital Media Arts	Olive Branch
**	Sean Michael English	Art	Greenville
	Jovany Guerrero	Art	New Albany
	Chyanne Faith Hewitt	Digital Media Arts	Southaven
*	Alexis Jazmyne Jarrell	Art / Digital Media Arts	Picayune
*	Sonia Nicole Matrick	Digital Media Arts	Crystal Springs
	Alexandria Daniele McCaskill	Digital Media Arts	Leland
	Sarah Ann Mullins	Art	Olive Branch
∞***	Madison Hope Redden	Art	Fort Mitchell, AL
	Javian Tomarkes Townsend	Art	Indianola
***	Morgan Elizabeth Vaughan	Art	Mathiston
	Jamecia Shanerra Walker	Art	Baldwyn
	Avery Allen Williams	Digital Media Arts	Moorhead

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Dominick John Nobile Bellipanni	Music	Indianola

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Edyn Renea Brown	Music Education	Olive Branch
	Britney Hammer	Music Education	Saucier
∞**	Faith Nicole Redden	Music Education	Fort Mitchell, AL
	James Wesley Womack	Music Education	Brookhaven

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Keeleigh Brooklyn Carpenter	Family & Consumer Sciences	Greenwood
	Launa Emerson	Family & Consumer Sciences	Florence
	Mya Jackson	Family & Consumer Sciences	Tunica
	Alilah Christiana Johnson	Family & Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
	Mary Neal Kimbrell	Family & Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
	Asia Samone Summerville	Family & Consumer Sciences	Greenwood

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Serenity Christina Johnson	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Memphis, TN
*	Daniel Santema	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Netherlands
*	Destiny Turner	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenwood

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Dalayna Brooke Bledsoe	Elementary Education	Brandon
	Shelby Leeann Bounds	Elementary Education	Florence
	Brianna Nicole Bowen	Elementary Education	Brandon
	Jaylen Demicheal Brown	Social Studies Education	Indianola
*	Mary Elizabeth Burt	Elementary Education	Florence
	Madysen Jena Casey	Elementary Education	Batesville
	Peri Durr	Elementary Education	Raymond
	Amber Nichole Grannan	Elementary Education	Florence
**	Shelby Hines	Elementary Education	Morton
***	Grace Ann Holmes	Elementary Education	Canton
	Bryana Jaliyah Jones	Elementary Education	Piperton, TN
*	Alyssa Landrum	Elementary Education	Nesbit
*	Christopher Charles Lott	English Education	Greenville
***	Mikala Alayne McDonald	Elementary Education	Byram
*	Maria Mondragon	Elementary Education	Lake Village, AR
**	Mary Kathryn Perkins Reiners	Elementary Education	Madison

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
***	Hannah Elizabeth Rice	Elementary Education	Red Banks
	Cristen Janai Toles	Elementary Education	Oxford
*	Jaylen Roddarius Townsend	Social Studies Education	Shelby
	Nolan Josiah Troyer	Social Studies Education	Riverview, FL
	Jennifer Marie Watts	Elementary Education	Morton

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Hannah Gail Aycock	Interdisciplinary Studies	Isola
	Olivia Griffin	Interdisciplinary Studies	Topsfield, MA
	MaKenzie Leigh Hill	Interdisciplinary Studies	Hazel Green, AL
	Alexandria Jones	Interdisciplinary Studies	Belzoni
*	Jaya Lamb	Interdisciplinary Studies	Merigold
	Brendan Matthew McCauley	Interdisciplinary Studies	Saucier
	Anna Moore	Interdisciplinary Studies	Vicksburg
	Yasmine Evette Moore	Interdisciplinary Studies	Shaw
	Joshua Caleb Parten	Interdisciplinary Studies	Brandon
	LaShundra Shuntrel Strong	Interdisciplinary Studies	Clarksdale
	Ashton Blake Taylor	Interdisciplinary Studies	Olive Branch

### **BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Toby Darnell Bass	University Studies	Richmond, TX
	Eric Stafford Edwards, Sr.	University Studies	Cleveland
	Jessica Elizabeth Jones	University Studies	Hollandale

### **COLLEGE OF NURSING, HEALTH, & SCIENCES**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Daniel Salah Aboumonzer	Biology	Cleveland
	Jena Bradshaw	Biology	Mound Bayou
	Jakob Alexander Brougham	Chemistry	St Augustine, FL
	Trumain Butler, Jr.	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Chicago, IL
*	Luke Andrew Cardin	Biology / Environmental Science	Hernando
**	Maria Eugenia Caride	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Uruguay
	Peyton Elizabeth Corbin	Biology	Hernando
	Bailey Grace Daugherty	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Arlington, TN
	Jeffrey Tate Duncan	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Columbia
	Remi Caroline Durham	Biology	Batesville

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jeffrey Tate Duncan	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Columbia
	Remi Caroline Durham	Biology	Batesville
	Drake Fontenot	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Bossier City, LA
***	Ja'Khyra Unique Ford	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Greenville
	Tyjeodian Alexis Forest	Biology	Duncan
*	Makayla Yvette Gandy	Mathematics	Hernando
	Samyia Trenyce Hope	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Charleston
*	Jessica Rose Horne	Biology	Scott
	Turner Evan Hughes	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Ellisville
∞**	Chloe Josephine Jackson	Biology	Aurora, CO
*	Braiden Conner Jones	Environmental Science	Wiggins
	Jaelasha Lorraine Julien	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Laplace, LA
***	Taylor Raelyn Klosterman	Biology	Niceville, FL
*	Jordon Kloth	Biology / Environmental Science	Ames, IA
*	Mikayla Leigh Kloth	Biology / Environmental Science	Ames, IA
**	Rachel Kramer	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Broken Arrow, OK
*	James Anderson Lynch	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Aurora, IL
*	Aubri Lynne Maroney	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Oxford
∞***	Carly Lenore Marsh	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Parker, CO
	Jacob McCaskill	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	St. Amant, LA
	Kordell Moore	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Mound Bayou
	Sara Elizabeth Mullins	Mathematics	Cleveland
*	Aubrey Claire Norris	Chemistry	Senatobia
	Kejuan Parker	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Greenwood
*	Meredith Rice	Biology / Environmental Science	Mt. Juliet, TN
	Phadarion Allen Robertson	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Houston
	Allie Elizabeth Rutledge	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Greenville
	Trinity Latrice Scaife	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Holly Grove, AR
	Alphus John Shipman, Jr.	Mathematics	Tuscaloosa, AL
	Caleb Michael Smith	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Coldwater
	Kanitria Brianna Taylor	Biology	Shelby
∞+***	Jackson Tibbs	Mathematics	Cleveland
	Iauna Tucker	Biology	Inverness
	Grace Pauline Watson	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Hazel Green, AL
	Johnetta Shenay White	Biology / Environmental Science	Mound Bayou
	China Janiyah Williams	Biology	Greenville
	Elishia Wilson	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Independence
	Emma Nicole Young	Biology	Ridgeland

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Mykhal Dashun Maybell	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Hollandale
***	Robyn Alice Elizabeth Moody	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	England
***	Luke Bailey Sinquefield	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Senatobia

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jennah Baker	Nursing	Horn Lake
	Angela Beck Bradshaw	Nursing	Cleveland
	Kosha Brena Butts	Nursing	Como
	Tishika Clark	Nursing	Cleveland
	Cara Jade Davis	Nursing	Picayune
	Anthony Carter Franks	Nursing	Greenwood
	Brice Jarod Huddleston	Nursing	Guntown
	Vashni Jones	Nursing	Brandon
	Destinee King	Nursing	Olive Branch
	Madison Rose Lary	Nursing	Greenwood
	Kaitlyn McBride	Nursing	Flowood
	William Colby Mullins	Nursing	New Hebron
	Princesa Maria Rodriguez	Nursing	Gulfport
	Tasha Singleton	Nursing	Eudora, AR
	Dietrich Terryce Taylor	Nursing	Brandon
	Katerina Wheelington	Nursing	Booneville
	Taylor Winstead	Nursing	Philadelphia

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	JericaLa'keisha Rodnesa Brown	Social Work	McComb
	Karayia Desha Carr	Social Work	Greenville
	Dotijetta Fisher	Social Work	Shelby
	Gramilla Andrietta Fox	Social Work	Cleveland
	Sabrina Hays	Social Work	Cleveland
*	Ji'Mya Johnson	Social Work	Tutwiler
	Sharkerrian Lawrence	Social Work	Benoit
	Jessica Bowen Lucas	Social Work	Cleveland
	Carolina Morales	Social Work	Cleveland
	Ashley Denise Pride	Social Work	Batesville

## **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.



## BANNERS

Each banner is comprised of six colors corresponding to the school colors and the academic disciplines located within each College of the University: Education and Human Sciences—Light Blue, Business and Aviation—Drab, Arts and Sciences—White, Nursing—Apricot, and Graduate Studies—Gold. The banner of each college is bordered on its sides by the color assigned to its discipline by academia, but, in keeping with the unity of the Delta State community, all six colors can be found on each banner. The university exists because of the integral relationships between each college, thus each college is represented by color in each banner.

### College of Arts and Sciences

The quill pen denotes the obvious association of literature and art but also serves as a valuable symbol for the role of history, biological and social research, and music composition within this college. The five bold lines denote an unfinished composition but one that higher education can complete. Organic and geometric shapes are transferable symbols which link the arts and sciences.

***The College of Arts and Sciences banner was donated by the William N. LaForge family in memory of Dr. William F. LaForge, the first Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.***

### College of Business and Aviation

The key is symbolic of unlocking the door of knowledge to the world. The light of knowledge passes through the keyhole with the world at its center. The grid lines are associated with columns, charts, flight grids, and matrix patterns, comprising the many aspects of this globally-oriented college.

***The College of Business and Aviation banner was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Quon in memory of John C. Gibson and John Yurkow, Jr., for their outstanding contributions to the College.***

### College of Education & Human Sciences

The philosophy of learning is the foundation from which all knowledge grows. Thus, in the College of Education banner, philosophical quotations serve as the foundation for the tree of knowledge. A ray of sunlight symbolizes educational enlightenment while an opening is left for future learning.

***The College of Education & Human Sciences banner was donated by the College of Education Administrative Council in honor of the faculty and staff of the College of Education & Human Sciences.***

### Robert E. Smith School of Nursing

As the universal symbol for the discipline of Nursing, the Nightingale lamp is used prominently in the foreground, surrounded by the abstracted numbers of 1977, the year the School of Nursing was founded on the Delta State University campus. The light of learning shines brightly from the lamp, lighting the way for the compassion and caring of these graduates.

***The School of Nursing banner was donated by Joshua, Zachary, and Adam Hilpert in honor of their mother, Patricia L. Hilpert, and her outstanding service as a Registered Nurse.***

### Graduate and Continuing Studies and Library Services

The pedestal denotes taking learning to a higher level while the sweeping band suggests a pathway to the future. Often associated with the great philosophers, the laurel leaf is used to signify triumph and humanity as well as matriculation and lifelong learning. The book of learning sits atop the pedestal displaying the philosophical principles serving as the foundation of education.

***The Graduate and Continuing Studies banner was donated by Viking Range Corporation in memory of Ada Mitchell, who was responsible for Viking's commitment to the education of its employees.***

Banners designed and made by Mary Catherine Koehler, E-Learning Instructor in Art.

## 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.*