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# Delta State University

NINETY-SEVENTH

## Commencement



**BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTH**

**TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE**

**10:00 AM & 2:00 PM**

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## PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL (*Audience please stand*) ..... Trumpet Voluntary  
by Jeremiah Clarke

Dr. Kumiko Shimizu  
Professor of Music and Collaborative Pianist

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER ..... Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith  
Cel Waters, Soprano  
Dr. Kumiko Shimizu, Piano

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

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

ADDRESS..... Dr. Jung-Won Shin, S.E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher

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

ASSISTED BY ..... Ms. Michelle Johansen, Assistant Coordinator of  
International Student Services  
Dr. Ellen S. Green, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
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Mrs. Joi Phillips, Interim Dean, Library Services

DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER  
10:00 AM

Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Educational Specialist  
Master

DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER  
2:00 PM

Honor Diploma  
Doyce Stallings Mitchell Honor Diploma  
Baccalaureate - College of Arts  
and Sciences  
Baccalaureate - College of Business  
and Aviation  
Baccalaureate - College of Education  
and Human Sciences  
Baccalaureate - School of Nursing

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....Mr. George Miller, Jr.  
President, National Alumni Association Board of Directors

RECESSIONAL ..... Trumpet Tune and Air  
by Henry Purcell

Dr. Kumiko Shimizu, Piano

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

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER – DR. JUNG-WON SHIN



Dr. Jung-Won Shin has appeared as an active solo and collaborative pianist with a large range of repertoire for solo, vocal, and chamber music at recitals and concerts in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, and Korea. She has won prizes and has been selected as a finalist at several solo, chamber music, and concerto competitions, such as the Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition, the Annual Kankakee International Piano Concerto Competition, and the Korean Festival Ensemble Chamber Music Competitions.

Dr. Shin has been featured in international and regional conferences of the College Music Society, the New Music on the Bayou Festival in Monroe, Louisiana, the Music in Action Conference in Los Angeles, the Lives of the Piano concert series at the Manhattan School of Music and the Beethoven Sonata Recital Series at the Yamaha Artist Services in New York, the Beethoven Bootcamp in Dublin, Ireland, the Summer Concert Series at Buam Art Hall and the Geumjeong Cultural Center in Korea, Rising Stars Concerts at the Orford Summer Music Academy and Festival, and guest recitals and master classes at several universities in the U. S. and Korea. Her collaborative CDs, *Chansons de la Nuit* (Centaur Records) with soprano Amy Yeung and *Franck and Fauré Sonatas* with violinist Sue-Jean Park have been released. Her current projects include a series of recitals on Beethoven's piano sonatas and concertos, annual collaborative recitals with violinist Ms. Anne-Gaëlle Ravetto and trombonist Dr. Douglas Mark, recitals on works written by living American and Korean composers, piano duo recitals with Dr. Kumiko Shimizu, and an anthology of Korean art songs in collaboration with soprano Teri Herron.

Dr. Shin has adjudicated several local, state, regional, and international solo, concerto, and chamber music competitions and has served as Chamber Music Chair, Vice President for Pre-College Performances, and Vice President for Pre-College Evaluations at the Mississippi Music Teachers Association (MMTA). She has co-hosted *the Art of the Piano*, an annual piano festival at Delta State University (DSU) for students and teachers since 2010 and has recently initiated and co-organized *The Art of the Piano FOR TEACHERS* summer seminar with Dr. Kumiko Shimizu on campus. She has initiated and organized the DSU study-abroad Korea and academic and cultural exchange programs between DSU and Sungkyul

University and Art & Culture Management CloudPoseidon's musicians of traditional Korean instruments in both the U. S. and Korea. She has been on the guest faculty of the Summer Piano Camp and the Keyboard Festival of Sungkyul University. As a clinician, she has presented master classes and workshops at several universities, high schools, and music festivals in Korea and the U. S.

Dr. Shin was the recipient of the 2023 S. E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher Award of Delta State University. She currently serves as Professor of Music and Coordinator of the Piano Preparatory Program at the university and the President of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association.

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Ericka Austin <b>The Impact of an Educational Intervention on Healthcare Provider's Attitude Towards Patients Experiencing Homelessness</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Chequitia Dixon, PhD, RN Hooded by: Dr. Chequitia Dixon	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Olive Branch, MS
Delinda Bane Melvin <b>Diabetes Self-Management Education: Evidence-Based Project in a Rural, Faith-Based Community</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Chequitia Dixon, PhD, RN Hooded by: Dr. Chequitia Dixon	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Altha, FL
Carmie Salina Blankenship <b>Human Trafficking: Training Healthcare Professional to Identify Victims in the Primary Care Setting</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Carol Moses, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Carol Moses	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Grenada, MS
Tiffany Charmetta Boyd <b>Improving Hypertension Knowledge and Self-Care in African Americans Utilizing an Education Approach in a Faith-Based Organization</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Annie Hankins, DNP, CNEcl, RN Hooded by: Dr. Annie Hankins	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Olive Branch, MS
Shari Renia Brown <b>Coping Strategies to Manage Stress and Decrease Burnout for Healthcare Staff in the Clinical Setting</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Brandon, MS
Tammy Sherrell Campbell <b>Assessment of Parental Perceptions of Childhood Obesity in a Rural Faith-Based Organization</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Annie Hankins, DNP, CNEcl, RN Hooded by: Dr. Annie Hankins	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Sardis, MS

Note: Latin honors based on GPA at beginning of Fall 2023 semester

\* cum laude

\*\* magna cum laude

\*\*\* summa cum laude

∞ Honors Fellows

+ Phi Kappa Phi

◇ Degree awarded Summer 2023

All cities in Mississippi  
unless otherwise indicated

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Michelle Lambeth Draper <b>Levels of Burnout and Perceived Stress Among Hospital Nursing Staff</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Brandy Smith, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Brandy Smith	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Iuka, MS
Stephanie Hodnett <b>Triage Training: Educating Nurses to Improve Emergency Department Patient Flow</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Whitney Crow, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Carol Moses	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Boyle, MS
Dametra Mangum <b>The Evaluation of an Obesity Education Program and Quality of Life in Overweight Individuals</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, RN Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Brandon, MS
Latrena Montgomery <b>Evidence-Based Dietary Education for African-American Women with Hypertension in a Faith-Based Setting</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, RN Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Madison, MS
Jerry Louis Nash <b>The Impact of an Evidence-Based Nutritional Education Program to Improve Diabetes Outcomes</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Jackson, MS
Teresa Rhew <b>Assessment of Screening, Knowledge, Self-Efficacy, and Barriers in Hepatitis C: Comparison of Survey Results Before and After Educating Providers</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Kyla Holcomb, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, RN Hooded by: Dr. Kyla Holcomb	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Searcy, AR
Kymberly Raven Ross <b>Mental Illness in the Emergency Department: A Study on Mental Health Triage</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Kyla Holcomb, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, RN Hooded by: Dr. Kyla Holcomb	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Oxford, MS
Lisa Paige Sanders <b>Improved Outcomes in Headache Patients with Education: An Evidence-Based Project</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Samuel Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP, RN Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Belden, MS
Leslie Russell Villarrubia <b>Improving Chronic Kidney Disease Screening in Diabetes</b> Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Whitney Crow, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Tupelo, MS



## EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Hayley Michelle Alford	Curriculum and Instruction	Wesson
◇ Patsy Austin	Curriculum and Instruction	Greenville
◇ Kathern Barber	Educational Administration and Supervision	Drew
◇ Anna Kathryn Bond	Educational Administration and Supervision	Saltillo
Crystal Bowie	Curriculum and Instruction	Clarksdale
Jamal Brock	Educational Administration and Supervision	Charleston
KaShyla Shantere Brooks	Counseling	Jonestown
◇ Shelisa Brown-Taylor	Educational Administration and Supervision	Greenwood
Denise Calhoun	Educational Administration and Supervision	Webb
Cheryl Conley	Educational Administration and Supervision	Marks
De'Andrea Latrice Eason	Counseling	Rolling Fork
Georgia Michelle Fisackerly	Educational Administration and Supervision	Vicksburg
Cassie Davis Foster	Educational Administration and Supervision	Booneville
Tayla Simone Frizzell	Curriculum and Instruction	Belzoni
Marquita Chanelle Hargrove	Educational Administration and Supervision	Biloxi
Frederica Haywood	Curriculum and Instruction	Shelby
Talonda Danae Henderson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Greenwood
Callie Champion Hughes	Educational Administration and Supervision	Hernando
◇ Christye James	Curriculum and Instruction	Indianola
◇ Margaret Kaitlin James	Educational Administration and Supervision	Corinth
Leslie Faulkenbery Kirk	Educational Administration and Supervision	Brandon
Bianca Rovonda Lacey	Elementary Education	Tchula
Sedrick D'Wayne Lilley	Higher Education	Jackson
Heather Logue	Curriculum & Instruction / Elementary Education	Vicksburg
◇ Lakesha Rena Luton-Clark	Curriculum and Instruction	Belzoni
Haley Elizabeth McFarland	Educational Administration and Supervision	Philadelphia
◇ Avis Nebestry Neal, Jr.	Higher Education	Cleveland
Zaria LaTia Nolan	Counseling	Friars Point
◇ Rebecca Nicole Parker	Higher Education	Biloxi
◇ Teauna Poole	Educational Administration and Supervision	Belzoni
Angela Marie Powell	Educational Administration and Supervision	Collins
◇ Bridonna Reed	Educational Administration and Supervision	Belzoni
Louvonika Ricks	Educational Administration and Supervision	Greenwood
◇ Whitney Denetria Robinson	Curriculum and Instruction	Mound Bayou
Mary Catherine Russell	Counseling	Greenville
Jasymin Shepherd	Higher Education	Byram
Wendolyn Sheree' Stevens	Higher Education	Jackson
Tiffany Davis Wilson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Darling

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kinkem Betts	Teaching	Southaven
◇ Nathan Bilbo	Teaching	Monticello
◇ Dominique Coleman	Teaching	Mound Bayou
Caroleah Brister Everett	Teaching	Monticello
◇ Amanda Leigh Gibson	Teaching	Joaquin, TX
◇ Destiny Nicole Hall	Teaching	Shelby
◇ Toni Doreshia Hibler	Teaching	Como
◇ Kentaro Johnson	Teaching	Cleveland
Wendy Lane	Teaching	Southaven
Caroline Crawford Laster	Teaching	Cleveland
◇ Letia Sherhonda McGee	Teaching	Coldwater
Emma Wykima McKnight	Teaching	Walls
◇ Willie Moore	Teaching	Leland
Casandra Lynn Panico	Teaching	Byhalia
Larry Montez Richardson	Teaching	Tillatoba
◇ Justin Sanders	Teaching	Jackson
◇ Kelsey Germany Scoville	Teaching	Madison
Christine Marie Smith	Teaching	Southaven
Lacy Jones Ware	Teaching	Courtland

## MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Hailey K. Alderman	Counseling	Cleveland
Kasee Madison Avery	Counseling	Saltillo
Alyssa Branyan	Elementary Education	Hernando
◇ Megan Burton	Educational Administration and Supervision	Blaine
◇ Karlie Grace Carpenter	Elementary Education	Dumas
Ashley Elizabeth Clark	Counseling	Carrollton
Katelin Corson	Elementary Education	Waverly, IA
Avery Lee Darby	Elementary Education	Olive Branch
◇ Lauren Brooke Ellis	Educational Administration and Supervision	Saltillo
Roderick Dewayne Fulton, Jr.	Counseling	Indianola
Jessica Nicole Hardy	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Moriah Elizabeth Hurst	Counseling	Wilmington, DE
Sierra Isler	Educational Administration and Supervision	Shaw
◇ Misty Jordan	Educational Administration and Supervision	Corinth
Matthew Elias Lambert	Educational Administration and Supervision	Marvell, AR
Erika Leann Lowery	Secondary Education	Tupelo
Mackenzie Randall Mallette	Elementary Education	Cleveland

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Ashley Mason	Counseling	Belden
◇ Amber Ray McCormick	Educational Administration and Supervision	Hernando
Elizabeth Grace Miller	Counseling	Hattiesburg
Laura Partain	Elementary Education	Pickens
Marley Ann Poole	Elementary Education	Brookhaven
◇ Jennifer Dawn Rich	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Katilyn Michelle Sanders	Secondary Education	Carthage
Hannah Marie Skalski	Elementary Education	Starkville
Callie Terry	Educational Administration and Supervision	Olive Branch
Amber Thompson	Counseling	Cleveland
Nicole Watkins	Counseling	Indianola
Mekissa LaShay Webb	Elementary Education	Brookhaven
◇ Tiffany Hoda Wilkes	Educational Administration and Supervision	Pass Christian
◇ Mary Amanda Wootton	Elementary Education	Richland

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT & HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEGREE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
LaDarrien DaSean Evans	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
◇ Kimberly Rose Fruin	Sport and Human Performance	Gulfport
Steven Colton Haynes	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
◇ Taylor Jamison	Sport and Human Performance	Vicksburg
◇ Niamh Elizabeth Magill	Sport and Human Performance	England
Damon Deval Moore	Sport and Human Performance	Birmingham, AL
◇ Kadarius Gabriel Moore	Sport and Human Performance	Leland
LeKesha Latrice Perry	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
Patrick O'Neal Shegog	Sport and Human Performance	Batesville
◇ Sir'vares Jy'Waun Snow	Sport and Human Performance	Newton
Rondarrius Tigler	Sport and Human Performance	Hattiesburg

### **MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
◇ Ennis LaJuan Crosby	Geospatial Information Technologies	Collins
Daniel Rey Ochoa	Geospatial Information Technologies	San Ysidro, CA

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Gregory Anderson	Liberal Studies	Leawood, KS
Casey Gause	Liberal Studies	Fort Worth, TX
◇ Jon Paul Sanders III	Liberal Studies	West Helena, AR

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Hannah James	Natural Sciences	England

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Joshua Bradford	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Jackson
◇ Angelisa Butcher	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Cleveland
Larriell Dyshaunda Craig	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Mound Bayou
Sarah Elizabeth Hardy	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Bentonla
Adrian Hill	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Hoover, AL
◇ Arriel Hutchenson	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Indianola
Maneia Corvette Sparks	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Renova
Adina Walters	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Eunice, LA

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kira Nicole Adams	Business Administration	Senatobia
Tiffany Baucum	Business Administration	Picayune
Britany Denise Brooks	Business Administration	Greenville
Abria Butler	Business Administration	Greenville
Gavin Allen Lee Campbell	Business Administration	Olive Branch
William Brent Campbell	Business Administration	Meadville
Lucia Chacon Habis	Business Administration	Guatemala
Salma Cordero	Business Administration	Merigold
Lucien Crawford	Business Administration	Tunica
Tiffany Michelle Curb	Business Administration	Cleveland
Amber Monisha Dillard	Business Administration	Cleveland
Heather Renee Gillespie	Business Administration	Memphis, TN
Tyrell Goldsmith	Business Administration	Hoover, AL
Kaycee Gregory	Business Administration	Saucier
Billy Hall II	Business Administration	Shelby
◇ Timothy Hall, Jr.	Business Administration	St. Louis, MO
◇ Fredrick Leon Haywood, Jr.	Business Administration	Mound Bayou
◇ Kameko Holliday	Business Administration	Preston
Victoria Houtrouw	Business Administration	Onley, VA
Ashley Briana Jackson	Business Administration	Sidon
Carlos Johnson	Business Administration	Southaven
Laquicia Murphy Johnson	Business Administration	Cleveland
Lakirria Jones	Business Administration	Greenwood
Dylan Koressel	Business Administration	Biloxi
◇ Angelisha Langford	Business Administration	Shuqualak

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Evan Wesley Lindsey	Business Administration	Minter City
Christian Deshawn Malloy	Business Administration	Lilburn, GA
Synethia D. Mathews	Business Administration	West Point
Spencer Cannon Medders	Business Administration	Hernando
Amanda Corley Mullins	Business Administration	Cleveland
Christian Hamilton Oakes	Business Administration	Vicksburg
◇ Bry'Kevia B. Parks	Business Administration	Cleveland
Madeline Woods Pierce	Business Administration	Batesville
◇ Mary Claire Rackley	Business Administration	Gulfport
◇ Diamond Richards	Business Administration	Greenville
◇ Tavoris Dion Roach, Jr.	Business Administration	Greenwood
Harli Sellars	Business Administration	Leland
◇ Zechariah Page Smith	Business Administration	Starkville
Diamond Dominique Spiller	Business Administration	Cleveland
Richard Brandon Springer	Business Administration	Cleveland
Erica Stigler	Business Administration	Senatobia
◇ LaTasha Hope Taylor	Business Administration	Laurel
Dwalyn Markila Thomas	Business Administration	Shaw
Sharon Renea Thomas	Business Administration	Benoit
◇ Samara Toney	Business Administration	Columbia
◇ Candace Vanhorn	Business Administration	Cleveland
Jacob Taylor White	Business Administration	Marks
Congzhi Zhu	Business Administration	China

### **MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Aaron Craig	Commercial Aviation	Corpus Christi, TX
Bryce Hayden Nelson	Commercial Aviation	Keiser, AR
Ian Woodward	Commercial Aviation	Layton, UT

### **MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY DEGREE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Javia Monique Brown	Accountancy	Greenville

## CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Daniel Owen Weybright	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Middlefield, CT

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Garren Jackson Barnes	History	Ludlow
Brandon Deontae Brister	Music	Jackson
Mary Burton	History	Indianola
◇ Kylan Jermun Johnson	Music	Ocean Springs
** Justin Dale Porter	English	Benton
Adams Ray	English	Brandon

#### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Kayla Campbell Allred	Digital Media Arts	Senatobia
+*** Joshua Mark Hamilton	Digital Media Arts	Wesson
Marissa Lee Kirby	Digital Media Arts	Olive Branch

#### BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Zathomasious Delrico-Raheem Jones	Music	Cleveland
Cameron Arthur Sullivan	Music	Ama, LA

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
*** Bronwyne Taylor Bain	Biology	Como
+*** Adrienne Nikole Beckstein	Entertainment Industry Studies	Vancleave
** Leanna K. Boozer	Biology	Greenville
* TaeAngelo James Carter	Entertainment Industry Studies	Leland
Darrion Jabarr Cooper	Biology	Mound Bayou
Lillian Francis	Biology	Batesville
+* Alexis Rhea Hartley	Chemistry	Hazlehurst
Kressie Coons Lindsey	Biology	Cleveland
Madisen Clare Lutts	Biology	Clarksdale
* Dakota McCollum	Entertainment Industry Studies	Cleveland

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
*	Hunter Clayton Moulder	Entertainment Industry Studies	Wesson
	Marquaja Kyarra Murry	Biology	Charleston
*	Carlos Chevez Rice	Entertainment Industry Studies	Greenwood
	Tyra Richards	Biology	Shaw
***	Christopher Michael Sehring	Chemistry / Mathematics	Baton Rouge, LA
	Kaylondria Christine Thomas	Biology	Leland
	Zackary Christopher Woodard	Entertainment Industry Studies	Indianola

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
+***	Ashley L. Bailey	Mathematics Education	Olive Branch
*	Collin Herrin Crosby	English Education	Carriere
	Olivia Anne Freeny	English Education	Brandon
**	Cody Layton Prescott	Social Studies Education	Yazoo City

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

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Nicholas De'Andre Bailey	Interdisciplinary Studies	Vicksburg
*	Phillip Jason Bradberry, Jr.	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenville
	Rosa Isela Castro	Interdisciplinary Studies	Brandon
◇	Leslie Taynez Clay	Interdisciplinary Studies	Schlater
	Iquez Common	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jackson
	Trinity Ellis	Interdisciplinary Studies	Indianola
	Erinn Ashleigh Grady	Interdisciplinary Studies	Cleveland
	DeAjahni Johnson	Interdisciplinary Studies	Olive Branch
	Jacqueline Jones	Interdisciplinary Studies	Clarksdale
	Jonathan Tyler Loper	Interdisciplinary Studies	Boyle
	Noah Hunter Magee	Interdisciplinary Studies	Magee

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Anthony Dewayne Smith II	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Lambert

### **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
	Latrice Webster	Social Work	Greenville

## BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Tristan Ray Ainsworth	University Studies	Brandon
Tamala Brown	University Studies	Cleveland
Rodney Culando Carter	University Studies	Cleveland
◇ Beverly Council Coleman	University Studies	Jackson
Diana Latrice Dunigan	University Studies	Cleveland
Thomas Earl Edwards, Jr.	University Studies	Ruleville
Melanie Harris	University Studies	Greenville
Twauna Paulette Harris	University Studies	Rosedale
◇ Vergil Hoza Hopson	University Studies	Moss Point
Shuwan Jones	University Studies	Marion, AR
◇ Dennis Patterson	University Studies	Southaven
◇ Jocelyn Yvette Phelps	University Studies	Martin, TN
Tara Amanda Robinson	University Studies	Merigold
◇ Jimmy Wilson	University Studies	Waller, TX

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND AVIATION

### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Sommer Boyd	Business Administration	Cleveland

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Curry Benn	General Business	New Orleans, LA
Gloria Bibbs	General Business	Lamar
◇ Makayla Rena Brown	General Business	Hollandale
Triston Bailey Burden	Accountancy	Greenwood
* Meredith Taylor Cole	Accountancy	Cleveland
*** Dalton Makenzy Cummins	Computer Information Systems	Seminary
Eveyone Latrice Daniels	General Business	Leland
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Adrienne Monique Edwards	General Business	Greenville
Katie Ann Fly	Accountancy	Grenada
Eunikka Freeman	Healthcare Administration	Shaw
Dawson A. Gray	General Business	Greenville
Laura Lee Grittman	General Business	Cleveland
Aubreisha Ra'Quel Hackler	Healthcare Administration	Cleveland
Tori Ayanna Hall	Management	Pass Christian



<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
* Hannah Rose Higdon	Healthcare Administration	Water Valley
Niyah Lamonyae Kimber	General Business	Leland
Nicolaus Gage Little	General Business	Duck Hill
* William Reed Madden	Marketing	Grenada
Colton Alan Mueller	Computer Information Systems	Collierville, TN
Courtney Jean Myers	Accountancy	Greenwood
Jamison Kellar Otts	Finance	Shaw
* Memrie E. Ouzts	Accountancy	Greenwood
* Arturo Riestra Torrejon	Management	Spain
Martina Rossetti	Marketing	Italy
* Tyrionne Laterra Rucker	Computer Information Systems	Clarksdale
Nathan Beckett Soliz	General Business	Cleveland
Peyton Lane Stigall	General Business	Scott
Wendy Nataly Villanueva	General Business	Tunica
Kaine Wilson	General Business	Ocean Springs

### **BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Michael P. Adkison	Flight Operations	Natchez
Jordan Alexander Baranowski	Flight Operations	Hampstead, NC
Logan Barham	Flight Operations	Independence
Calvin Loyd Blackford	Flight Operations	Niceville, FL
◇ Noah Blake Boggan	Aviation Management	Coldwater
** Samuel Shannon Gray	Flight Operations	Germantown, TN
Kaiden Dean Holt	Flight Operations	West Memphis, AR
Timothy Lane Hubbard	Flight Operations	Vicksburg
* Heidi Lynn Johnson	Flight Operations	Jayess
Chandler Ladner	Flight Operations	Pass Christian
Justin Taylor Peeks	Aviation Management	Olive Branch
* Hunter Lloyd Ray	Aviation Management	Greenville
* Caleb Parker Stewart	Flight Operations	Starkville

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Alonzo Nacoby Bell	Psychology	Moreno Valley, CA
Geshira McKnight	Psychology	Jonestown
Brittany La'Shun Neal	Psychology	Merigold
Brandon Heath Vaughan	Psychology	Mathiston

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Todd Lee Battle	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Birmingham, AL
Baylee Claire Billhofer	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
Brett Ryan Cobb	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Canyon, TX
Jennie L. Conrod	Family and Consumer Sciences	Ruleville
Emily Caroline Donaldson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Charleston
**◇ William Adam Duncan	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Fort Worth, TX
Brett Patton Etheridge	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Greenville
Shabreka Hawkins	Family and Consumer Sciences	Ruleville
Dwayne Rashad Jones	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Saltillo
Austin Hill Laatsch	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Birmingham, AL
+** Teya Kynshala Lowery	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
◇ Emily Miller Manning	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Oxford
Demario Martin	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Columbus
Keiyonna Ambershae Moore	Family and Consumer Sciences	Moorhead
Denkyra C. Phillips	Family and Consumer Sciences	Shaw
Matthew Philip Poulin	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Brandon
Myquisha La'Vette Redding	Family and Consumer Sciences	Shaw
** Lindsey Paige Roberson	Family and Consumer Sciences	Hernando
Jarred Singleton	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Farmerville, LA
**◇ Elliot Davis Stallings	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Boyle
Marcus Dwyane Thomas, Jr.	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenville
Jarvis Townsend	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Pearl
Marquavius Williams	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Clarksdale
Starreil Lonnisha Williams	Family and Consumer Sciences	Belzoni

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*** Hannah Grace Ashley	Elementary Education	Greenville
* Brenda Kay Barton	Elementary Education	West Helena, AR
Kamaran Alexa Britt	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Ashley Brooke Buitt	Elementary Education	Ruth
*** Abigail McDaniel Carter	Elementary Education	French Camp
* Asia Cornelius	Elementary Education	Clinton
* Sara Grace Daniels	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
** Savannah Brooke Davis	Elementary Education	Lena
MyCala Caroline Helms	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Winona
** Erin Tennille Henderson	Elementary Education	Cleveland
+** Carlee Grace Jones	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Mindy Maray Jones-Jamison	Elementary Education	Lena

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Jacob Daniel Kight	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Louisville
* Kaitlyn Price Laird	Elementary Education	Florence
Ripken Scott Mitchell	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Courtland
Mary Grace Patterson	Elementary Education	Sledge
Jada Dortasia Reed	Elementary Education	Coffeeville
Ashton Hope Turner	Elementary Education	Tchula
Hannah Marie Walls	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Crystal Springs

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Awwal Adeyemi Alli	Nursing	Nigeria
Erica Lindsey Anderson	Nursing	Brandon
Claire Elizabeth Armishaw	Nursing	Lexington, KY
Michael Stephen Brigham	Nursing	Cleveland
Kristy Michelle Burns	Nursing	Cleveland
∞*** Breana L. Cargill	Nursing	Senatobia
* Sara K. Clegg	Nursing	Madison
Jordan A. Cooper	Nursing	Olive Branch
Hannah McKay DeLoach	Nursing	Sardis
Sara LaKay Eckhoff	Nursing	Southaven
* Dakota Jane Edwards	Nursing	Batesville
Victoria Claire Fleming	Nursing	Senatobia
* Madison Grace Gordon	Nursing	Senatobia
* Madison Bailee Goss	Nursing	Cleveland
Allena Nicole Griffin	Nursing	Cleveland
Taylor Ryan Harrell	Nursing	Grenada
* Erin Harvey	Nursing	Vicksburg
* Alasiah D. Henderson	Nursing	Glen Allan
* Hannah Rose Higdon	Nursing	Water Valley
** Diamond Lashay Hill	Nursing	Horn Lake
* Madison Lane Kitchings	Nursing	Cleveland
Kate Elisabeth Male	Nursing	Madison
* Kelsey Elexis Martin	Nursing	Byhalia
LaPrecious McClure	Nursing	Rosedale
∞** Peyton Claire McClure	Nursing	Senatobia
∞* Madeline Brooke McCown	Nursing	Kosciusko
Anna Carol McMinn	Nursing	Vaiden
* Konner Grace Mitchell	Nursing	Hollandale
* Kyryam Shejady Molina	Nursing	Clarksdale

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MAJOR FIELD</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
**	Lindsay Meghan Pace	Nursing	Cleveland
	Katelynn Brooke Phillips	Nursing	Byram
*	Celeiah Denae Quin	Nursing	Starkville
	Avery Grace Raney	Nursing	Clinton
∞**	Sidney Elaine Rone	Nursing	Ethel
	Gabrielle Nicole Saralvarez	Nursing	Oxford
	Gary Lee Strickland, Jr.	Nursing	Indianola
*	Mary Grace Summers	Nursing	Yazoo City
*	Kelli Joyce Terrell	Nursing	Indianola
*	Michael David Tucker	Nursing	Greenville
	Aasiyah Deondra Wright	Nursing	Clarksdale

## 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 student's 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 AND 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 and Human Sciences banner was donated by the College of Education Administrative Council in honor of the faculty and staff of the College of Education and 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.

