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PROGRAM

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

Dr. Robin Webb
Instructor, College of Education, Arts and Humanities

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.....Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith
Marion Cork, 2026 Delta State Student Hall of Fame Inductee, Soloist
Mr. Ronnie Jackson, '25 Pianist

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

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

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

Marion Cork, 2026 Delta State Student Hall of Fame Inductee, Soloist
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RECESSIONAL.....Trumpet Voluntary
by Jeremiah Clarke

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

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
+	Jennifer Murphy Gibbs Examining the Relationship Between Earned Dual Credits and Course Withdrawals Among First-Time, Full-Time College Students Dissertation Chair: Dr. David Herndon Hooded by: Dr. David Herndon	Professional Studies	Raymond, MS
+	James Toby Graves Community College History Survey Courses and Historical Relevance Dissertation Chair: Dr. Barbara Boschert Hooded by: Dr. Barbara Boschert	Professional Studies	Magee, MS
	Anna Kathryn Suggs Horlock The Alternate Path: A Mixed-Methods Study Exploring the Identity, Lived Experiences, and Aspirations of Mississippi's Alternative School Students Dissertation Chair: Dr. Diana Ezell Hooded by: Dr. Diana Ezell	Professional Studies	Madison, MS
	Emilee Anne McClenton Understanding the Lived Experiences of Secondary Teachers (7-12) with Burnout in the Mississippi Delta: An Interpretative Phenomenological Study Dissertation Chair: Dr. Timothy Watkins, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Timothy Watkins	Professional Studies	Clarksdale, MS
+	Regan Hall Sellers An Exploration of Teacher Perspectives Regarding Cultural and Societal Factors That Affect Academic Achievement Dissertation Chair: Dr. David Herndon Hooded by: Dr. David Herndon	Professional Studies	Senatobia, MS
	Kelsey Stewart An Investigation into the Impact of Supplemental Instructional Methods on the Confidence Levels of Community College Mathematics Students Based on Student Perceptions Dissertation Chair: Dr. Daphne Smith Hooded by: Dr. Daphne Smith	Professional Studies	Lucedale, MS

Note: Latin honors based on GPA at beginning of Spring 2026 semester

* cum laude

** magna cum laude

*** summa cum laude

∞ Honors Fellows

+ Phi Kappa Phi

All cities in Mississippi
unless otherwise indicated

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Briyaunah Caston An Evidence-Based Approach to Reduce Maternal Mortality Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Brandy Smith Hooded by: Dr. Brandy Smith	Nursing Practice	Byram, MS
Jabria Richardson Promoting Diabetes, Self-Management Education and Support in the Primary Care Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Katherine W. Hughes Hooded by: Dr. Katherine W. Hughes	Nursing Practice	West Point, MS
Lakisha Stevenson The Effectiveness of the Gate Keepers QPR Suicide Training for School Administrators, Faculty, and Staff in Recognizing Signs of Suicide and How to Intervene in Students Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Nursing Practice	Macon, MS
Peyton Trotter Ageism: Examining Its Influence on Elderly Self-Perception and Self-Efficacy Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Brandy Smith Hooded by: Dr. Brandy Smith	Nursing Practice	Grenada, MS
Selena Trotter Walker The Influence of CAM-ICU Education on Delirium Identification in Adult ICU Patients Scholarly Project Chair: Dr. Brandy Smith Hooded by: Dr. Brandy Smith	Nursing Practice	Grenada, MS

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Makaelah Bradley Ashmore	Curriculum & Instruction	Holcomb
Rakeda Aloryan Biggers	Curriculum & Instruction	Memphis, TN
Darnell Fair Brown	Curriculum & Instruction	Louisville
Monique Cocroft	Curriculum & Instruction	Moorhead
Dominique Coleman	Curriculum & Instruction	Mound Bayou
Chyenne Star Dyess	Curriculum & Instruction	Sardis
Pashonda Edwards	Curriculum & Instruction	Tupelo
Alesha Robin Fair	Educational Administration & Supervision	Grenada
Fredarian DiAndre' Flowers	Educational Administration & Supervision	Shelby
Jermille Fluker	Educational Administration & Supervision	Biloxi
Eskkellikka Shunta Gibson	Curriculum & Instruction	Fort Worth, TX
Gerald Glass	Educational Administration & Supervision	Greenwood
Shayla L. Goss	Curriculum & Instruction	Picayune

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Daniel Henderson	Educational Administration & Supervision	Southaven
Whitney Leigh Knight Rorie	Educational Administration & Supervision	Southaven
Lucrece Lester	Educational Administration & Supervision	Southaven
Dyan Mac	Curriculum & Instruction	Jupiter, FL
Victor Lawrence Emmanuel McDowell Jr.	Educational Administration & Supervision	Batesville
+ Tammy Mccain-Davis	Curriculum & Instruction	McCool
Amber Yasmeen Melton	Curriculum & Instruction	Clarksdale
Latosha Mitchell	Educational Administration & Supervision	Grenada
Melanie Morris	Curriculum & Instruction	Dennis
Pamela Marie Robinson	Counseling/Higher Education	Natchez
Lakima Ross	Higher Education	Charleston
Alexandrea Brumfield Singh	Educational Administration & Supervision	Jackson
Olivia Stafford	Educational Administration & Supervision	Clinton
Mercedes Staten	Educational Administration & Supervision	Marks

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Hannah Elizabeth Alley	Liberal Studies	Cleveland
Jamila Brown Coleman	Liberal Studies	Meridian
Mary Burton	Liberal Studies	Indianola
Jacob West Gray	Liberal Studies	Olive Branch
Shlonda Jones	Liberal Studies	Lyon
Jamie Claire Smith	Liberal Studies	Cleveland
Brady Spring	Liberal Studies	Brookhaven
Jessica Szot	Liberal Studies	

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Corieyunna Beverly	Teaching	Greenwood
Markeevius Brown	Teaching	Mound Bayou
Kondwani Coleman	Teaching	Merigold
Taylon Doss	Teaching	Shannon
Erin Fitts	Teaching	Brandon
Natalia Holmes	Teaching	Greenville
Angel Johnson	Teaching	Rosedale
NyJuria Johnson	Teaching	Greenville
LeKendrick Payne	Teaching	Robinsonville
Tia Symone Williams	Teaching	Cleveland

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Rylee Ashton Artman	Educational Administration & Supervision	Grenada
Dustin Cockrell	Educational Administration & Supervision	Oxford
Michaela Michelle Davenport	Elementary Education	Greenwood
Nicholas I'kevuis Johnson	Elementary Education	Duck Hill
Alyssa Landrum	Elementary Education	Nesbit
Maria Mondragon	Elementary Education	Cleveland
Autumn Tribble	Elementary Education	Southaven

MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Abigail Brooke Killian	Studio Art	Tyler, TX
Patrick Adam King Jr.	Studio Art	Courtland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Demetrice Derika Betties	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville
Payton Wayne Farrish	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Little Rock, AR
Brennan Harrison Hayward	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Waveland
Mashema Miller	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville
Jalaeion Taylor	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Cleveland
Ar'lisha Walls	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Indianola
Tymeed Winslow-Martin	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville

MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Diamond Bell	Geospatial Information Technology	Southaven
Ebony Brown	Geospatial Information Technology	Falls Church, VA
Daniel Leon Johnson Jr.	Geospatial Information Technology	Calhoun, LA
Caleb Powell	Geospatial Information Technology	Purvis

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Marco Alessio	Business Administration	Italy
Faith Anuoluwapo Ariremako	Business Administration	Nigeria
Peyton Lee Badon	Business Administration	Summit
Mouhamad Abdoullah Modibo Bani	Business Administration	Burkina Faso
Miguel Angel Benavides	Business Administration	Greenville
Keara Collins	Business Administration	Tupelo

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Travesha Teneice Collins	Business Administration	Winstonville
Kevin Thomas Connelly	Business Administration	Highland, IL
Jimmy D. Cook III	Business Administration	Clarksdale
Fa'Darryl Terell Cooper	Business Administration	Belzoni
Kayla La'shundra Davis	Business Administration	Durant
Lisa Collier Fisher	Business Administration	Clarksdale
Shakida Gooden	Business Administration	Hernando
Patrick K. Harrell	Business Administration	Richmond, TX
Mary L. Hart	Business Administration	Canton
Regis Hicks	Business Administration	Rosedale
Lakeita Rena Hill	Business Administration	Charleston
Krislyn Hinsch	Business Administration	Olive Branch
Baleigh Elizabeth Hood	Business Administration	Cleveland
Khyla Brielle Howard	Business Administration	Vicksburg
Chad Reed Hudson	Business Administration	Gulfport
Memrie Ellis Hughes	Business Administration	Greenwood
Camille Trenica Jones	Business Administration	Southaven
Amira King	Business Administration	Hernando
Hayden Riley Kirkhart	Business Administration	Cleveland
Aaronique La'sha Malone	Business Administration	Cleveland
Wilman Ocoro	Business Administration	Houston, TX
Felicia Poindexter	Business Administration	Moss Point
Demarius Tolliver	Business Administration	Ridgeland
+ Aliayah Tubbs	Business Administration	Biloxi
Charles Williams	Business Administration	Brandon
Dynequa Williams	Business Administration	Southaven
Vanessa LaClaire Wilson	Business Administration	Greenville

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Agustin Arbo Sosa	Commercial Aviation	Las Vegas, NV
Logan Barham	Commercial Aviation	Cleveland
Laura E. Early	Commercial Aviation	Louisville, KY
*** Brent Johnston Lindley	Commercial Aviation	Cleveland
Steven Aaron McDonald	Commercial Aviation	Amory
Charles Brian McMinn	Commercial Aviation	Rogers, AR
Minh Thuy Pham	Commercial Aviation	Vietnam

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Katie Fly Morgan	Accountancy	Grenada

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN COUNSELING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Da'Nyria Allison	Counseling	Webb
Erica Blackbourn	Counseling	Oxford
Jasmyne Cain	Counseling	Leland
Michelle Marie Campbell	Counseling	Purvis
Abigail Cockerill	Counseling	Brandon
Katerina Krauss	Counseling	Tupelo
Nikki Lipe	Counseling	Grenada
Kimberly Kay Harmon Liston	Counseling	Pearl
Kanisha Vanyel Patterson	Counseling	Eupora
Candance Smith	Counseling	Memphis, TN
Abigail Taylor	Counseling	Brandon
Jacob Thomas	Counseling	Jackson
Alvi'Yona SheNekia West	Counseling	Edwards

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Christy Nichole Bates	Nursing	Brandon
Merrie Bailee Bellipanni	Nursing	Silver City
Frances Alliene Counts	Nursing	Purvis
Kathryn Cox	Nursing	Leland
Madeleine Grace Gaul	Nursing	Vicksburg
Hannah McKay DeLoach Griffin	Nursing	Batesville
JaQuariah Holliday	Nursing	Porterville
Shekelia Holliday	Nursing	De Kalb
Torri Jackson	Nursing	Wiggins
Roxanne Jones	Nursing	Montgomery, AL
Charity Kidd	Nursing	Pontotoc
Deisha Muirhead	Nursing	Pearl
Monickala Nicholson	Nursing	Newton
Anna Thompson	Nursing	Ashland
Kara Desiree' Tidwell	Nursing	Taylor

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT & HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Lydia Black	Sport and Human Performance	England
Rosalynn Breakfield	Sport and Human Performance	Wesson
Gabriel Adriano Alves Christensen	Sport and Human Performance	Denmark
Lillian Francis	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
Shequita Grady	Sport and Human Performance	McComb
Jordan Graves	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
Allyson Holmes	Sport and Human Performance	Flowood
+ Hannah James	Sport and Human Performance	United Kingdom
Parker Prosser Kauffmann	Sport and Human Performance	Social Circle, GA
Tommie Moore Jr.	Sport and Human Performance	Waller, TX
Kea'Undra Edna Robb	Sport and Human Performance	Rosedale
Icysis Sanders	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & AVIATION

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Connor Louis Ales	Business Administration	Cleveland
Baylee Grace Beightol	Aviation Management	Ocean Springs
Trenton J. Chess Jr.	Aviation Management	Clarksdale
Meljanique Jackson	Business Administration	Rosedale
** Joshua Allen Jones	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Willis, TX
* Victoria Vianey McMullan-Sandoval	Business Administration	Petal
Hung Quoc Nguyen	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Anaheim, CA
** Casey Nichole Ray	Aviation Management	Weir
*** Nathanael Glenn Roark	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Boyle
∞ Kalisia Sumner	Business Administration	Clarksdale
** Crystal Irene Veno	Geospatial Analysis & Intelligence	Houston, TX

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Daisy Daniela Aguilar	Health Care Administration	Horn Lake
Ashlyn Alldread	Accountancy	Hernando
William Reynolds Bell	General Business	Duncan
Ladatrian Daviune-Shephen Bolden	Marketing	Mound Bayou
Cathy Brown	General Business/Accountancy	Cleveland
** Elizabeth Dianne Carpenter	Accountancy	Yazoo City
** Anna Cera Curiel	Marketing	Spain
Jedestiny Ariel Clayborne	Marketing	Belzoni
Cade Alexander Cobb	Accountancy	White Hall, AR
*** Chelsea Elizabeth Coleman	General Business	Greenwood
∞*** Chloe Sarah Colquhoun	Accountancy	Scotland
Bryon Alexander Croom	Computer Information Systems	Wasilla, AK
Jayden Oniel Curtis	Computer Information Systems	Bahamas
∞*** Pia Delkeskamp	Management/Marketing	Germany
* Benjamin Jason Fly	Marketing	Batesville
Rose Fourtunia	General Business	Woodville
** Mateus Vezzoni Franco	Computer Information Systems	Brazil
Jaden Jerrell Gibson	Management	Calhoun
Keyondriah Lashaye Gowdy	General Business	Belzoni
Shelby Madison Graham	Computer Information Systems	Clarksdale

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Emma Claire Haley	Management/Marketing	Hernando
∞*	Aidan Troy Hayes	Management	Trinidad & Tobago
	Justin Hudson	General Business	Shelby
*	Phillip Hughes	General Business	Madison
*	Maya Desiree Jackson	General Business	Bossier City, LA
∞*	Jakori Davion Johnson	Computer Information Systems	Greenwood
**	Jeremiah Dale Johnson	General Business	Florence
	Lakirria Jones	Marketing	Greenwood
	Ainsley Claire Keever	Computer Information Systems	Anguilla
	Colin Gage Lashlee	Management	Byhalia
	Kyle Connor Lawson	Computer Information Systems	Flossmoor, IL
*	Uichan Lee	Computer Information Systems	South Korea
	Peyton Allen Lott	Accountancy	Clarksdale
	Katelyn Lusk	General Business	Shaw
*	Madison Nicole Martin	Management	Covington, LA
	Darby Carol Miles	Marketing	Madison
*	Kamien Deshawn Miller	Computer Information Systems	Rosedale
***	Valentino Millimaci	Computer Information Systems	Argentina
	Nickos Nolan	Accountancy	Friars Point
	Elliott Reaves Norquist	Marketing	Cleveland
	Tyler James Otts	General Business	Summit
*	Ashley Renee Patterson	General Business	Decatur
	Chace Aaron Perkins	General Business	Cottonwood, AZ
*	Presley Blaine Perry	Accountancy	Cleveland
*	Avery Katherine Ragsdale	Health Care Administration	Fort Gibson, OK
*	Cade Allen Renfroe	General Business	Troy, AL
	Martin Cade Robinette	Marketing	Natchez
*	Carlie Ann Rogers	General Business	Cleveland
	Mary Tate Rogers	Accountancy	Cleveland
**	Julia Ribeiro Santiago	Computer Information Systems	Brazil
	Taniyah Brenae Shegog	General Business	Batesville
	Jermelia Silas	General Business	Beulah
*	Brantley Reed Smith	Marketing	Columbus
*	Jalen Amir Stamps	Management	Oakland, TN
	Braden Craig Taylor	Management	Olive Branch
	Kaitlin Brooke Tomlinson	Marketing	Lambert
	Chasity Tyler	General Business	West Helena
	Ellie Summers Welsh	Finance	Cleveland
*	Ayden Lake Williams	General Business	Brandon
***	Clarence Quantell Williams	General Business	Moorhead
	Lonnie Wayne Williams III	General Business	Tunica

BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Gregory Michael Bacorn	Flight Operations	Cleveland
	Mason Alexander Baglio	Flight Operations	River Ridge, LA
	Eli Blair	Flight Operations	Riverview, FL
*	Aidan David Bogdan	Flight Operations	Picayune
***	Bella Carrie Boggan	Flight Operations	Yazoo City
*	Vincent Burke Bourgeois	Flight Operations	Saint Rose, LA
	Charles Matthew Chism	Flight Operations	Franklin, TN
***	John Maddox Davis	Flight Operations	Fairhope, AL
*	Joshua Benjamin Alexander Dean	Flight Operations	Bahamas
*	Jace Robert Fye	Flight Operations	Starkville
	Spencer Gaines	Flight Operations	Tupelo
***	John Mark Parmosa Gutierrez	Flight Operations	Wiggins
	Kevin Nicholas Ho	Aviation Management	Cleveland
*	Cielee Grace Hollon	Flight Operations	Pensacola, FL
	Tyius Devon Jackson	Flight Operations	Canton
	Brent Johnston Lindley	Flight Operations	Cleveland
*	Henry Reed Miller	Flight Operations	Yazoo City
	Blaise Christian Moon	Flight Operations	Clarkston, MI
*	Vivian Marie Morgan	Flight Operations	Harrisburg, AR
	Jared Michael Noonan	Aviation Management	Charlotte, NC
	Ave Mari Owens	Aviation Management	Shingle Springs, CA
**	Aaron Tyler Rogers	Flight Operations	Myrtle
**	Bryson Rogers	Flight Operations	Brandon
***	Naoya Sakai	Flight Operations	Japan
***	Bradley Bishop Savage Jr.	Flight Operations	Walnut
*	Giulia Loredana Scardigno	Flight Operations	Hernando
*	Ahmir Taylor	Aviation Management	Starkville
*	Robert Raines Walker Jr.	Flight Operations	Madison
**	Myles Thomas Walters	Flight Operations	Laurel
	Ryan Whaley	Aviation Management	La Salle, MI

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jeffrey Crawford Adams II	Entertainment Industry Studies	Cleveland
	Khari Termaine Brown	Entertainment Industry Studies	Horn Lake
	Cidney Denise Dailey	Entertainment Industry Studies	Olive Branch
	Ryan Colby Doss	Entertainment Industry Studies	Olive Branch
	David Jameson Hurst	Entertainment Industry Studies	Baldwyn
*	Josie Rose Spivey	Entertainment Industry Studies	Southaven

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ARTS, & HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Ladatrian Daviune-Shephen Bolden	Psychology	Mound Bayou
	Shantia Lashelle Burden	Psychology	Clarksdale
	Payton Denton	Music	Southaven
	Carol Fairs	Psychology	Cleveland
*	Maria Celeste Garcia	Psychology	Boyle
	Evelyn Greer	Psychology	Holly Springs
	Darnecia Denae Hubbard	Psychology	Clarksdale
	Ikevia Lamy Johnson	Psychology	Leland
***	Adilyn Reece Jones	Psychology	Greenville
	Jamyia Renee Jones	Psychology	Shelby
	Isaiah Kelsey	Psychology	Middletown, DE
	Samuel Perry-Austin Kilburn	History	Braselton, GA
*	Uichan Lee	Music	South Korea
	Chloe A. Martin	Psychology	Hernando
	Emily Perry	History	Nesbit
*	Kenisha Shantra Petty	Psychology	Courtland
	Ikkia Seard	Psychology	Rosedale
	Peter Landon Walker	History	Ruleville
**	Ava Grace Webster	Psychology	England
	Michael Shane Williams	History	Helena, AR

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Hannah M. Carpenter	Art	Louisville
*	Gracie Lynn Corcoran	Digital Media Arts	Crystal Springs
	Sarah Ann Elliott	Art	Columbus
	Nautica Keshun Nelson	Art	Greenville
	Nora Smith	Art	Canton

BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Keveon Terrell Beavers	Music	Horn Lake

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	La'Keshia Shunta Anderson	Family & Child Studies	Greenville
	Shinge Drummer	Family & Child Studies	Rosedale

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Katrina Yvette Edwards	Family & Child Studies	Hollandale
Mariah Monique Hill	Family & Child Studies	Ruleville
Rickeita Marsalis	Family & Child Studies	Greenville
Groslin Ornae Thomas	Family & Child Studies	Shaw

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
TaKyla Katrielle Allen	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Forrest City, AR
* Jasmine Bodies	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Clarksdale
Jamaal Bryant	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Cleveland
Jetaurus Earl Gray	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenville
Jamie Nicole Jones	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Clarksdale
* Rylee Nicole Leonard	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Abita Springs, LA
* Sherkeria Monquie Phillips	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Greenwood
Mikiah Monae Proby	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Natchez
* Kira Venea Sease	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Gulfport
*** Ava Jasmine Steven	Criminal Justice & Criminology	France
* Angel Tyler	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Hollandale

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Jennifer Lashaun Allen	Elementary Education	Glen Allen
River Logan Allen	Social Studies Education	Wayside
Christina Marie Bobst	Elementary Education	Terry
Jamayah D. Brice	Elementary Education	Mound Bayou
* Gracie Mackenzie Burrell	Elementary Education	Sallis
Aubrey Carr	Elementary Education	Lexington
Mia Dawn Felder	Elementary Education	Clinton
Kristen Faye Gateley	Elementary Education	Olive Branch
* Bailee Ayden Goodson	Elementary Education	Brookhaven
*** Emma Kathryne Greene	English Education	Jackson, MO
** Charlee Rose Hamlin	Elementary Education	Clinton
Jessica Harrison	Elementary Education	Morton
Quienteysha Ariel Hogan	Elementary Education	Aberdeen
*** Kaylee Sue Miller	Elementary Education	Clinton
Leigha Yichell Razor	Elementary Education	Brandon
** Katelyn Breann Roden	Elementary Education	Brandon
* Sabrina Smith	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
* Sadie Grace Strickland	Elementary Education	Raymond
Ashlyn Michele Upchurch	Secondary Education	Minter City
Maitlynn Paige White	Elementary Education	Brandon

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Breonica Aguebor	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jackson
* Qualon Farrar	Interdisciplinary Studies	Forney, TX
Dh'Nara Gill	Interdisciplinary Studies	Tunica
Jalynn Niyon Morgan	Interdisciplinary Studies	Water Valley
Mason Allen Shropshire	Interdisciplinary Studies	Collierville, TN
Shaquita Shanette White	Interdisciplinary Studies	Shaw

BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Brittany Lamb Kirkpatrick	University Studies	Marsing, ID
Lameka Charisse Murray	University Studies	Greenville
Latasha Leanne Schrader	University Studies	Indianola

COLLEGE OF NURSING, HEALTH, & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Rachael Caroline Arrington	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Chattanooga
Dakota Graham Barr	Biology	Meridian
Avery Anna Barrett	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Hernando
∞** Janne Bodemer	Mathematics	Germany
Hannah Alysa Brown	Biology	Cleveland
* Marion Elizabeth Buchanan	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Sidon
William Cullen Carter IV	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Birmingham, AL
*** Ellie Abigail Cox	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Crocketts Bluff, AR
*** Olivia Louisa Eaton	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	England
Shane Austin Estes	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Piedmont, AL
Emily Lauren Evans	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Baton Rouge, LA
+*** Lynlee Ann Ewing	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Oxford
Anthony Cole Ferrell	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Indianola
Jessica Holly Gannon	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Ireland
*** Alana Claire Garrett	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Carrollton
Sakeriah Hampton	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Ruleville
*** Kaley Brooke Harden	Biology	Carrollton
Lakendal Harris	Environmental Science	Greenville
** Ryan Herbison	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Cleveland
Sebastian Alejandro Hernandez	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Cornelius, NC
** Jacob Stuart Hill	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Byhalia

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
∞***	John Clay Hong	Biology	Indianola
	Carl Lee Hopkins Jr.	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Montgomery, AL
	Kolby Rashard Horace	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Robertsdale, AL
	Sarah Presley Howard	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Greenwood
∞***	Gabbrielle Jackson	Biology	Greenwood
***	Hannah Rene Jones	Biology / Environmental Science	Prattville, AL
***	Maeve Emma Lavoy	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Canada
*	Erick Manriquez	Chemistry	Hamburg, AR
	Chloe A. Martin	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Hernando
	Yasmina Elmasa Mayer	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Germany
	Rashad McCray	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Clarksdale
∞***	Molly Margaret Mellen	Biology / Environmental Science	Cleveland
	Elizabeth Grace Merrell	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Satartia
∞**	Braden Paul Moore	Biology	Spring, TX
***	Angela Moreno Gamero	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Spain
	Ja'Leah Nicole Morris	Biology	Greenville
	Sanaaya Jabriunna Powell	Biology	Greenville
*	Jacob Robert Runyon	Mathematics	Hilton, NY
*	Wesam Haroun Salameh	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Indianola
*	Cristina Ramona Seals	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Winona
	Kennedee Rayven Shelton	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Keithville, LA
*	Kirsten Smith	Biology	Walls
	Corbin Blaine Standridge	Environmental Science	Covington, TN
+***	Abbigale Larson Tatum	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Cleveland
**	Ryan Samuel Thistle	Health Phys Ed & Recreation	Tupelo
**	Deriaun Rydale Townsend	Health Phys Ed & Recreation	Winona
	Jacquez Tyrese Tucker	Health Phys Ed & Recreation	Calhoun City
	Raegan Emmani Tucker	Biology	Madison
	Zion Williams	Health Phys Ed & Recreation	Jackson
	Mackenzie Winters	Biology	Ocean Springs

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Molly-Anna Elizabeth Brewer	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Grenada
	Drew Mitchell Capobianco	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Guntown
	TreShun Armon Prince Johnson	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Cleveland
**	Nia O'Neal	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Clarksdale
	Caleb Jordan West	Health, Physical Education & Recreation	Marks

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Breonica Aguebor	Nursing	Jackson
Bridget Grace Baioni	Nursing	Shaw
Jade Barlow	Nursing	Moss Point
Laila Barney	Nursing	Walls
Mon'timmia Corderria Shamia Brooks	Nursing	Charleston
Katelyn Alyse Cupples	Nursing	Southaven
Whitney Hood	Nursing	Cleveland
*** Jordan Jones	Nursing	Senatobia
April A Matthews	Nursing	Ashland
Jessica Hill Osborn	Nursing	Batesville
Quenzella Thomas	Nursing	Grenada
Kyle Van Marcke	Nursing	Carriere

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Henrietta Beal	Social Work	Cleveland
Haley Jordan Bishop	Social Work	Ruleville
Maya Monique Brooks	Social Work	Greenville
∞*** Kaitlyn Skye Cagle	Social Work	Fulton
*** Jillian Kay Downs	Social Work	Grenada
* Justise Manning Hawkins	Social Work	New Albany
* Zykira Hooper	Social Work	Webb
Stacie Hoskins	Social Work	Greenville
Lartaevion Leshawn Lewis	Social Work	Lexington
*** Teretha Lewis	Social Work	Cleveland
Tiyanna Nailer	Social Work	Shaw
*** Bailee Alexa Pittman	Social Work	Batesville
Samantha Roberson	Social Work	Holcomb
Beyonce Russell	Social Work	Indianola
Taylor Ann Ryals	Social Work	Brandon
Tanielle Nesha Woods	Social Work	Mound Bayou

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.*

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

The banners displayed on the stage represent the colors and symbols associated with the academic disciplines in the academic colleges.

College of Business and Aviation
College of Education, Arts, and Humanities
College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences

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