
Delta State University

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Commencement



BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER NINTH

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY TWO

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/ Arr. Williams
Ms. Kaitlin Murphy, Soprano
Dr. Kumiko Shimizu, Piano

WELCOME.....Dr. E. E. Caston, Interim President

INTRODUCTIONS.....Dr. Andrew J. Novobilski, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs

ADDRESS..... Dr. Tomeka Harbin, S.E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES.....Dr. E. E. Caston
Dr. Andrew J. Novobilski

ASSISTED BY.....Dr. Beverly M. Moon, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies
and Professor of English, Emeritus
Dr. Ellen S. Green, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Billy C. Moore, Dean, College of Business and Aviation
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Dr. Vicki L. Bingham, Dean, Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
Dr. James A. Gerald, Interim Dean, Graduate and Honors Studies
Mr. Jeff M. Slagell, Dean, Library Services

DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

10:00 AM

Doctor of Education
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Educational Specialist
Master
Baccalaureate - School of Nursing

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

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. TOMEKA HARBIN



Dr. Tomeka Harbin, a native of Grenada, MS has taught in the Management, Marketing, and Business Administration Division since 2011. She began her career at Delta State University as an Instructor of Management, then as an Assistant Professor of Management from 2013 to 2019. After serving in the interim role for 11 months, Dr. Harbin was named chair in 2018 and received the rank of Associate Professor of Management in 2019. She earned a PhD in Human Capital Development from the University of Southern Mississippi; a Master's degree in Community Development from Delta State University; and a Bachelors of Social Work degree from the University of Mississippi.

In 2022, Dr. Harbin received the S.E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, the Mississippi Phi Beta Lambda Outstanding Adviser of the Year Award, and the Delta State University Emerald Award of Excellence Top Administrator Award. She is a member of several professional associations and societies including the Society for Human Resource Management, Delta Human Resource Management Association, Delta Mu Delta, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Harbin understands the value and significance of investing in people. She considers her role as a faculty member an opportunity to help develop students so that they are successful in both their careers and lives.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Jonathan Blake Bostick A Qualitative Exploration of Nontraditional Students' Experiences in Hybrid Courses at a Mississippi Community College Dissertation Chair: Dr. Merideth Van Namen Hooded by: Dr. Merideth Van Namen	Professional Studies	Nesbit

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Katrina Lasha Bays Utilization of a Risk Predictor Tool to Decrease 30-Day Readmission Rates in Heart Failure Patients DNP Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Nursing Practice	Winona

Chandra Anita Boston Educating Primary Care Providers About Signs and Symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Use of the GAD-7 DNP Project Chair: Dr. Nora Gough-Davis, DNP, MBA, MSNS, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Nora Gough-Davis	Nursing Practice	Pearl
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Patricia Burton-Barber Expedited Partner Therapy Works: Why are Providers Reluctant to Implement into Practice and What are the Barriers DNP Project Chair: Dr. Chequitia McGregory Dixon, PhD, RN Hooded by: Dr. Chequitia McGregory Dixon	Nursing Practice	Greenville
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Koscher Denee Jackson Suicide Awareness and Prevention: Educating Parents of Children and Adolescents on the Signs and Symptoms of Depression to Decrease the Incidence of Suicide DNP Project Chair: Dr. Brandy Smith, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Brandy Smith	Nursing Practice	Terry
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Note: Latin honors based on GPA at beginning of the Fall 2022 semester

* Cum laude

** Magna cum laude

*** Summa cum laude

∞ Honors Fellows

+ Phi Kappa Phi

◊ Degree awarded Summer 2022

All cities in Mississippi
unless otherwise indicated

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Carolyn Johnson Educating African Americans within a Faith-Based Community on Signs and Symptoms of Depression to Increase Mental Health Awareness DNP Project Chair: Dr. Chequitia McGregory Dixon, PhD, RN Hooded by: Dr. Chequita McGregory Dixon	Nursing Practice	Indianola
Lavern Banks Johnson The Impact of an Evidence-Based PrEP Education Program to Increase Awareness and Usage in African American Women DNP Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Nursing Practice	Olive Branch
Tawanda LaSha Johnson Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Six-Week Education Program on Reducing Pre-Diabetes in a Faith-Based Organization DNP Project Chair: Dr. Annie Hankins, DNP, CNEcl, RN Hooded by: Dr. Annie Hankins	Nursing Practice	Ruleville
Joante' Arbarrette Kirk-Henry The Impact of a Cultural Competency and Sensitivity Training for Emergency Medical Providers to Increase Culturally Competent Care for African Americans: An Evidenced-Based Project DNP Project Chair: Dr. Addie Herrod, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Addie Herrod	Nursing Practice	Greenville
Regina Lee Impact of Diabetes Self-Management Program in a Community Setting DNP Project Chair: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart	Nursing Practice	Hattiesburg
Asya Love Impact of Educational Sessions in Decreasing Nurse Burnout DNP Project Chair: Dr. Annie Hankins, DNP, CNEcl, RN Hooded by: Dr. Annie Hankins	Nursing Practice	Birmingham, AL
Brandee Madelyn McDonald The Impact of Workforce Violence Training for Healthcare Providers in the Emergency Department to Reduce Workplace Violence DNP Project Chair: Dr. Kyla Holcomb, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Kyla Holcomb	Nursing Practice	Fayetteville, GA
Ifeoma Okeke Educating Primary Care Providers on the Current American Diabetes Guideline DNP Project Chair: Dr. Nora Gough-Davis, DNP, MBA, MSNS, APRN, FNP-BC Hooded by: Dr. Nora Gough-Davis	Nursing Practice	Rockwall, TX

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
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Rose Philius	Nursing Practice	Boynton Beach, FL
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Improving Depression Screenings and Referrals in Perinatal and Post-partum Women

DNP Project Chair: Dr. Katherine Hughes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

Hooded by: Dr. Katherine Hughes

Ashley Nichole Tollfree	Nursing Practice	Greenville
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Effectiveness of an Educational Intervention on Antihypertensive Medication Adherence in African American Men: An Evidence-Based Project

DNP Project Chair: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Hooded by: Dr. Angela Jones-Stewart

Lauren Waters	Nursing Practice	Baldwyn
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Identifying Risk for Type II Diabetes Using the American Diabetes Association Risk Assessment Tool

DNP Project Chair: Dr. Kyla Holcomb, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Hooded by: Dr. Kyla Holcomb

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
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Jacquelyn Allen	Educational Administration and Supervision	Shelby
◇ Jennifer Jill Caples	Educational Administration and Supervision	Houston
Jennifer Lynn Chapman	Elementary Education	Columbus
◇ Julie Brooke Clark	Educational Administration and Supervision	Booneville
◇ Samantha Clark	Curriculum and Instruction	Shelby
Kerri Deanetra Coleman	Counseling	Cleveland
Ashley Nicole Craig	Curriculum and Instruction	Friars Point
Brittany Kendall Daniels	Counseling	Brandon
Olivia Louise Davis	Educational Administration and Supervision	Booneville
Ashley Parvin Dixon	Educational Administration and Supervision	Senatobia
John Ferrell, Jr.	Educational Administration and Supervision	New Albany
Jessica Robin Flynt	Counseling	Laurel
Chaketha Gilliam	Curriculum and Instruction	Cleveland
◇ Shannon Hardy	Curriculum and Instruction	Cleveland
◇ Erin Hendricks	Educational Administration and Supervision	Hernando
Kim Hodges	Curriculum and Instruction	Greenville
Latousha Johnson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Inverness
Glenda Ketchum	Educational Administration and Supervision	Glen Allan
VanDetrick Lockhart	Educational Administration and Supervision	Inverness
Emilee Anne McClenton	Curriculum and Instruction	Cleveland
◇ Jonesa Olivia Montgomery	Curriculum and Instruction	West Point
◇ Monica Moss	Curriculum and Instruction	Tishomingo
Adriana Murray	Curriculum and Instruction	Clarksdale
Jennifer Tillman Nichols	Elementary Education	Pearl
◇ Antreshia Russell	Curriculum and Instruction	Shelby

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Pheron Russell	Educational Administration and Supervision	Byram
◇ April Monique Smith	Educational Administration and Supervision	Greenwood
Anna Kathryn Suggs Horlock	Educational Administration and Supervision	Madison
◇ Eddie Kamarceo Taylor III	Curriculum and Instruction	Jonestown
David Devonn Tipton III	Educational Administration and Supervision	Grenada
◇ Kimberly Michelle Trotter	Educational Administration and Supervision	Tupelo
◇ Cassandra Varnell	Higher Education	Richland
Carl Woodson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Picayune
◇ Wendi Work	Curriculum and Instruction	Dickson, TN

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Courtney Hatcher	Teaching	Eupora
Shunell Jordan	Teaching	Benoit
Jureesa McBride	Teaching	Vicksburg
Camilla Dionne Potts	Teaching	Indianola
◇ Ashley Renee Redmond	Teaching	Hollandale
Kayla Reynolds	Teaching	Sumner
Marion Tripplett	Teaching	Southaven

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Tara A. Adams	Counseling	Kosciusko
Hayley Michelle Alford	Elementary Education	Wesson
Lauren Boulanger	Elementary Education	Cleveland
◇ Shelby Wynne Clark	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Tupelo
Anaya Brianna Cockrell	Special Education	Cleveland
◇ Dakota Joseph Conway	Counseling	Richland
Kelly Cotton	Secondary Education	Oxford
Lisa Davis	Elementary Education	Drew
Laura Enlow	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Tupelo
Lindsey Belle Griffin	Elementary Education	Grenada
◇ Amanda Joy Hartley	Elementary Education	Nesbit
Madison Amber Hays	Special Education	Ruleville
Qua'-Shaun Ja'-Liek Yusef Henning	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Baton Rouge, LA
◇ Jaymee Mara Jarrett	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Hernando
◇ Bekah Rhea King	Elementary Education	Pearl
Richard Adrian McKinney	Counseling	Marion, NC

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Raven Moss	Counseling	Grenada
◇ Tina Michelle Ocain	Elementary Education	Morton
Jillian Reed	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Salem, IN
Hannah Rosenhamer	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Jackson
Emily Wiltshire Schallock	Educational Admin. and Supervision	Belmont
Hannah Lynn Stanley	Elementary Education	Pearl
Valencia Latrice Thomas	Counseling	Leland
Vernice Trotter	Special Education	Grenada
Ali Grace Wright	Elementary Education	Greenwood
Bethany Michelle Young	Special Education	Ripley

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Gavin Blackshear	Sport and Human Performance	Lawrenceville, GA
Brooks Buffington	Sport and Human Performance	Jackson
Deion Tremaine Dampier	Sport and Human Performance	Pinola
JaMarcus Ellison	Sport and Human Performance	Fairfield, AL
LaDarrien DaSean Evans	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
Bailey Marie Gibson	Sport and Human Performance	Meridian
Ilse Carlijn Holtkamp	Sport and Human Performance	Netherlands
Mitchell Hulse	Sport and Human Performance	Littleton, CO
Chad Neco Jones	Sport and Human Performance	Jackson
◇ Deneshia Rena Lindsey	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
Joseph Stone III	Sport and Human Performance	Holly Springs
Dante Lee Williams	Sport and Human Performance	Bossier City, LA
Timothy Terrell Williams, Jr.	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville

MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
John Douglas Lett	Geospatial Information Technologies	Brooklyn

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Essence Duvall	Liberal Studies	Cleveland
Elizabeth J. Howell	Liberal Studies	Kosciusko
Ashley Nicole Jenkins	Liberal Studies	Southaven
David Ray Jones	Liberal Studies	Jackson
Lea Merrill Pugh	Liberal Studies	Leland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Chase Carr	Natural Sciences	Leland
Jonethia Coleman	Natural Sciences	Leland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Derrick Eanochs	Social Justice and Criminology	Fayette
A'Veyunna P. Ranson	Social Justice and Criminology	Clarksdale
Dyneesha Dashae' Richardson	Social Justice and Criminology	Bentonla

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇ Stephanie Alexander	Business Administration	Hernando
◇ Khaila Barney	Business Administration	Irving, TX
Ryan Jacob Beachler	Business Administration	Oklahoma City, OK
Grace Breazeale	Business Administration	Chapin
Justin Bright	Business Administration	Greenwood
◇ Charlotte Gregory Brothers	Business Administration	Lenoir City, TN
◇ Tyrell Brown	Business Administration	Atlanta, GA
Rayverlin Butler	Business Administration	Shelby
Joseph Farr	Business Administration	Brookhaven
◇ Areona Franklin	Business Administration	Leland
Mathis Hardy	Business Administration	France
Jessica Elaine Harrison	Business Administration	Cleveland
◇ Gary Franklin Hays, Jr.	Business Administration	Cleveland
◇ Tekesha Rochell Henry Taylor	Business Administration	Shaw
Neshun Vatrice Holmes	Business Administration	McComb
◇ Pamela Brooke Hosey	Business Administration	Richland
◇ Darren Tyler Hudson	Business Administration	Clinton
◇ Richard William Hunt II	Business Administration	Vicksburg
Lauren Inmon	Business Administration	Amory
◇ Brian B. Jones, Jr.	Business Administration	Hoschton, GA
◇ Casey Garrard Kelly	Business Administration	Leland
Tammie Mack	Business Administration	Jackson
Lucia Martelli	Business Administration	Italy
Julia Rose Martinez	Business Administration	Troy, TX
◇ Heather Rena Meza	Business Administration	Germantown, TN
◇ Cassiana Marshai Miller	Business Administration	Weir
◇ Ariel Ameshia Montgomery	Business Administration	Tutwiler

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Stephanie Marie Parkinson	Business Administration	Jackson
Paige Nykeisha Powell	Business Administration	Cleveland
◇ Kymbranecia Toranique Richard	Business Administration	Indianola
Antonio Rojano	Business Administration	Colombia
Arianna Lakera Toney	Business Administration	Columbia
Barbara Lynn Washington	Business Administration	Cleveland
Alexis Sade' Webb	Business Administration	Sardis
◇ Brittani Anne Wilkinson	Business Administration	Starkville
◇ Quantara Melvinia Williams	Business Administration	Memphis, TN
Carissa Woods	Business Administration	Walls
◇ Benjamin David Yarbrough	Business Administration	Cleveland

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Antonio Altamirano	Commercial Aviation	Tamarac, FL
Henry Carl Barefield	Commercial Aviation	Chicago, IL
Ryan Jacob Beachler	Commercial Aviation	Oklahoma City, OK
Bradley D. Blank	Commercial Aviation	Forest, VA
David Wayne Floyd	Commercial Aviation	McCarley
◇ Shaun Joseph Kelly	Commercial Aviation	Brownsville, TX
Todd Lok	Commercial Aviation	Roswell, GA
Dana Mattson	Commercial Aviation	Las Vegas, NV
◇ Chad Stewart	Commercial Aviation	Twin Falls, ID

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Nicholas T. Rawson	Accountancy	Brandon
Jonathan Andrew Tatum	Accountancy	Grenada
Ebony Turner	Accountancy	Cleveland
Taylor Everett Williams	Accountancy	Cleveland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Johneshia LaVette Profit	Nursing	Hollandale

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Bryan Lee Prosis-McKee	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Saint Louis, MO
Rylie Catherine Ruhl	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Monroe, LA
* Ian Robert Tonglet	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Picayune
Jennifer WhittyCornett	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Fort Belvoir, VA

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
∞* Hannah E. Alley	English	Cleveland
* Phillip Jackson Sherman	History	Holcomb
Russell Drew Smither	History	Cleveland

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Delaney Sinclair McKinnon	Art	Kosciusko

BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
** Sabrina Nicole Brasher	Music	Southaven
Zathomasious Delrico-Raheem Jones	Music	Horn Lake

BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
** Sabrina Nicole Brasher	Music Education	Southaven
** Kaitlin Elizabeth Murphy	Music Education	Pearl
Brenden Riedlinger	Music Education	Southaven

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Samamie Bracey	Biology	Drew
Bray S. Britton	Biology	Rolling Fork
**◇ Harmony L. Coward	Entertainment Industry Studies	North Haven, CT
Christopher Blake Crocker, Jr.	Biology	Boyle
Olivia Lynn DeAngelo	Biology	Greenville

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jay Walter Duke, Jr.	Biology / Environmental Science	Glen Allan
	Kori Faith Galloway	Entertainment Industry Studies	Pontotoc
	Taylor Anne Glass	Biology / Environmental Science	Rayville, LA
	Tyra Gross	Biology	Charleston
**	Mary M. Hunter	Biology	Madison
+***	Hannah James	Biology	England
∞*	Karsyn Riley Logan	Biology	Hernando
∞*	Dakota McCollum	Entertainment Industry Studies	Cleveland
∞+**	Morgan Rylee McGee	Biology	Madison
	Marty Shawn Monk	Entertainment Industry Studies	Forest
	Christen Z. Morris	Entertainment Industry Studies	Cleveland
**	Dylan W. Morrow	Entertainment Industry Studies	Hernando
	Hannah Lynn Nichols	Biology / Environmental Science	Pearl
	Alexander Dean Pickering	Entertainment Industry Studies	Pontotoc
	Eldi Seiti	Biology	Italy
**	Maci Claire Sullivan	Biology	Merigold
	Tatanisha Delillian Wilson	Biology	Cleveland

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Jacqueline Celeste Turner	Mathematics Education	Tupelo

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Allison Alexander	Interdisciplinary Studies	Enid
	Ashia Joylisa Brown	Interdisciplinary Studies	West Helena, AR
*	Shermeka Bush-Anderson	Interdisciplinary Studies	Indianola
	Rosa Isela Castro	Interdisciplinary Studies	Brandon
*	Allison Marie Conley	Interdisciplinary Studies	Gore Springs
	Yornita Hemphill I	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenwood
	Tracy Arnett Lee-Ward	Interdisciplinary Studies	Cleveland
	Destry Weatherspoon	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jackson
	DaKalya Wilson	Interdisciplinary Studies	Arcola

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Alex Rayshun Cox, Jr.	Social Justice and Criminology	Cleveland
***	Tibreshia Jones	Social Justice and Criminology	Isola
*	Dohnte Ayndru Meyers	Social Justice and Criminology	Duluth, GA
*	Phillip Jackson Sherman	Social Justice and Criminology	Holcomb

BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
◇	Lonnie Mae Allen	University Studies	Senatobia
	Darion Jilimmie Conner	University Studies	Clarksdale
	Joshua Donald Dungan	University Studies	Batesville
	Clardeius Deqwanzea Dunigan, Sr.	University Studies	Cleveland
◇	Estella Frank	University Studies	Cleveland
	Mary Alice Franklin	University Studies	Shaw
◇	Dexter Lamar Smith	University Studies	Saltillo
	Tanya Sherrell Smith	University Studies	Ruleville
◇	Jasmine Watts	University Studies	Drew
◇	Jeanna Watts	University Studies	Big Spring, TX
	Kendra Johnson Whitehead	University Studies	Cleveland

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND AVIATION
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
* Sara C. Carter	Aviation Management	Houston

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Tiffany Baucum	General Business	Picayune
Jakyla Keauna Bohanna	Healthcare Administration	Holly Springs
* Javia M. Brown	Accountancy	Greenville
*◇ Miranda Diane Burns	Management	Pearl
Connor Evan Bynum	Marketing	Soso
William Brent Campbell	Marketing	Meadville
◇ Lacey Anne Coats	Marketing	Hernando
Laketha Keioysta Covington	Accountancy	Cleveland
◇ Michael Maurice Davenport, Jr.	General Business	Greenwood
Mhkenzy Davis	General Business	Indianola
◇ Katherine Victoria DuBard	Marketing	Carrollton
Madeline Jade Foster	General Business	Boyle
Tierra Lakish Fountain	General Business	Drew
◇ Anthony D'Sean Jackson	Computer Information Systems	Shaw
Lakirria An'Bresha Vonye' Jones	General Business	Greenwood
Shukira M. King	Healthcare Administration	Senatobia
Dylan Koressel	Management / Marketing	Biloxi
** Andrej Markesic	Computer Information Systems	Montenegro
* Spencer Cannon Medders	Finance	Hernando
Amanda Jade' Miller	General Business	Kilmichael
* Elizabeth Allen Moor	General Business	Indianola
* Peyton B. Perry	Marketing	Rolling Fork
Cynthia Renee Powell	Healthcare Administration	Cleveland
Sarah Kate Powers	Marketing	Greenville
Brianna Tinerra Roach	General Business	Shaw
Kassandra Ruby Rubio	Management	Leland
Leah Payton Scott	Computer Information Systems / Management	Batesville
* Halie Simpson	General Business	Greenville
Richard Brandon Springer	General Business	Cleveland
Tamos Lewis-Benta Stevenson	Management	Goodman
Erica Stigler	Management / Marketing	Senatobia
Jalaeion Sinclair Taylor	General Business	Cleveland
Ciara Tyrese Thompson	Healthcare Administration	Benton
Jacob Taylor White	Marketing	Marks

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Preston Wade Wicker	Marketing	Hollandale
Christopher Wiggins	Computer Information Systems	Cleveland
Brandon Clayton Williams	General Business	Monroe, LA

BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
* John Selby Adams	Flight Operations	Benton
Jordan Alexander Baranowski	Flight Operations	Hampstead, NC
** Colin Allen Bonds	Aviation Management	Iuka
** Owen Palmer Boutwell	Flight Operations	Fulton
* Hamhari Brown	Flight Operations	Cleveland
** Jonathan O'Neal Brownlee	Flight Operations	Horn Lake
Riley Joseph Collins	Flight Operations	Ridgeland
William Braxton Dykes	Flight Operations	Laurel
**◇ Sean Michael Gage	Flight Operations	Como
Noah Luke Harmon	Aviation Management	Water Valley
Benjamin Brayden Hicks	Flight Operations	Collierville, TN
* Luke Matthew Moore	Flight Operations	Collierville, TN
** Joshua Diamond Patterson	Flight Operations	Gulfport
James Wilson Summerlin II	Aviation Management	Holly Springs
*** Andrew Dean Tilley	Flight Operations	Newburgh, ME
Ronald William White	Flight Operations	Southaven

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Takyra Kaye Bolden	Psychology	Cleveland
◇	Brianna Blair Garner	Psychology	Boyle
	L'Kaylah Johnson	Psychology	Greenwood
*	Amarea Jaqun Newson	Psychology	Shaw
**	Abigail Hope Richeson	Psychology	New Orleans, LA
***	Mackenzie Lane Thompson	Psychology	Pelahatchie
	Emmanuel Williams	Psychology	Brookhaven

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Baylee Claire Billhofer	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
◇	Federico Bracco	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Italy
	Jennifer Ann Brown	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
	Charity Marylynn Chukwuma	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenville
	Travesha Teneice Collins	Family and Consumer Sciences	Shelby
	Tiera Cook	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenville
	Jonathan Ryan Crowley	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	West Point
	Michaela Michelle Davenport	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenwood
◇	Mary Caroline Dee	Family and Consumer Sciences	Madison
*	Emanuel Fava	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Italy
*	Nathan Alexander Garick	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Laurel
	Gregory Deno Green, Jr.	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
◇	Vosheena Shanice Heags	Family and Consumer Sciences	Clarksdale
	Davontre Dashun Henderson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Coolidge, TX
*	Erin Lisabeth Holmes	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Byhalia
*	Carra Marie Hymel	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Houma, LA
	McKarlee Dean Ingram	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
	Dyrandia Nicole Jimmie	Family and Consumer Sciences	Choctaw
	Odinn Johannsson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Iceland
	Nina Jones	Family and Consumer Sciences	Winter Garden, FL
	Shanell Kitchens	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Jackson
*	Madison Elizabeth Lafontaine	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Pass Christian
*	Mackenzie Claire Lott	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenwood
	Jada Brenesha Madden	Family and Consumer Sciences	Drew
	Rickeita Janiece Marsalis	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenville
	Brysa Diane Maxwell	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Ackerman
	Hunter Thomas McCarter	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Panama City Beach, FL

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Debra Meeks	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenwood
***	Rainey Cecile Niles	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Gulf Breeze, FL
	Taylor A. Picou	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Patterson, LA
	Calli Elizabeth Price	Family and Consumer Sciences	Senatobia
*	Emily Spencer	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Olive Branch
◇	Sophia Elizabeth St.Amant	Family and Consumer Sciences	Ocean Springs
	Abby Lin Thomas	Family and Consumer Sciences	Wesson
	Rondarrius Reshad Tigler	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Leland
	Bridgette Walton	Family and Consumer Sciences	Coahoma
◇	Ivory Cortez Williams	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Indianola
	Khayla Symone Winters	Family and Consumer Sciences	Metcalfe

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Charlie Morgan Alvis	Elementary Education	Madison
***	Alyssa Anne Branyan	Elementary Education	Hernando
	Reanne Faith Braswell	Elementary Education	Cleveland
	Jared Micheal Burchfield	Elementary Education	Cleveland
	Jessilynn Shaye Conner	Elementary Education	Grenada
***	Caitlyn Imogene Duthu	Elementary Education	Shaw
	Lexus Cole Evans	Elementary Education	Ethel
	Kathryn Green	Elementary Education	Greenville
	Katherine Dean Hearn	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
∞***	Nicole Elizabeth Hollis	Elementary Education	Columbus
	Allison Hudson	Elementary Education	Ruth
	Bailey Hudson Jones	Elementary Education	Benton
	Kierra S. Love	Elementary Education	Cleveland
	Mackenzie Randall Mallette	Elementary Education	Cleveland
	Mykhal Dashun Maybell	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Hollandale
	Molly Rose McCarthy	Elementary Education	Tupelo
	Marley Ann Poole	Elementary Education	Brookhaven
	Alec Thomas Rayburn	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Hernando
	Madison Grace Steen	Elementary Education	McCool
	Shannon Makayla Swinford	Elementary Education	Hernando
	Ahkeyia Middle Tanner	Elementary Education	Isola
	Melissa Turner	Elementary Education	Canton

SCHOOL OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Abby Nicole Billingsley	Nursing	Senatobia
	Kelsey Mikayla Braswell I	Nursing	Tiptersville
	Lauren Colby Burton	Nursing	Cleveland
	Madison L. Clay	Nursing	Holly Springs
	Dalton Henry Cothorn	Nursing	Senatobia
*	Faith Caroline Cox	Nursing	Olive Branch
*	Ali Rhea Cummins	Nursing	Pope
	Macon Wilson Davis	Nursing	Greenwood
	Anthony James Delahoussaye, Jr.	Nursing	Merigold
	Danielle Danesha Gibson	Nursing	Lexington
*	Dylan Lee Harrison	Nursing	Southaven
∞*	Bailey Ann Jones	Nursing	Byhalia
	Faith Victoria Kill	Nursing	Olive Branch
	Sarah Grace Manor	Nursing	Indianola
	Hallie Brooke Mayatt	Nursing	Collinsville
	Mary Allison Mayo	Nursing	Hernando
**	Shelby Alysse McCrory	Nursing	Terry
	Chietha Sade Moore	Nursing	Greenville
*	Chelsea R. Myers	Nursing	Vicksburg
	Sarah Anne Nipp	Nursing	Olive Branch
	Molly Clare Rushing	Nursing	Acworth, GA
	Reagan Brooke Shaw	Nursing	Water Valley
	Kelsi Nicole Speed	Nursing	Columbus
∞*	Sarah Holland Stokes	Nursing	Oxford
	Robert Anthony Tate	Nursing	Cleveland
	Tabitha Sue Thompson	Nursing	Roxie
	Evan Luke Ulery	Nursing	Vicksburg
	Hannah E. Ward	Nursing	Belden
	Shelby A. White	Nursing	Leland
	Latajah S. Williams	Nursing	Olive Branch

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.

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.