SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Lux et Veritas

The One Hundred Ninety-First
Commencement

December
Two Thousand and Seventeen
Savannah State University, the oldest public historically black university in the State of Georgia, develops productive members of a global society through high quality instruction, scholarship, research, service, and community involvement. The University fosters engaged learning and personal growth in a student-centered environment that celebrates the African-American legacy while nurturing a diverse student body. Savannah State University offers graduate and undergraduate studies including nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, the sciences and the professions.
Savannah State University

127 Years of Growth and Transformation

Savannah State University (SSU) is the oldest public historically black college or university in the state of Georgia and the oldest institution of higher learning in the city of Savannah. The school was established in 1890 as a result of the Second Morrill Land Grant Act, which mandated that southern and border states develop land-grant colleges for black citizens. Later that year, the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation creating the Georgia State Industrial College for Colored Youths, which served as Georgia’s 1890 land-grant institution until 1947. A preliminary session of the Georgia State Industrial College was held in the Baxter Street School building in Athens, Ga., before moving to Savannah in October 1891. Richard R. Wright, Sr., was appointed the first president of the institution in 1891, which opened with five faculty members and eight students.

The college awarded its first degree in 1898 to Richard R. Wright, Jr., the son of the founding president. Cyrus G. Wiley of the class of 1902 was the first alumnus to become college president in 1921, the same year the first female students were admitted as residents on campus. In 1928, the college became a four-year, degree-granting institution, ending its high school and normal school programs.

Upon the creation of the University System of Georgia (USG) in 1932, the college became one of the first members of the system and its name was changed to Georgia State College. Its name changed again in 1950 to Savannah State College, and the institution received initial accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 1955. The USG Board of Regents elevated the college to university status in 1996 and renamed the institution Savannah State University.

Savannah State established the city’s first master’s degree program in elementary education in 1968, and became the first institution in Savannah to receive accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) from 1971-81. The teacher education program was transferred from SSU in 1979 as part of a federally mandated USG desegregation plan. In 2013, the SSU School of Teacher Education was reestablished at SSU with emphasis on preparation of middle and high school teachers in STEM disciplines.

Located on a salt water estuary, SSU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in marine sciences — an innovative program launched in 1979. The marine sciences program is nationally recognized as a top producer of degrees and an important resource for the coastal area. Savannah State was the first institution of higher education in Georgia to offer a bachelor’s degree in homeland security and emergency management and the second in the state to offer a bachelor’s degree in forensic science.

Savannah State continues to engage in groundbreaking research. SSU sent cutting-edge genetic material from campus laboratories to the International Spaces Station (ISS) in 2014. Savannah State earned two patents in 2016. One allows for the collection and harvest of organic material necessary for long-distance space travel. The other is a new chemical that has implications for treating Alzheimer’s, ALS and dementia.

Two new academic buildings opened in 2017: a 17,000 square foot marine sciences laboratory, located off Jasmine Ave., and a two-story, 30,000 square foot building on campus to house engineering technology and chemistry laboratories.

Under the leadership of its 13th president, Cheryl Davenport Dozier, DSW, since May 2011, the university continues to build upon the rich legacy of academic excellence and community engagement that has defined it for the last 127 years.
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACADEMIC MACE

Observing the centuries-old tradition, each Marshal in the Savannah State University academic procession carries an official mace, which indicates the power, dignity, and authority vested in the University. The mace is a club-shaped staff derived from the weaponry of the Middle Ages. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often in legislative forums and academic rituals.

The official mace and stand of Savannah State University were designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

THE CHIEF MARSHAL

THE CLASS MARSHAL

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES:
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION

FACULTY EMERITI

THE FACULTY

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

The academic regalia, the academic processional, and the ceremonial program are part of an ancient tradition of learning. This tradition is a unified, solemn occasion at which only applause is appropriate. The audience is asked to refrain from any other form of expression and to reserve celebrations until the program is concluded.
SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY MOTTO

The University motto is “Lux Et Veritas” (Light and Truth).

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Derived from the ecclesiastical dress of the Middle Ages, modern academic regalia has evolved from apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everyone wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt a suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago, it seemed best to agree on a definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress, has the same design for all degrees: black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; however, the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs in design according to the degree conferred. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master’s degrees, worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor’s gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway on the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor’s gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he or she is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and the shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor’s and master’s hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor’s hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor’s gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a distinct costume as is the custom of some foreign universities.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor’s gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

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At Savannah State University, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his or her alma mater
GRADUATE CEREMONY SPEAKER  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

Mrs. Vanessa Miller-Kaigler

A native of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Vanessa Miller-Kaigler is a two-time graduate of Savannah State, earning a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration.

She has excelled as a professional with a longstanding career of more than 25 years with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, serving as Minority Business Development Coordinator, Accounts Payable Manager, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Director, and Executive Director of Facilities Management. Today, Miller-Kaigler is Deputy Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer for the school system where she is responsible for maintenance and operations, the school nutrition program, transportation, capital projects, ESPLOST and use of facilities. Her ability to successfully lead in her role as Deputy Superintendent was noted in the October 2017 edition of School Bus Fleet. Together with her team, she launched the district’s in-house student transportation program, and developed an action plan that is used as a model for school systems across the country.

Having a commitment to service, Miller-Kaigler was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in 1981. Her life membership continues with the graduate chapter where she has served as membership chairperson, vice president, and president. She is a graduate of Leadership Savannah, a member of The Junior League of Savannah, and serves on the board of directors for the Rape Crisis Center. In addition, she served on the advisory council of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Miller-Kaigler was featured in Georgia Trend Magazine for her dedication to her little sister through the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

Her belief that a sustainable future can only be accomplished by investing in today’s youth is evident through her socio-civic affiliations with Jack and Jill of America and The Savannah, (Ga.) Chapter of Links, Inc.
ORDER OF GRADUATE CEREMONY
6 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017, STUDENT UNION
DR. CHERYL DAVENPORT DOZIER, PRESIDENT

Presiding

**The audience is requested to stand.

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ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL* ........................................................................................ SSU BAND
Mr. Marques Graham, Director of Bands

NATIONAL ANTHEM ............................................................................................................. THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
Ms. Gabrielle Walker & SSU Concert Band

INVOCATION..................................................................................................................... DR. KENNETH JORDAN
Professor of Social & Behavioral Sciences

REFLECTION....................................................................................................................... Ms. AMANDA MATTHEW
MBA Candidate

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.......................................................................................... DR. F. CARL WALTON
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ......................................................................................... MRS. VANESSA MILLER-KAIGLER, M.P.A.
Deputy Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ......................................................................................... DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER
DR. F. CARL WALTON

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .................................................... Dr. MOSTAFA SARHAN
Dean

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES .................................................. Dr. JULIUS SCIPIO
Dean

PRESIDENT’S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ......................................................... Dr. CHERYL D. DOZIER

ALUMNI INDUCTION ................................................................................................. Dr. JUDY DAYS-DEE
Vice President, SSU National Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS ........................................................................................................ Dr. NAT HARDY
Professor, Director of Graduate Programs

ALMA MATER* ........................................................................................................ SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY HYMN
Ms. Gabrielle Walker & SSU Concert Band

BENEDICTION* ............................................................................................................... Dr. KENNETH JORDAN

RECESSIONAL** .............................................................................................................. SSU BAND

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GRADUATE DEGREES

College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

ALISA MORRIS COOPER | Savannah State University
TAYLOR GIOVANNI EDWARDS | Savannah State University
LAKIA JANETTE FOREMAN | Columbia College
ASHLEY BRE’AN GARY | Georgia Southern University
LATASHA DENISE HICKSON | Armstrong State University
KENDRA ATECIA JOHNSON | Hampton University
CARMELLA DENISE LENNON | Savannah State University
AMANDA MATHEW | University of Arizona
LAUREN GABRIELLE MOSS | Georgia State University
SAHITHI MOTHUKURI | International College
CHAVONTA LAWHITNEY ROBERTS | Savannah State University
SHEENA LEWIS ROBERTS | Auburn University
LOUIS ALLEN SMITH | Savannah State University
KENNCION JORDAN THURMOND | Savannah State University
ARISTEAD CAMERON WIGFALL | Savannah State University

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Public Administration

DARIEL LEE DIXON | Winston-Salem State University
JOSEPH DAVID FLEMING | Coastal Carolina University
KIMBRELI FLOURNOY | Barry University
JERRY QUINN GREENE, SR. | Savannah State University

Master of Social Work

RICO MONTINEZE HOGAN | Georgia Perimeter College

Master of Science in Urban Studies and Planning

VISHANYA FIONA FORBES | University of the West Indies

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***Summa Cum Laude  **Magna Cum Laude  *Cum Laude  ! Absentia
Mr. Albert Curry Jr.

A native of Edgefield, South Carolina, alumnus Albert Curry Jr. is currently the deputy assistant commandant for engineering and logistics with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

Curry earned a bachelor of science degree in electronic engineering technology from Savannah State University (SSU) and a master’s degree in systems engineering (electronic warfare) from the Naval Postgraduate School. In August 1980, Curry was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy (USN) through SSU’s NROTC program.

With the USCG, he is responsible for overseeing all naval, civil, aeronautical and industrial engineering, logistics, and environmental and energy management programs for the USCG’s $22 billion capital plant, which includes 23,000 facilities, 250 ships, 1,800 boats and 200 aircraft. His responsibility also includes the execution of an annual budget of $1 billion and leading more than 5,000 personnel at USCG headquarters and the three USCG logistics centers.

Prior to joining the USCG, Curry served in the U.S. Navy. His active duty at sea assignments include engineering officer aboard the USS Barnstable County; material officer for Amphibious Squadron Eight; executive officer aboard the USS Nicholson; and commanding officer of the USS Pensacola. He retired as a captain from the USN in October 2006.

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ORDER OF UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
9 A.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017
TIGER ARENA
DR. CHERYL DAVENPORT DOZIER, PRESIDENT
Presiding

Prelude..............................................................................................................................SSU Concert Band
Mr. Marques Graham, Director of Bands

Academic Processional* .................................................................................................Pomp and Circumstance
(by Sir Edward Elgar)

Presentation of Colors* ................................................................................................SSU Reserve Officers
Training Corps Color Guard
The Star-Spangled Banner
SSU Concert Band

Invocation......................................................................................................................Rev. Joseph Wong
Pastor, Savannah Chinese Baptist Mission

Reflection.......................................................................................................................Mr. Enow Ayuk
Graduating Senior

Ain-a That Good News arranged by William Dawson.................SSU Concert Choir
Ms. Jacquelyn Hamilton, Director of Choral Activities

Introduction of Speaker...............................................................................................Dr. F. Carl Walton
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Commencement Address ...............................................................................................Mr. Albert Curry Jr. ‘80
Deputy Assistant Commandant for Engineering
and Logistics, U.S. Coast Guard

Presentation of the
President’s Second Mile Award ..................................................................................Dr. Cheryl D. Dozier

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*Presiding*

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .................. DR. MOSTAFA SARHAN

DEAN

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES........... DR. JULIUS SCIPIO

DEAN

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY.................... DR. MOHAMAD MUSTAFA

INTERIM DEAN

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE
SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION.......................... DR. MARY KROPIEWSKI

DEAN

PRESENTATION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
CANDIDATES........................................... CAPTAIN R. TODD LACY, U.S. NAVY

COMMANDING OFFICER, SSU NAVAL ROTC UNIT
PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

PRESIDENT’S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ................... DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER

ALUMNI INDUCTION.................................................. MR. CLYDE NEWTON

PRESIDENT, SSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CLOSING REMARKS................................................. DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER

ALMA MATER*.................................................. SSU CONCERT CHOIR

BENEDICTION*.................................................. REV. JOSEPH WONG

RECESSIONAL**.................................................. WAR MARCH OF THE PRIEST

(by FELIX MENDELSSOHN)

SSU CONCERT BAND

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### Undergraduates

#### Accounting

- **CALCULUS CAYLOR COLEMAN** | Reynolds, Georgia
- **RONZELL LA'ROY CRUMLEY** | Savannah, Georgia
- **TONYA LATISE GREEN** | Savannah, Georgia
- **VICTORIA ANNETTA HAZELWOOD** | Savannah, Georgia
- *****KRYSAL CASSANDRA JOHNSON** | Nassau, Bahamas
- **SAMMIE LEE KELLY, III** | Hinesville, Georgia
- **HIOYDETTA N. LYTLE** | Savannah, Georgia
- ***D'ANDRE MONTREL REED** | Attapulgus, Georgia
- **TORAN DEON SINGLETON** | Savannah, Georgia
- *****JUDI VALERIA SZENES** | Savannah, Georgia
- **JERAHN ANTHONY THOMAS** | Valdosta, Georgia

#### Computer Information Systems

- **RAKEEB OLAYINKA AKANDE** | Jonesboro, Georgia
- **AFOLABI ABAYOMI AYANGAYI** | Hillside, New Jersey
- **OM SAI CHETAN BHAGWADI ELLUR** | Savannah, Georgia
- **ANTONIO L. DEAS, JR.** | Lithonia, Georgia
- **SEAN PAUL GRAHAM, JR.** | Savannah, Georgia
- **BRIANNA JAMESE' HOLLIMAN** | Dublin, Georgia
- *****SHANTERIA DELISA HUGUE JONES** | Savannah, Georgia
- **GREGG ANSON MATHIEU, JR.** | Lawrenceville, Georgia
- **BRANDON MICHAEL TOXEY** | Savannah, Georgia

#### Global Logistics and International Business

- **LENION BROKER, III** | Savannah, Georgia
- *****JEREMY BLAKE HINSON** | Savannah, Georgia
- **WILLIE JAMES WALKER, III** | Jacksonville, Florida

#### Management

- **DARREN EVERETT AKINS** | Albany, Georgia
- **ERIC XAVIER BECHET** | Conyers, Georgia
- **GENAY LATRELLE BRANCH** | Savannah, Georgia
- **SHAYLA KEOSHA BROWN** | Twin City, Georgia
- **BEITHA TAMARA BUTLER-GRIFFIN** | Swainsboro, Georgia
- **KAITLIN BRIANNA CAMPBELL** | Newman, Georgia
- *****LATASHA PAYNE DENARD** | Savannah, Georgia
- **! VALERIE RENEE DOUBILET** | Athens, Georgia
- **JAMAR D. FEGGINS** | Columbus, Georgia
- **DANIEL JAMAR GARDNER** | Savannah, Georgia
- **DEALON M. HARRISON, JR.** | Brooklyn, New York
- **LORI ANN HARRIS** | Savannah, Georgia
- **LANIGHTHIA CHASJUAN HAYES** | Moreland, Georgia
- **BRIAN ERNEST HAYWARD** | Savannah, Georgia
- **! MALIK JOHNATHAN JAMES** | Suwanee, Georgia
- ****KANDACE ALEXA JENKINS** | Darien, Georgia
- **ERIKA DANIELLE JOHNSON** | Riverdale, Georgia
- **! JACOREY L. KILCREASE** | Bluffton, South Carolina
- **! MARCUS ANDRE’ MOORE** | Albany, Georgia
- **KAITLIN CHERIE’ MORRIS** | Lithonia Georgia
- **BRANDON ALVIN PONDER** | Savannah, Georgia
- **ASHLEY NICHOLE REESE** | Dacula, Georgia
- **DANIELLE ATYANNA SIMMONS** | Savannah, Georgia
- **ANNI JOY TAPKIDA** | Savannah, Georgia
- **HOSEA MARQUIS TATUM** | Savannah, Georgia
- **CHRISTIAN BRIANNA WELCH** | Fairburn, Georgia
- **LYRIC B. WILKINS** | Lithonia, Georgia
- **ANTONIO DEONDRE WILLIAMS** | Savannah, Georgia

#### Marketing

- **CAYLA DENAE HUNTER** | Stone Mountain, Georgia
- **TROY ALEXANDER JONES, JR.** | Savannah, Georgia
- **A'BRIA KAYANNA MCDONALD** | Albany, Georgia
- **!* CHRISTINA JIEUN RHEE** | Savannah, Georgia
- **JONATHAN TYRONE WHITEHEAD, II** | Fairburn, Georgia
- **KENTREZ TYRON WORTHEN** | Sparta, Georgia

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**NAKEISHA AMORETTA BENNETT | Ludowici, Georgia**

*ASHLEY RASHELL CLEA | Savannah, Georgia

*ALEXIS LA’KENDRA CRAWFORD | Duluth, Georgia

VONKERIA TYKISE GASSAWAY | Macon, Georgia

KAYLA DIANDRA GLOVER | Rockledge, Florida

JADEMONE MCKELIA JONES | Savannah, Georgia

*ASHLEY RASHELL CLEA | Savannah, Georgia

*CHELSEA ELIZABETH PARKER | Brunswick, Georgia

TYLER NICOLE TERRY | Stockbridge, Georgia

**BRITTIANY MI-SHELL WILLIAMS | Savannah, Georgia

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### Criminal Justice

DEJA D. AUSTIN | Grand Island, Florida

ERIC TYRONE BRYANT, JR. | Sylvania, Georgia

ANDRE’ TAYLOR CAMPBELL | Lithonia, Georgia

MERCEDES NICOLE CLARK | Grantville, Georgia

NAOMI A’CURA COATES | Atlanta, Georgia

LATISHA ANGELIC CONYERS | Augusta, Georgia

**DOMINIQUE LATOYA DRUMMOND | Kingsland, Georgia

! BREANNA NICHOLE EMMONS | Jacksonville, Florida

*MALAYSIA TEREE GENTRY | Carrollton, Georgia

KERNESHA LEE JEFFERS | Brooklyn, New York

DARIUS DE’VONTE JOHNSON | Savannah, Georgia

AARON ARTHUR MCKINNON | Hephzibah, Georgia

RACHEL MYRA MONTGOMERY | Thomasville, Georgia

JOE FERNANDA MURRAY | Savannah, Georgia

JI’MARA JUSTINA PALMER | Townsend, Georgia

ASYA KLAMI ROARY | Stone Mountain, Georgia

TY’RIA MARIE SUTTON | Savannah, Georgia

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### English, Language & Literature

ERICA SHANTEL ALBRIGHT | Savannah, Georgia

*TATYANA BILLINGSLEY | College Park, Georgia

DANYELLE JUSTINE KING | Toccoa, Georgia

! CARL ANTHONY MILLER | Savannah, Georgia

KAYLA BRIANNE PATTERSON | Atlanta, Georgia

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### Homeland Security and Emergency Management

*JAMAL CHILDS | Albany, Georgia

MORGAN ANGELIQUE CHISOLM | Atlanta, Georgia

***GARY WYDELL COBB | Pooler, Georgia

*RICARDO C. DOLLAR | Austell, Georgia

SANIKA NE’COLE GADSON | Savannah, Georgia

ISMAEL RASHID HAYNES | Savannah, Georgia

QUARTERRIIO DEVONTE HILL | Savannah, Georgia

NORIKO CHRISTINE-SUE HOOKS | Smyrna, Georgia

*KELSEE FRANCESCA HOWELL | Savannah, Georgia

**CHASNEY RAE SHON JENKINS | East Moline, Illinois

! TYLER MCDONALD | Georgetown, South Carolina

ELLIOTT BRENT MCDougALL | Decatur, Georgia

PARIS CHANEL MOSS | Douglasville, Georgia

*ISAIAH K. PITRE | Phenix City, Alabama

! SHANNELL LA’NISE REYNOLDS | Atlanta, Georgia

JUWAAN L. TOLBERT | Hephzibah, Georgia

RAYMOND DERON YARBOUGH | Stockbridge, Georgia

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**Sociology**

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I’KIANA BANNER | Savannah, Georgia
SANDIA IMANI BODDIE | East Point, Georgia
ANDREA SHERI CAMPOS | Pooler, Georgia
***JAZMINNE ARISELDA CANDIDO | Savannah, Georgia
*EXAVIANDRA YVONNE FRANKLIN | Lithonia, Georgia
YOWEL FRANKLIN | Macon, Georgia
QUATAISHA SHANTERIA JONES | East Point, Georgia
SHANNON DENISE MICALISTER | Doraville, Georgia
*Ni’KIRA BRE’YOUN NORRIS | Wrightsville, Georgia
I’SIS SYMONE WEATHERSPOON | LaGrange, Georgia

**Visual and Performing Arts**

GIA VIOLET-ELIZABETH BAUGH | Savannah, Georgia
*ROOSEVELT EMERSON, JR. | Savannah, Georgia
*KAYLA DANAYE GRAYSON | Beaufort, South Carolina
DEANDRA BRITTANY HILL | Powder Springs, Georgia
GABRIELLE MARIAMA KEMP | Augusta, Georgia
BRIAN STEWART MILLER | Thomasville, Georgia
*JESSICA MARIE POITEVIEN-DURÉ | Saint Helena, South Carolina

**Associate of Arts**

*EDWARD BERLIN FOX, III | Savannah, Georgia
*LEAH MARIE KING | College Park, Georgia

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

UNDERGRADUATES

Biology

DARLINE ADELSON | Winter Haven, Florida
***ENOW TAYE AYUK | Dublin, Georgia
*PORTIA LABREA BOSCO | Savannah, Georgia
ANTO’NIA LEANN BROWN | Cairo, Georgia
ALEXANDRIA NYCOLE DIXON | Lithonia, Georgia
TALAYA MARIE DUNCAN | Savannah, Georgia
*CHIDINMA MARGARITA EGEKONYE | Marietta, Georgia
E’LEXIS REN’ FULLER | Savannah, Georgia
*KIANA DANIELLE GLADNEY | Union City, Georgia
DATHAN LEON GOODEN | Douglasville, Georgia
KENNETH WAYNE GRAY | Lithonia, Georgia
***KYNEDI JADE HADLEY | Tyrone, Georgia
*ASTYN BRIANA HERRING | Fitzgerald, Georgia
COURTNEY ALEX HOLSTON-GOLDSTON | Townsend, Georgia
*JAZMIN AAYANA HUMPHREY | Moncks Corner, South Carolina
JACOBY JAMAINE JACKSON | Townsend, Georgia
*KRISTAN ARIEL JONES | Savannah, Georgia
*KYNDAEL NOEL JONES | Savannah, Georgia

TYMERIA LACHELLE KELLY | Jonesboro, Georgia
*PATIENCE TITILAYO LIPEDE | Lithonia, Georgia
**TIARA ZAMON LOVEJOY | Dallas, Georgia
LACRESSA CLAIR MCCALL | Savannah, Georgia
KAYLA ALEXANDRIA MOORE | Valdosta, Georgia
TAMIYA LASHAY MORGAN | Macon, Georgia
ZI’MARA LETAJAH PALMER | Townsend, Georgia
JAYKERRIA SHANTEL PHILLIPS | Americus, Georgia
DANIELLE ASHLEY REEVES | Hampton, Georgia
*BRITTANY RAYMONIA RESPRESS | Warner Robins, Georgia
BRITTANY DELEANNE RONEY | Pooler, Georgia
MECHAELE EUGENIA SIMMONS | Macon, Georgia
MAY’KYHA SHUN’TEKA SIMS | Decatur, Georgia
**TAYLOR SIMONE STEPHENS | Decatur, Georgia
JADA TIERA STINSON-MITCHELL | Augusta, South Carolina
*ALEXIS LOREN WASHINGTON | Chino, California
SHA’CONDRIA DENISE WEST | Savannah, Georgia

Chemistry

DAMIANA SIERRA BALAN | Hampton, Georgia
*ALLEA ELYSIA CAMPBELL | Decatur, Georgia
LEONARD MCBRIDE | Richmond Hill, Georgia

**JHAIQUASHIA PETERSON | Savannah, Georgia
DESTINY MARIE SANDERS | Rex, Georgia

Civil Engineering Technology

ALEX D. BROWN | Midway, Georgia
TERINO K. EARLY | Savannah, Georgia
JORDAN EBBINGER | Savannah, Georgia
*FREDRICK ALONZO FLUKER, II | Savannah, Georgia
D’MONIQUE NICHELLE GREEN | Savannah, Georgia

TRAU ADAM HURST | Lawrenceville, Georgia
**JAMELLE LAROD JAUDON | Rincon, Georgia
CAITLYNN KELEISE MASOE | Long Beach, California
PHILLIP ZACKARY MYDELL, II | Rincon, Georgia

Computer Science Technology

*ALIYAH SHANTE BRYANT | Riverdale, Georgia
RICONDO DEWON FREEMAN, JR. | Augusta, Georgia
EARNEST LAMAR, III | Sparta, Georgia

**TORIS JAI-KENYA SHERWOOD, JR. | Savannah, Georgia
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College of Sciences and Technology

Electronics Engineering Technology

*Demario Nequez Brown | Decatur, Georgia
MEKYLE RICARDO FERNANDES | Laurel, Maryland
Ronick De'Shawn Nathan | Columbus, Georgia

ISIDORE DADZIE OKYNE | Savannah, Georgia
***Jennyfer Dayan Vivas | Bogota, Colombia
Adam Ken Wilkerson | Savannah, Georgia

Environmental Science

*Deondrea Marquizzle Holmes | McDonough, Georgia

**Manjeet Sahmota | Savannah, Georgia

Forensic Science

Lexis Sheree Cunningham | Atlanta, Georgia

Marine Sciences

Gloria Lauren Swanson | Baconton, Georgia

*Jordan McCormack Tur | Pooler, Georgia

Mathematics

**Kelvin Rommel Ausby | Savannah, Georgia

MicaH Dion Williams | Dawson, Georgia

Associate of Science

Kayla Danielle Bing-Abdullah | Pooler, Georgia
Keynnard Glynn Campbell, Jr. | Savannah, Georgia
Erika Michelle Daniely | Macon, Georgia

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SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION

UNDERGRADUATES

Biology with Secondary Teacher Education Preparation
*CHAUNTELLE TY’REASHA BUTLER | Augusta, Georgia
ASIA JERMELL FREEMAN | Macon, Georgia
ERICA TARSHAY WOODS | East Point, Georgia
*JAMILA KIBLER YOUMANS | Savannah, Georgia

Mathematics with Secondary Teacher Education Preparation
HEATHER NICOLE LOWE | Fayetteville, Georgia

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HONOR GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude (3.75 - 4.00)

ENOW TAYE AYUK
JAZMINNE ARISELDA CANDIDO
GARY WYDELL COBB
LATASHA PAYNE DENARD
KYNE D JADE HADLEY
JEREMY BLAKE HINSON
KRISTAL CASSANDRA JOHNSON
SHANTERIA DELISA HUGUE JONES
FREDERICK ARTHUR LAWRENCE
JUDI VALERIA SZENES
JENNYFER DAYAN VIVAS

Magna Cum Laude (3.40 - 3.74)

KELVIN ROMMEL AUSBY
BRANDON DOUGLAS BECK
NAKEISHA AMORETTA BENNETT
BYRON NICHOLAS CHILDS
DOMINIQUE LATOYA DRUMMOND
SHERMIA BRIANNA FLUKER
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DEMETHRIO DESHION WALKER
ELIJAH Z. WEST
BRITTANY MI-SHELL WILLIAMS

Cum Laude (3.00 - 3.39)

AFOLABI ABAOMI AYANGBAYI
OM SAI CHETAN BHAGEWADI ELLUR
TATTYANA SAMONE BILLINGSLEY
PORTIA LABREA' BOSCO
ALIYAH SHANTE BRYANT
CHAUTENILEA TY'REASHA BUTLER
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JAMAL CHILDS
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ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
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SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL ALUMNI COVENANT

Graduates/Now Alumni, will you please stand?

By this physical act of standing, you have passed symbolically through a door, leaving past experiences on one side, to start new experiences on the other side. At this moment, you are participating in the rites of passage from that of student to member of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association.

Please raise your right hand and signify your understanding by saying “I do so understand.”

As a Savannah State University graduate, you must keep in mind the high purposes to which you have aspired and for which this great university has prepared you: intellectual development, moral behavior, compassionate relationships and personal actions for the good of the commonwealth. Do you understand?

GRADUATES: “I do so understand.”

As a Savannah State University graduate, you must be alert to opportunities to advance the legitimate interests and welfare of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association, and through the association, to assist in the continued development of Savannah State University. Do you understand?

GRADUATES: “I do so understand.”

As a Savannah State University graduate, it is incumbent that you give financial support to the Savannah State University National Alumni Association and to your alma mater as a means of providing an educational legacy for those who will follow you. Do you understand?

GRADUATES: “I do so understand.”

Considering what you have just heard and have read silently, do you covenant with members of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association?

GRADUATES: “I do hereby covenant with the members of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association and solemnly pledge my loyal support to my Alma Mater—Savannah State University.”

Congratulations, Alumni, and I look forward to seeing you during the many activities that we share when we return to campus. You may be seated.
# President’s Second Mile Award

The President’s Second Mile Award was established in 2001 to bring significant honor and recognition to a graduating senior who has exemplified stellar and meritorious character, and values leadership and community service.

## Past Recipients

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Let us give thanks and praises to
Our Alma Mater, S.S.U.
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
We raise in prayerful reverence.

Refrain
Where Savannah meets the sea,
Where grassy plains and palms abound,
Where the Flow’rs are gems of loveliness,
There S.S.U. is found.
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
Our all we pledge to Thee!
In our hearts we’ll build a shrine for You
We hail Thee, S.S.U.!
Guide us still from day to day,
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
Help us know that life, short or long,
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

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