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FALL COMMENCEMENT

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THOMAS K. HUDSON, J.D.
PRESIDENT

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NOTATIONS TO GUESTS

WELCOME

Welcome to the Jackson State University 2020 Commencement Exercises. Commencement is an important event in the life of the University, its faculty, staff, and students. It is a joyous yet solemn event that represents the culmination of the graduates' years of study. Thank you for joining us and for being a part of the celebration. Again, we welcome you!

SPECIAL NEEDS

American Sign Language:

American Sign Language interpretation of the ceremony will be provided.



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Dear Fall Class of 2020:

Today marks a beautiful and auspicious occasion. Despite a non-traditional year, you have reached the ultimate milestone of your academic career. The entire Jackson State University family honors all you have achieved at 'Thee I Love.'

The Class of 2020 has been dubbed the pandemic or COVID class. This is not a distinction that should be taken mildly. You are the class that pressed forward during a unique and new frontier of higher education. The obstacles were many, but you hurdled them with newfound energy, courage and fearlessness.

Although this moment does not include the usual pomp and circumstance, it does not diminish the significance of your accomplishment. There is no active force that could prevent you from becoming the esteemed graduates you are today.

You are now poised to step into your future with the skills and talents honed at Jackson State University. I do not doubt that you will be successful in your endeavors and make an indelible global impact in whatever industry you pursue.

You are the personification of leadership, determination, focus and unimaginable strength. Take all of those qualities and use them to improve the lives of the people you meet and the communities you will serve. At all times, display the outstanding character that we have come to know. Seek opportunities to make a difference. Be the visionaries, innovators and purveyors of change who ignite and inspire others.

Of course, you will experience highs and lows as you navigate the next chapter of your lives. Yet, it is how you respond to adversity that will further define who you are in this world. Remember to reflect on the past to help determine direction for the future. Lean on your mentors, friendships and your professional network for guidance. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance because we all have needed help to arrive at our destinations.

Today, you join the extraordinary alumni of our distinguished University. Continue to represent your alma mater with class, grace and dignity. You are the brand ambassadors who will influence the generations of JSU students to come.

Remember to reach out and give back while keeping alive the values and traditions of your 'dear old college home.' Remain steadfast and resilient as you walk in your purpose, carrying on the legacy of Jackson State University.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Hudson, J.D.
President



State of Mississippi

TATE REEVES
Governor

December 4, 2020

Dear Graduates of Jackson State University:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, it is my honor and great pleasure to congratulate you on your graduation, which is truly a monumental milestone in your life. I know your family and friends are so proud to be celebrating this accomplishment with you!

America is filled with many wonderful opportunities, and I am certain you will meet with much success as you continue on your path forward. I know you have worked very hard toward graduating over the course of many years.

I also know that this year has presented each of you with a set of unique challenges. Life will always bring about challenges; however, it is of the utmost importance that we use such challenging times to grow stronger and to prepare for the future. The hardships experienced by the Class of 2020 due to COVID-19 will make you even stronger and more determined to achieve great things.

Again, it is an honor to congratulate you on this milestone. I wish you the best in all your future endeavors and I am very proud of you. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Tate Reeves
Governor

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Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor



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December 11, 2020

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Greetings!

On behalf of the citizens of Jackson, I welcome you to the Jackson State University Fall 2020 Commencement Ceremony. This is a very special occasion because education is the foundation for a successful life, and it is pleasing to see so many individuals who have chosen Jackson State to help build that foundation. I congratulate each of the graduates, and I commend the administration, faculty, and staff for continuing to equip students with the education and expertise they need to succeed in life.

Jackson State is one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the country, and as Mayor of Jackson, I am proud to have such a distinguished university located in the heart of our city.

This is truly a memorable day for all involved, and I encourage the graduates to maintain high standards and to take advantage of every opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chokwe Lumumba", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chokwe Lumumba
Mayor
Jackson, MS



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Earlexia M. Norwood, M.D.,
President

December 11, 2020

Congratulations Class of 2020!

On behalf of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (JSUNAA) and over 50,000 JSU alumni from all over the world, we are pleased to welcome you to the JSU alumni network of professional connections. JSUNAA will lead you to opportunities and relationships for a lifetime; nationally and internationally.

Class of 2020, as you leave the campus of our "dear old college home," remember that JSUNAA needs your continued financial support to ensure that the same academic opportunity afforded to you and many JSU graduates over 143 years, continues for years to come. You are the agent to "Challenge Minds and Change Lives".

Tiger Strong and Student Focused,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. Norwood M.D.' The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Earlexia M. Norwood, M.D.
President, JSU National Alumni Association, Inc



THE ORDER OF THE 2020 VIRTUAL FALL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

10:00 A.M.

Thomas K. Hudson, J.D. '99
12th President, Jackson State University
Presiding Officer

Musical Selection.....“Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1”.....Sir Edward Elgar

Jerry C. Smith
Pianist

Academic Processional Facilitator Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Invocation..... Rev. Kevin Kosh, Jr.
JSU Wesley Foundation Director, Campus Ministries

Greetings Thomas K. Hudson, J.D.

Musical Selection.....“Total Praise”..... Richard Smallwood
John Eze Uzodinma II
Violinist

Message to the Graduating Class of 2020 LaCori Brent
Senior Class President

Presentation of Deans of Colleges and Candidates for Degrees Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D.

Dr. Preselfannie McDaniels, <i>Dean</i>	Graduate Studies
Dr. Fidelis M. Ikem, <i>Dean</i>	College of Business
Dr. Millard J. Bingham, <i>Interim Associate Dean</i>	College of Education and Human Development
Dr. Girmay Berhie, <i>Dean</i>	College of Health Sciences
Dr. Candis Pizzetta, <i>Interim Dean</i>	College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Wilbur L. Walters, Jr., <i>Dean</i>	College of Science, Engineering, and Technology

Conferring and Awarding of Degrees..... Thomas K. Hudson, J.D.

Induction of Graduates into the Jackson State University National Alumni Association. . . .Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood '84
President, Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc.

(Repeated in unison)

Alumni Pledge:

I hereby solemnly pledge unbroken allegiance to my Alma Mater in appreciation for the opportunity for development afforded me at Jackson State University.

I pledge active membership in the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated, wherever I may be. Through association with my fellow alumni, I shall forever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of my Alma Mater.

I pledge, as a person, to exemplify high ideals by rendering positive and dignified service to the community, the state, the nation, and the world, thus, living to bring honor and respect to my Alma Mater.

Closing Remarks..... Thomas K. Hudson, J.D.

“Jackson Fair”..... T.D. Pawley
Arranged by F. D. Hall

John Eze Uzodinma II
Violinist

Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear
Thee I love, my dear old college home
Thee I love wherever I may roam
Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear.

Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear
Thee I love thy colors rich and bright
Thee I love, the blue and the white
Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear.

Refrain

Hail, hail to thee, yes, hail to thee;
Hail to the college of my heart,
Hail, hail to thee, yes, hail to thee;
Hail, to the college of my heart.

*Hymn..... “God Be With You”..... William Tomer

John Eze Uzodinma II
Violinist

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsel guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love’s banner floating o’er you;
Smite death’s threat’ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again! Amen
(Audience remains standing)

*Following the custom initiated by President Luther G. Barrett, the hymn “God Be With You” has been sung at all Jackson State University Commencements since 1911.

Benediction Rev. Kevin Kosh, Jr.



2020

**GRADUATE CANDIDATES
FOR DEGREES**

2020 GRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Fidelis M. Ikem
Dean, College of Business

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

***Nero Edevbie**, Pearl, MS

Dissertation: *An Empirical Study of the Effect of Ethical Leadership on Employee Engagement, Employee Motivation and Employee Job Performance: A Cross Cultural Study*

Advisor: Dr. Palaniappan Thiagarajan

Brad Hardin, Oxford, MS

Dissertation: *The Effects of Limitations of Auditor Liability and Key Audit Matter Disclosure on Investors' Judgements and Decision Making*

Advisor: Dr. Wayne Nix

Dr. Roosevelt O. Shelton
Interim Dean, College of Education
and Human Development

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION

D'ante Ramone Benford, Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *An Analysis of Factors that Impacted the Persistence of African American Baseball Players at a Division I HBCU in the Southeastern Region of the United States*

Advisor: Dr. Jeton McClinton

Warren D. Brown, Natchez, MS

Dissertation: *The Influence of Teacher Self-Efficacy and Leadership Style on Students' Academic Achievement*

Advisor: Dr. Chandar Lewis
Dr. Ronald Walker

Anhua Feng, Nantong, China

Dissertation: *Instructional Leadership and Its Relationship with Student Engagement at a University in Eastern China*

Advisor: Dr. Benjamin C. Ngwudike

Dorothy McNeal-Fluker, Meridian, MS

Dissertation: *The Perceptions of Administrators and Teachers Regarding Administrator Collaboration with National Board-Certified Teachers in a Central Mississippi School District*

Advisor: Dr. Dorris Robinson-Gardner
Dr. Jennifer Wallace

Ryan Renaud Tiera Martin,

Port Gibson, MS

Dissertation: *A Historical Perspective and the Educational Impact of Entrepreneurship on African American Students at a Historically Black University*

Advisor: Dr. Bettye Graves
Dr. Dorris Robinson-Gardner

Lakeisha Nicholson-Jackson, Canton, MS

Dissertation: *The Attitude of African American STEM Majors Towards the Effectiveness of Peer Tutoring at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)*

Advisor: Dr. Ronald Walker

Elquinton K. Oliphant, Pearl, MS

Dissertation: *An Evaluation of the Effects of Testing Environments and Testing Accommodations for Secondary Education Students with Specific Learning Disabilities*

Advisor: Dr. Lou H. Sanders

Glenda W. Ross-Ball, Flora, MS

Dissertation: *Preparedness: Freshmen's Views of Transitioning from High School to College*

Advisor: Dr. Lou H. Sanders

***Jiabing Yin**, Nantong, China

Dissertation: *Assessment of Instructor Transformational Leadership and Student Engagement in Online Courses*

Advisor: Dr. Ronald Walker

Stephanie Y. York, Morton, MS

Dissertation: *Teachers' Perceptions of Victimization by Students in a Rural Public School District in a Southern State*

Advisor: Dr. Benjamin C. Ngwudike

***Li Zhai**, Nantong, China

Dissertation: *The Relationship between Faculty Leadership Styles and Student Satisfaction through a Quantitative Study in a Chinese College*

Advisor: Dr. Ronald Walker

***Jingkun Zhao**, Jiangsu, China

Dissertation: *Instructor Transformational Leadership: A New Paradigm for Promoting Students' Motivation to Learn in Higher Education*

Advisor: Dr. Ronald Walker

URBAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Tajudeen Olumuyiwa Babayeju,

Abeokuta, Nigeria

Dissertation: *The Perceived Impact of Language and Cultural Barriers on African International Students' Persistence and Academic Achievement*

Advisor: Dr. Walter L. Crockett

***Steven Brian Berryhill, Jr.**,

Stone Mountain, GA

Dissertation: *The Influence of Student-Faculty Relationships on STEM Undergraduate Students' Self-Efficacy, Motivation, and Academic Achievement at an HBCU*

Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

Ebony Aleisha Beverly, Hattiesburg, MS

Dissertation: *Perceptions of African-American Students on the Impact of Racial Issues Towards their Persistence at Select Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) in the Southeast*

Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

***Darryl Melvin Chambers II**, Brooklyn, NY

Dissertation: *The Impact of Campus Climate on the Collegiate Experience of Sexual Minorities at a 4-year Institution*

Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

Thomas Donnell Graham, Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *Disaster Preparedness Among College Students at a Historic Black University*

Advisor: Dr. Walter Brown

Nina M. Hill, Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *Exploring the Undergraduate Persistence of African American Women in STEM at a Predominately White Institution through Tinto's Lens*

Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

***Etosha Monique Johnson**, Cleveland, MS

Dissertation: *The Impact of Mental Health Counseling on Students' Retention and Academic Success at Select Four-Year Institutions of Higher Education*

Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

***Yolanda Denise Jones-McElroy**,

Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *Female Leaders' Perceptions of Barriers and Facilitators to Senior Level Leadership at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Kristie LaVee Kenney, Fort Valley, GA

Dissertation: *Perceptions of Former African-American Female Presidents at Historically Black Colleges and Universities on Their Departure Factors*

Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

***Lauren Nicholas King**, New Orleans, LA

Dissertation: *Community College Administrators' Perceptions of Organizational Culture Analyzed through the Competing Values Framework*

Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

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***Kristy Wagner Laster**, Morton, MS
Dissertation: *An Analysis of Non-Traditional Student Engagement at Four-Year Versus Two-Year Institutions*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

***Tommie Mabry**, Jackson, MS
Dissertation: *The Effects of Childhood Adversities and Socioeconomic Background on the Persistence and Achievement of African-American Male Students in Pursuit of a Baccalaureate Degree*
Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

***Justin Javarus Mathis**, Clinton, MS
Dissertation: *The Impact of Social Media on College Choice*
Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

Brannndii Nicole Peterson, Little Rock, AR
Dissertation: *Leadership of African American Women in Middle to Senior Level Administrative Positions Through the Lens of the Social Dominance Theory*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Lakeisha D. Stewart, Fayette, MS
Dissertation: *Sense of Belonging and African-American Women's Persistence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*
Advisor: Dr. Walter L. Crockett

***Arianna C. Stokes**, Matteson, IL
Dissertation: *Faculty Perceptions of Persistence Among African American Students Enrolled in Distance Education Courses at Community Colleges*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

***Gina Marie Washington-Greenidge**, Fleming Island, FL
Dissertation: *Perceptions of Black Female Student-Athletes Towards Their Academic Achievement in Florida*
Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Ameen Abdur-Rashied, Brandon, MS
Dissertation: *Sixth Grade Music and Mathematics Teachers' Perceptions Towards the Connection Between Music and Mathematics Education: A Pilot Case Study*
Advisor: Dr. Evornia Kincaid

Shakela E. Banks, Stone Mountain, GA
Dissertation: *Prevention Specialists' Attitudes on Implementing an Evidence Based Drug Prevention Curriculum in Third Grade Classrooms in Central Mississippi*
Advisor: Dr. Tony Latiker

Tianping Liu, Nantong China
Dissertation: *An Investigation of Gender Differences in Reading Achievements of Sixth Grade Students: From the Viewpoint of Metalinguistic Awareness*
Advisor: Dr. Tony Latiker

Dr. Candis Pizzetta
Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

***Ronella D. Gollman**, Sanford, FL
Dissertation: *An Examination of the Effect of Racial Microaggressions on Doctoral Students' Perceptions of Anxiety, Stress, Depression, Belongingness, and Academic Engagement While Attending Predominately White Institutions (PWIs) in Mississippi*

Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Moreland
Dr. Debra Sue Pate

***Naome P. Kobayakawa**, Starkville, MS
Dissertation: *The Comparison of Two Performance Validity Tests in A Child Sample*
Advisor: Dr. Debra Sue Pate

***Jeremy M. Stromas**, Pensacola, FL
Dissertation: *TGenerational Differences Between African American Millennial and Baby Boomer Males: Factors That Impact Their Matriculation in Higher Education*
Advisor: Dr. Bryman Williams

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Pamela M. Confer, Jackson, MS
Dissertation: *An Integrative Review of Cross-Cultural Literacy in Public Policy and Its Implications for Economic Development*
Advisor: Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen

Angela Detrice Johnson, Port Gibson, MS
Dissertation: *A Comparative Analysis of County Health Outcomes and the Prevalence of Public Charities in Mississippi (2010-2018)*
Advisor: Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen

***Anna Eatmon-Johnson**, Vicksburg, MS
Dissertation: *Evaluating the Impact of the Universal Motorcycle Helmet Laws on Riders' Fatalities*
Advisor: Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen

***Lawren M. Long**, Jackson, MS
Dissertation: *Evaluating the Impacts of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) on Childhood Obesity*
Advisor: Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen

Marilyn Johnson-Luckett, Jackson, MS
Dissertation: *An Analysis of the Title X Contraception Access to Mississippi's Low-Income Teens and the Introduction of the Affordable Care Act, 2008-2018*
Advisor: Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen

Udensi Kalu Udensi, Amukabi Amaokwe Item, Abia State, Nigeria
Dissertation: *Findings on United States Asthma Prevalence, Particulate Matter (PM2.5) and Other Factors after 2006 National Ambient Air Quality Standards Regulatory Implementation*
Advisor: Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen

Dr. Wilbur L. Walters, Jr.
Dean, College of Science, Engineering and Technology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

COMPUTATIONAL AND DATA ENABLED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Guojing Hu, China
Dissertation: *Analysis of Mixed Human and Connected Autonomous Traffic Based on Vissim-Python Platform*
Advisor: Dr. Tor A. Kwembe

ENGINEERING

John Ivoke, Ebonyi State, Nigeria
Dissertation: *Effect of Wet-Dry Cycles on Hydromechanical Properties of Expansive Yazoo Clay*
Advisor: Dr. Mohammad Sadik Khan

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

***Tanisha Renee Hinton**, Chicago, IL
Dissertation: *Therapeutic Mechanisms of Action of Vernonia Amygdalina on Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia*
Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

Cristina Constanta Nica, Bucharest, Romania
Dissertation: *Environmental Factors Influencing the Habitat of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve*
Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Monica Sanae Lewis, Madison, MS
Dissertation: *A Systemic Review on Younger Adults Living in Nursing Homes Transitioning to Home-and Community-based Services*
Advisor: Dr. Talya D. Thomas

Dr. Girmay Berhie
Dean, College of Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Tashinika McGee Crowley, Hollandale, MS
Dissertation: *Factors Influencing Low-Income Maternal Perceptions of Adolescent Obesity*

Advisor: Dr. Patrice Jenkins
Dr. Isiah Marshall

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Rasaki Ayodeji Aranmolate,
Hattiesburg, MS

Dissertation: *The Association of Ghrelin and Adiponectin Multimers with Left Ventricular Mass in African-Americans: The Jackson Heart Study*

Advisor: Dr. Anthony Mawson

Jason R. Brown, Farmhaven, MS

Dissertation: *The Association between Social Determinants of Health and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes: Findings from the Mississippi Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), 2009-2011*

Advisor: Dr. Sophia S. Leggett

Verónica de Los Angeles Hernández Morales, Bogota, Columbia, South America

Dissertation: *Development of a Diabetes Type 2 Risk Score for African Americans: Jackson Heart Study*

Advisor: Dr. Marinelle Payton

***Kia Monique Jones**, Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *The Role of Lipid Abnormalities in Predicting CVD in Participants with Chronic Disease: Findings from the Jackson Heart Study*

Advisor: Dr. Clifton Addison

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Interim Dean, College of Education
and Human Development

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

EDUCATION

Alexis Anderson, Jackson, MS
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Cassandra Renee Shelling, Madison, MS
Tameki L. Smith, Coahoma, MS
***Carmen Pinkney Taylor**, Jackson, MS
***Portia Moore**, Jackson, MS
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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

***Makena Cheheba Alexander**, Queens, NY
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Walker Springs, AL
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MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTING

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MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

TEACHING

Matalyn D. Evans, Brandon, MS
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Crista Patrice Sturgis Lovette,
Vicksburg, MS
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Marlena J. Murphy, Richland, MS
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Camechelle Stevens, Terry, MS
Roscoe Denzel Spires, Jackson, MS

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Aleah Jalese Allen, Silver City, MS
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Markeisha S. Robinson, Greenville, MS
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Ruth Potter, Florence, MS
La'Tunya Denise Smith, Hazlehurst, MS
Baronica Evangeline Tarrance, Jackson, MS
Kimla Williams, Canton, MS

SPORT SCIENCE

Kadajah Sharnece Babbitt, Shannon, MS
Jamahd DaShun Dent, Vaughan, MS
Jarrad L. Hayes, Baton Rouge, LA
Niya Neshay Head, Tchula, MS
Emily Nicole Kirk, Brighton, MS
Carle Ollie, Jr., Jackson, MS
Chelsea P. Williams, Greenville, MS
Sharlandria Winston, Camden, MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kendra Michelle Anderson, Conehatta, MS
*Angelia Raquel Ashford, McCool, MS
Chareather Winding Brister, McComb, MS
Jerhonda Nicole Carter, Gulfport, MS
Kenyata Carter, Booneville, MS
Kenya L. Cawthorne, Shreveport, LA
Sabrina Ticonna Colom-Wilson, Tiplersville, MS

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Lesia Daniel-Hollingshead, Clinton, MS
*Kedra R. Gray, New Orleans, LA
Lively T. Hawkins, Jackson, MS
Shaquille Herbert, Jackson, MS
*Thoreausa Horne, Brandon, MS
*Lajuna Ivory, Greenwood, MS
*Andrea LaTrice Jones, Jackson, MS
Jacqueline Jones, Jackson, MS
*Teresa Dannette Johnson, Canton, MS
Denise Lizana, Gulfport, MS
Sheila Christine McDuffie, Miami, FL
Shantie McFadden, Carthage, MS
Latasha N. Mitchell, Durant, MS
*Marcia R. Moore, Philadelphia, MS
*Arrianna Morrison, Canton, MS
*Lawana Nash-Woodard, Weir, MS
Tamiko Latrice Richardson, Edwards, MS
*Vivian Fleming Roby, Kosciusko, MS
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Thesis: *Vernonia Amygdalina Induces Cytotoxic Effects and Oxidative Stress in Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (HL-60) Cells*

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Thesis: *Effects of IGF2BP1 Inhibition on the Sensitivity of HCT116 Cells to Irinotecan*

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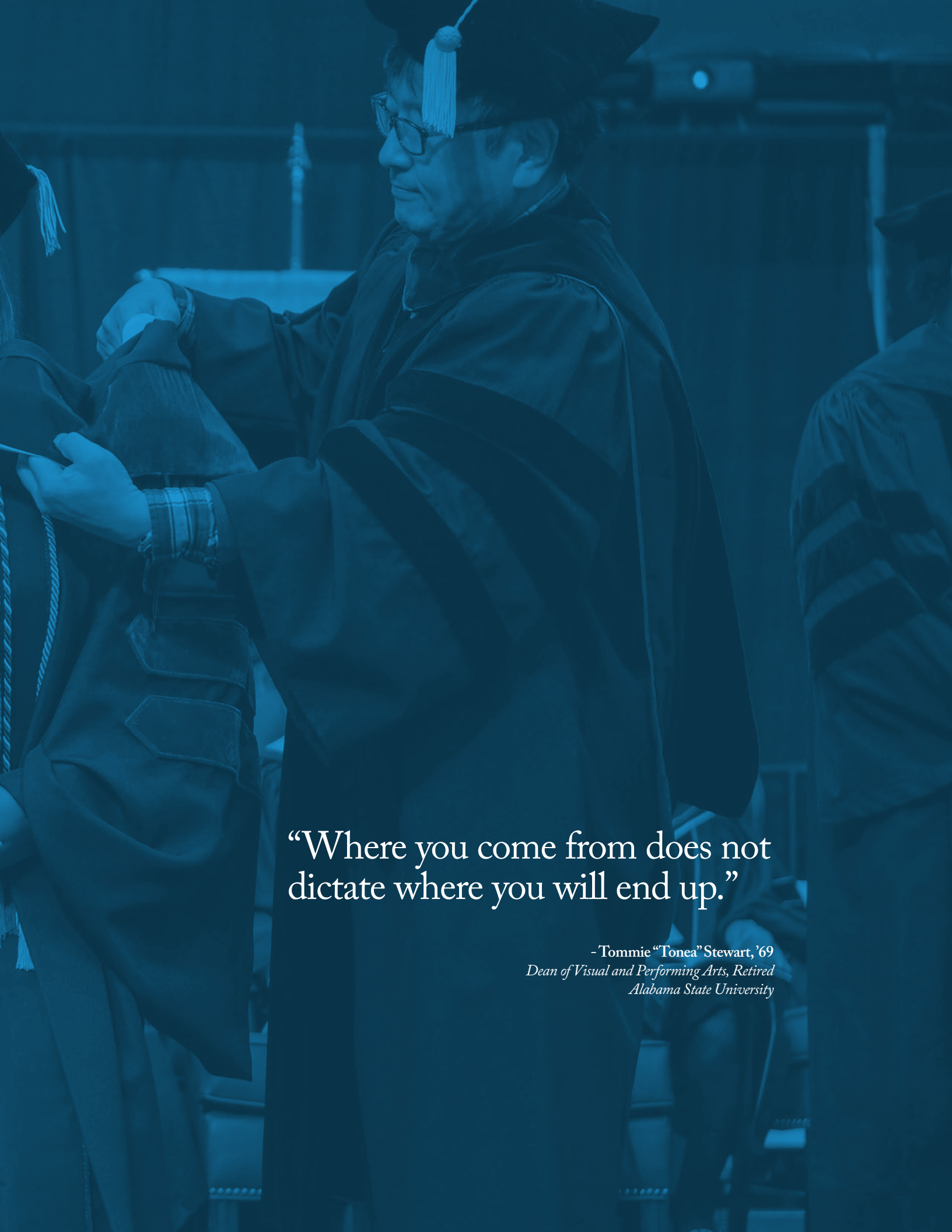
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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY SEAL AND MACE



THE SEAL

The University Seal was designed by Freddy Norman, graphic artist. The Seal displays the University's motto: *Excellentia Academica, Investigatio et Officium* (Academic Excellence, Research, and Service). Three significant elements are presented in the design. At the center of the configuration is a winged torch. The flame signifies the light of learning and the search for truth. It leaps upward, borne aloft by outspread wings symbolic of the quest for excellence. Within the wing on the left side is an open book symbolic of research and publication. The globe inscribed within the wing on the right side symbolizes the University's commitment to service to the state, the nation, and the world. The year 1877 represents the founding date of the university. The laurel wreath, which is reminiscent of the victor's crown awarded to the best competitors in the arts and sciences during the Classical Era, encircles the design and represents the pursuit of excellence in every field. On March 15, 1974, the Seal was revised to include the institution's university designation.



THE MACE

The Mace was originated and first used in Egypt, where it represented creativeness, achievement, and the assertive tendency in man. In the Middle Ages, it was used as a weapon of war. Today, however, the mace represents deputized authority and dignity.

The Jackson State University Mace is carried in all formal University convocations. It was carved from a piece of solid American black walnut. The upper portion of the Mace is in the shape of a pentagon and contains the University's logo and Seal. Dr. Sam Cobbins, retired Professor of Technology and Industrial Arts, designed and constructed the Jackson State University Mace.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE AND MEDALLION

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Chain of Office is a symbol of office dating from medieval times. It is worn by the President with academic regalia on ceremonial occasions. The Chain of Office honors the highest official at an educational institution as a symbol of leadership and responsibility vested in that office.

The Chain of Office for Jackson State University's President is made of antiqued silver plated bronze metal and is made up of curved banners engraved with the names of the University's previous presidents.

From the chain hangs a medallion. A banner engraved with the President's name is located at the center of the chain directly above the University Medallion. This banner is adorned with a leaf and inscribed with the year representing the President's first year in office.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

Traditionally, the medallion is a symbol of academic leadership. It is one of the oldest symbols of authority. The medallion is worn by the President as part of his/her presidential regalia at commencement and other ceremonial occasions at the University. It symbolizes the President's authority as the highest officer of the University. The medallion is inscribed with the Jackson State University Seal, which represents the Office of the President and the University's commitment to academic excellence, research and service.

The three-inch circular medallion is made of antiqued silver-plated bronze metal with blue enamel. This unique mount represents a single-faced imagery in bas-relief creating a two-level projection with the three significant elements in the overall design encircled by the laurel wreath. At the center of the configuration is a winged torch. The flame signifies the light of learning and the search for truth. It leaps upward borne aloft by outspread wings symbolic of the quest for excellence. Within the wing on the left side is an open book symbolic of research and publication; the globe inscribed within the wing on the right side symbolizes the University's commitment to service to the state, the nation and the world. The year 1877 represents the founding date of the University. The laurel wreath, which encircles the design, represents the pursuit of excellence in every field.

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing academic regalia stems from the Middle Ages when scholars were also clerics and wore the costumes in their Monastic orders.

The most common headpiece for the ceremony is the black square, flat topped or *mortar board* which is shaped like a board of the mason which holds the mortar.

The *tassel* on the doctor's cap is usually gold in color and is worn on the left. The tassel on the master's cap is usually black and is also worn on the left. The tassel on the bachelor's cap, usually black, is worn on the right prior to graduation, then moved to the left when instructed by the presiding officer.

The **hood**, which is mentioned as early as 1480 in clerical literature, was originally used as a head covering, a shoulder cape, and a bag in which alms could be collected.

The *gown* is usually black. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's but has regular length sleeves which are pointed. Some gowns may be the color of the department granting the degree, such as "Education Blue." Others may be "Yale Blue" or "Harvard Crimson" for graduates of these universities.

HOOD AND TASSEL COLORS

Shown below is a listing of hood and tassel colors established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent several departments of learning. *(Please note that not all departments listed here are established at Jackson State University.)*

Agriculture |Maze
Medicine |Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities |White
Music |Pink
Business Administration, Accountancy |Drab
Nursing |Apricot
Dentistry |Lilac
Oratory (Speech) |Silver Gray
Economics |Copper
Pharmacy |Olive Green
Education |Light Blue
Philosophy |Dark Blue
Engineering |Orange
Physical Education |Sage Green
Fine Arts, including Architecture |Brown
Public Administration, Service |Peacock Blue
Forestry |Russet
Public Health |Salmon Pink
Home Economics |Maroon
Science |Golden Yellow
Journalism |Crimson
Social Work/Science |Citron
Law |Purple
Theology |Scarlet
Library Science |Lemon
Veterinary Science |Gray
Lifelong Learning |Garnet

ACADEMIC DEGREES

THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A bachelor's degree is the first academic degree that is conferred by a university to students who have completed the undergraduate coursework of study. The bachelor's degree is sometimes called a baccalaureate degree. This degree is the most common type of college degree awarded by institutions of higher learning in the United States. The bachelor's degree provides students with a foundation for entering many professional career fields and for further education.

THE MASTER'S DEGREE

The master's degree is an academic degree that is conferred by a university to students who have successfully completed one or two years of approved course work beyond that of the bachelor's degree. Master's degree candidates are expected to exhibit and demonstrate mastery of a specialized body of theoretical and applied subject matter. A thesis or a project is usually required in many master's degree programs.

THE SPECIALIST DEGREE

The specialist degree is common in many education and psychology programs. It is conferred by a university to students who have completed academic study beyond the master's level and below the doctorate level.

THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

The doctoral degree is the highest of the academic degrees conferred by a university. It is offered in most fields of study. Doctoral degrees include the professional degree and the research degree. The professional doctoral degree calls for advanced training for the practice in professional fields such as medicine, pharmacy, law or nursing. The research doctorate requires approximately four years of advanced study and independent research. The years of study and excellent research are typically accompanied by a dissertation. The doctoral candidate is expected to make a contribution to the body of knowledge in the field of study.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession dates back to the Middle Ages when universities were closely associated with the Medieval Church. Since that time, the academic procession has become a treasured tradition in higher education institutions. During the academic procession, university officers and others related to the university march in formal university events in academic regalia.

The pageantry of the academic procession is a featured part of commencement programs and other formal university events. The Academic Procession is generally initiated by the university's mace bearer. During commencements, the mace bearer is generally followed by the chief faculty marshal. The academic procession brings into the arena the President, other officials of the university, representatives from the governing board, the guest speaker, college deans, other platform guests, administrators, faculty and graduating students.

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