
Delta State University

NINETY-SEVENTH

Commencement



WALTER SILLERS COLISEUM
FRIDAY, MAY TENTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR
10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

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PROGRAM

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

Dr. Julia Thorn
Interim Chair and Director of Choral Activities Department of Music

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.....Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith
Mr. Johnathan Denton, Tenor
Dr. Julia Thorn, Piano

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

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

ADDRESS.....Dr. Tyrone Jackson, President, Mississippi Delta Community College

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

ASSISTED BY

Mrs. Michelle Johansen, Assistant Coordinator of International Student Services
Dr. Ellen S. Green, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Tomeka Harbin, Interim Dean, College of Business and Aviation
Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences
Dr. Vicki L. Bingham, Dean, Robert E. Smith School of Nursing

DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

10:00 AM

Doctor of Education
Educational Specialist
Master
Doyce Stallings Mitchell Honor Diploma
Baccalaureate - College of Business and
Aviation

DEGREE CANDIDATE ORDER

2:00 PM

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

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

RECESSIONAL.....Trumpet Voluntary
by Jeremiah Clarke

Dr. Julia Thorn, Piano

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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER – DR. TYRONE JACKSON



Dr. Tyrone Jackson is a native of Rosedale, Mississippi, and attended West Bolivar High School. He graduated from Delta State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies and Sociology in 1994, a Master of Education degree in Social Sciences and Sociology in 1998, and a Doctor of Education degree in Professional Studies, with a concentration in educational leadership, in 2005.

Dr. Jackson has spent his professional career as a steward of higher education, and he began that career at Delta State University. From 1994 to 2008, he served Delta State in several capacities including: Admissions Counselor, Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Director of Graduate Studies, Assistant Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies, and Interim Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies. Upon his departure from his alma mater, Dr. Jackson transferred to the community college system to work at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as Associate Vice President for Student Services and also as the Jefferson Davis Campus Dean of Student Services. He then transitioned to Hinds Community College where he served as Associate Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students and as Vice President for the Utica Campus. In July 2019, he became the ninth president of Mississippi Delta Community College.

Dr. Jackson has been recognized throughout his career, and has served on numerous advisory boards, for the betterment of education. He graduated from the Delta Emerging Leaders program, Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, Leadership Gulf Coast, and Leadership Mississippi. Dr. Jackson serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the Mississippi Humanities Council. Additionally, he is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Jackson is married to Kashanta Jackson, and they are the parents of two children, Tyler and Kennedy.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Janet Elizabeth Cooper Medical Laboratory Technology Students' Performance and Perceptions When Using Video Instruction to Learn A Psychomotor Skill Dissertation Chair: Dr. Corlis Snow, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Corlis Snow	Professional Studies	Shaw, MS
Chandrea Shameka Everett Harmony in Education: A Quantitative Exploration of Elementary, Middle, and High School Counselors' and Principals' Perspectives on School Counselor Job Duties and Their Influence on School Counselor-Principal Relationship Quality Dissertation Chair: Dr. Mary Bess Pannel, Ph.D., LPC, NCC Hooded by: Dr. Mary Bess Pannel	Professional Studies	Bruce, MS
Adrienne White Hudson A Phenomenological Study of Participants' Lived Experiences in a Strategic Grow-Your-Own Initiative in the Mississippi Delta Dissertation Chair: Dr. Timothy Watkins, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Barbara Boschert, Ed.D., NBCT	Professional Studies	Clarksdale, MS
Gina Foust Jenkins An Investigation into the General Metacognition and Metacognitive Teaching Practices of College Faculty at a Regional University in Mississippi Dissertation Chair: Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Merideth Van Namen	Professional Studies	Benoit, MS
+ Patricia Kelly Exploring the Expansion of Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit into Career Technical Education and Health Science Courses/Programs in the State of Mississippi Dissertation Chair: Dr. Anna Macedonia, Ph.D. Hooded by: Dr. Corlis Snow, Ed.D.	Professional Studies	Benoit, MS
+ Amy Faulkner Land Analyzing Patterns of Retention in Online Developmental English and General Education Developmental English in a Mississippi Community College Dissertation Chair: Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Ed.D. Hooded by: Dr. Merideth Van Namen	Professional Studies	Duck Hill, MS

Note: Latin honors based on GPA at beginning of Spring 2024 semester

* cum laude

** magna cum laude

*** summa cum laude

∞ Honors Fellows

+ Phi Kappa Phi

◇ Degree awarded Summer 2023

◇◇ Degree awarded Fall 2023

All cities in Mississippi
unless otherwise indicated

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Mary Caves Abbey	Educational Administration and Supervision	Bay Springs
Deairen Allen	Curriculum and Instruction	Clarksdale
Christy Boykin	Curriculum and Instruction	Hollandale
Rodderrie Corbin	Elementary Education	Mound Bayou
Morgan Samone Houston	Curriculum and Instruction	Southaven
Tronica Ramone Lawrence	Educational Administration and Supervision	Olive Branch
Daryl Moore	Educational Administration and Supervision	Clarksdale
Tiffany Nickelberry	Educational Administration and Supervision	Pearl
Tiffany Robinson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Nettleton
Georgina Suzanne Walker Smith	Educational Administration and Supervision	Brandon
Hannah Stanley	Curriculum and Instruction	Pearl
Hertayshia Leonbernique Thomas	Educational Administration and Supervision	Southaven
Eula Diane Virges	Curriculum and Instruction	Shannon
Seneca Walton	Curriculum and Instruction	Clarksdale

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Shawn Michael Anderson	Teaching	Vicksburg
Cortavious Love	Teaching	Oxford
Larry Montez Richardson	Teaching	Tillatoba
◇ Justin Sanders	Teaching	Jackson
Ashley Yopez	Teaching	North Las Vegas, NV

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Karesha Bratcher	Elementary Education	Grenada
Ruby Butler	Counseling	Coahoma
Semira Chowdhury	Counseling	Pearl
Hailey Cheyenne Collins	Counseling	Cleveland
Travesha Teneice Collins	Elementary Education	Winstonville
Alexis Dandridge	Counseling	Olive Branch
Elena Rybalko Fernandez	Counseling	Houston, TX
Anthony Quinn Gibson	Counseling	Brandon
+ JaWanda Willete Griham	Counseling	Rosedale
Kellie Paige Hester	Elementary Education	Red Bay, AL
Timothy Scott Hudson	Educational Administration and Supervision	Myrtle
Brittney Gill Johns	Secondary Education	Cleveland
Matty Alexa Jones	Elementary Education	Cleveland

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kaylee Nelson Kennedy	Elementary Education	Madison
Kendall Kern	Counseling	Cleveland
Lori Elizabeth Lassett	Elementary Education	Greenville
Makenzie McConnell	Counseling	Yazoo City
+ Mary Parker	Counseling	Jackson
Kanisha Vanyel Patterson	Counseling	Pearl
Candance Smith	Counseling	Memphis, TN
Deidra Spencer	Counseling	Grenada
Deundre Williams	Elementary Education	Greenwood
River Makenzie Woods	Counseling	Winona

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT & HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Lakambia Janae Claiborne	Sport and Human Performance	Greenwood
Jerome Morris Coley	Sport and Human Performance	Jonestown
LaDarrien DaSean Evans	Sport and Human Performance	Greenville
William Robert Evans	Sport and Human Performance	Boynton Beach, FL
Emanuel Fava	Sport and Human Performance	Italy
Carra Hymel	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
Chloe Kotze	Sport and Human Performance	South Africa
Philip Loyd	Sport and Human Performance	Cleveland
Tommie Tydrell Mitchell	Sport and Human Performance	Clarksdale
Truitt Brendan Smith	Sport and Human Performance	Wiggins
Tom Toulson	Sport and Human Performance	England

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Crystel Burkhardt	Liberal Studies	Picayune
Jasmine Burns	Liberal Studies	Shaw
Casey Ray Cook	Liberal Studies	Summit
Tenelia Grays	Liberal Studies	Walls
Jeffrey David Johns	Liberal Studies	Greenwood
Brenda Jean Ware	Liberal Studies	Jackson

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCES DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Kaniquia Renee' Fulton	Natural Sciences	Indianola

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Tiarrne Gatewood	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Memphis, TN
Maneia Corvette Sparks	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Cleveland

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Allison Jernae Alexander	Business Administration	Enid
+ Christina Taylor Alford	Business Administration	Greenwood
Addison Andrews	Business Administration	Memphis, TN
Peter Damian Asiegbu	Business Administration	Nigeria
Jennifer Brown	Business Administration	Cleveland
Jalen Nikiyah Burns	Business Administration	Shaw
+ Lenon Harvey Butts	Business Administration	Winona
Stephanie Clinton	Business Administration	Cleveland
Tiera Cook	Business Administration	Greenville
Hannah Dickerson	Business Administration	Hernando
Tierra Lakish Fountain	Business Administration	Drew
Mary Alice Franklin	Business Administration	Shaw
William Garrard	Business Administration	Jackson
Jermeshea Gatlin	Business Administration	Indianola
William Grayson	Business Administration	Madison
Davontre Dashun Henderson	Business Administration	Coolidge, TX
Jasmine Janay Holloway	Business Administration	Sontag
Shavia Johnson	Business Administration	Cleveland
Shukira M. King	Business Administration	Senatobia
Brittany E. McNeal	Business Administration	Shaw
William Andrew Midlick	Business Administration	Grenada
Elizabeth Allen Moor	Business Administration	Indianola
Karesia Tanisha Morton	Business Administration	Shelby
Arkika Shyneice Palmer	Business Administration	Cleveland
Umaben Jagdishbhai Patel	Business Administration	India
Eldi Seiti	Business Administration	Italy
Anna Grace Perry	Business Administration	Sarah
Richard Brandon Springer	Business Administration	Cleveland
Corbin Bernard Stewart	Business Administration	Greenville
Rishav Thakur	Business Administration	Italy
Shavonica Williams	Business Administration	Bartlett, TN
Jeffrey Brian Woodward	Business Administration	Louisville

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Raoul Boughton	Commercial Aviation	Diamondhead
Chris Shen Eugene	Commercial Aviation	McDonough, GA
Sydney Kremer	Commercial Aviation	Bourbonnais, IL

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Alyssa Greene	Accountancy	Grenada
Richard Walker Holcomb	Accountancy	Rolling Fork
Sarah Toole	Accountancy	Cleveland

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
Shauna D. Allen	Nursing	Greenville
Destiny Grace Broom	Nursing	Sumrall
Elizabeth Herrington Harrison	Nursing	New Albany
Megan Hodges	Nursing	Greenville
Dana Michelle Pannell	Nursing	Boyle
Molly Ready	Nursing	Flowood
+ Tracey Nicole Skelton	Nursing	Hickory Flat
Schenita LaShun Williams	Nursing	Grenada

CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Anna Clare Clark	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Senatobia
	Timothy Kaske	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Imperial, MO
***	Devon Ramey	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	White Hall, AR
	Sheyla Alessandra Sicily	Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence	Thibodaux, LA

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
***	Andrew Lawrence Blades	English	Clarksdale
	James Brent Cavallo	Music	Horn Lake
	Lauren Alexis Harvey	English	Vicksburg
	Jamelia Mason	English	Clarksdale
**	Ella Javon McQueen	Art	Hollywood, MD
	Clayton Parker Pugh	History	Oakland
	Adams Ray	English	Brandon
**	Christopher August Schove	Art	Oxford
**	Alana Wynn Walker	History	Bay Springs

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Abigail Ruth Carter	Art	Mendenhall
	Anna Marie Kirby	Digital Media Arts	Olive Branch
	Anna Elizabeth Schmitz	Digital Media Arts	Florence
**	Alice Ann Mullins	Digital Media Arts / Art	Columbus
*	Makyryn Natalia Triplett	Digital Media Arts / Art	Ruleville

BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
∞*	Matthew Brewton	Music Education	Gulfport
	Latoya Takia Calhoun	Music Education	Cleveland
+**	Emily Faith Hargett	Music Education	Charleston
*	Alexandria Jade Johnson	Music Education	Batesville
	William-Presley Ethaniel Pope	Music Education	Horn Lake

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Le'Undria Austin	Biology	Olive Branch
∞***	JaMaya Ashalia Batteast	Biology	Charleston
∞*	Tchuknequa Quennell Baymon	Biology	Isola
∞+**	Karley Laine Bloesch	Biology	Poplar Grove, AR
*	Kyuhyeon Cho	Entertainment Industry Studies	South Korea
	Savannah Brook Conway	Biology	Holcomb
**	Anna Colby Counts	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Oxford
	Sha'Daria Re'Nya Darden	Biology	Porterville
	Mya Fleming	Biology	Madison
	Tukiyah S. Godbolt	Biology	Bogue Chitto
	Mykendria Lashae Herring	Biology	Dundee
	William Eduardo-Mario Hulbert	Entertainment Industry Studies	Jackson
**	Lucy Elizabeth Kastla	Entertainment Industry Studies	Chunky
	Sydney Ray Kittrell	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Cleveland
*	Gavin Kolb	Environmental Science	Holcomb
	Jori Pearl Lakes	Biology / Environmental Science	Greenville
∞*	Kierra Symone Lee	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Winstonville
	Walter Lockhart	Mathematics	Madison, AL
	E'Parish DaQwammian Mayhall	Biology	Cleveland
*	Lexi Michael Mitchell	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Cleveland
	KaTerri Samione Moore	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Greenville
+***	Lane Clare Paxton	Mathematics	Inverness
	Grayce Elizabeth Redwine	Biology	Leland
	Noble Richard Reynolds	Biology	Prattville, AL
*	Carlos Chevez Rice	Entertainment Industry Studies	Greenville
∞+***	Haley Elizabeth Rooks	Mathematics	Jackson
	Micah Isaiah Sanford	Biology	Courtland
	Gabriel Michael Schweitzer	Biology	Columbiana, AL
	Chesley Aidan Sims	Biology	Cleveland
**	Daniella M. Solkow	Biology	South Africa
	Ashley Aalliyah Spearman	Biology	Rome
∞+***	Raegan Paige Stafford	Biology	Southaven
	Jonah Michael Troup	Biology	Prattville, AL
	Kristen Caleana Williams	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Madison
*	Swayze Blaine Woods	Speech and Hearing Sciences	Grenada

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
**	Gracie Fane Burchfield	Social Studies Education	Batesville
	Kendall Anna Coker	English Education	Charleston
	Tycen Brett Gray	Social Studies Education	Farmington, MO

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Mehgen Elizabeth Gee	Interdisciplinary Studies	Sardis
	David Allen Mackey	Interdisciplinary Studies	Vicksburg
**	Courtney Shakobi Simmons	Interdisciplinary Studies	Byram
	Glenda Faye Thomas	Interdisciplinary Studies	Greenville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Samuel Edwards	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Cleveland
	Jaleshia Lloyd	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Hollandale
***	Mathilde Skovbakke	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Denmark

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Takiyah Alford	Social Work	Rolling Fork
	Ashley Denise Anderson	Social Work	Greenville
	Katherine Celeste Bachler	Social Work	Charleston
	Dimetric Ann Barnes	Social Work	Clarksdale
	Katera Aaliyah Burnette	Social Work	Oxford
*	Kaycee Nicole Carter	Social Work	Meadville
***	Kayte Lynn Covington	Social Work	Raymond
***	Poppy Emily Derhun	Social Work	England
	Lauryn Aaliyah Evans	Social Work	Greenwood
	Tashera Tanjanik Ewings	Social Work	Jonestown
	Zavasiea Gaston	Social Work	Crowder
+***	Ellie Carol Hilton	Social Work	Mendenhall
*	Renay Latroy Jackson	Social Work	Greenwood
**	Andrienna Jones	Social Work	Cleveland
*	Eboni Nicole Jones	Social Work	Tutwiler
**	Lekita Lashay Norwood	Social Work	Grenada
	Hope Marie Poarch	Social Work	Bentonla
	Harley Grace Smith	Social Work	Louisville

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
+***	Riley Grace Taylor	Social Work	Grenada
◇◇	Latrice Webster	Social Work	Greenville

BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Emmett Maxio Manly	University Studies	Cleveland
	Jennifer Morris	University Studies	Greenville
	Olivia Rae Whatley	University Studies	Ruleville
	Jerome Williams	University Studies	Thomasville, GA

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND AVIATION

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Kimberly Madison Keith	Business Administration	Purvis
	Courtney Butler Patton	Business Administration	Courtland

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Bonnie Gaylan Adams	General Business	Senatobia
∞*	Kayla Janae' Allen	Accountancy	Moorhead
	Emma Kate Bennett	General Business	Olive Branch
	Andrea Tashae Brown	General Business	Greenville
	Sarama Ayoka Brown	Health Care Administration	Byhalia
*	Semira Anyawu Brown	Health Care Administration	Byhalia
	Triston Bailey Burden	Accountancy	Greenwood
	Gavin Anders Carlson	Management	West Memphis, AR
	Justin Collins	General Business	Olive Branch
	Jonathan David Dewberry	General Business	Pollok, TX
	Kelen Ray Dietrich	Finance	Cincinnati, OH
	Tyler David Edwards	Computer Information Systems	Cleveland
	Emiliano Elizarraraz	Finance	Mexico
+**	Kelsey Ann Farmer	Computer Information Systems	Fresno, TX
	Andy Dean Franks	Accountancy	Mooreville
	Ariel Galloway	General Business	Indianola
	Aaron Brett Giger	Management	Cleveland
	Jared Avery Giger	Management	Cleveland
**	Dawson Lynn Graham	Computer Information Systems	Greenville
*	Marie Isabelle Guillaume	General Business	France
	Johnnari Ke'Shawn Harris	General Business	Rosedale

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Adalyn Adell Hawkins	General Business	Cleveland
**	Sammy Dalton Higdon	General Business	Water Valley
	Curney Ronnell Humphrey	General Business	Shelby
	Brianna D'Shae Jones	Health Care Administration	Cleveland
	Zamaria Jones	General Business	Shelby
	Kanav Kaushal	Computer Information Systems	India
	Zachary Chase King	Marketing	Clarksdale
	Shatonya Samone Little	Management	Shelby
	Calvin Lockett	General Business	Largo, FL
**	Sophie Lutz	General Business / Management	Austria
	Jerneshia Brianna Mcadory	Health Care Administration	Winstonville
*	Margaret-Mary McCurry	Management	Gulfport
	Kaytairia Miller	General Business	Cleveland
	Vanessa Lynn Neldon	Finance	Glen Allan
	Eric Wayne Newsom	General Business	Madison
∞***	Sydney Ruth Pevey	Accountancy	Jayess
◇◇	Martina Rossetti	Marketing	Italy
*	Miya J. Sanders	General Business / Management	Hollandale
	Constance Janae Shackelford	Marketing	New Albany
	Rikiyia Short	Accountancy	Shaw
	Stanton Brent Sparks	General Business	Water Valley
	Dylan McCade Stephenson	General Business	Olive Branch
	Gabriel Morris Stockton	Accountancy	Madisonville, LA
*	Adriana Subias Botana	Computer Information Systems	Spain
	Erin Journey Trainer	General Business	Greenville
	Leigh Adale Tucker	Marketing	Madison
	Walter Cade Whitley	General Business	Coker, AL
	Leslie Williamson	Management	Columbus
***	Purin Yingpisit	Computer Information Systems	Thailand
*	Micah Shalil Young	Computer Information Systems	Olive Branch

BACHELOR OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Logan Barham	Flight Operations	Cleveland
	Calvin Loyd Blackford	Flight Operations	Niceville, FL
**	Owen Palmer Boutwell	Flight Operations	Fulton
	Evan Edward Bozes	Flight Operations	Slidell, LA
	Mason Chaney Brown	Flight Operations	Madison
	Benjamin Allen Cayson	Flight Operations	Tupelo
	Haden Michael Cuevas	Aviation Management	Kiln
	Jonathan Andrew Dabney	Flight Operations	Water Valley

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Spencer Reed Gaines	Flight Operations	Tupelo
	Michael Alexander Griffin	Flight Operations	Cleveland
*	Helena Nicole Hall	Flight Operations	Simi Valley, CA
*	Hannah Marie Hasle	Flight Operations	Grapevine, TX
***	Thomas Andrew Holden	Flight Operations	Ocean Springs
	Kaiden Dean Holt	Flight Operations	West Memphis, AR
	Timothy Lane Hubbard	Flight Operations	Vicksburg
	Nickolas Gabriel Krebs	Flight Operations	Moss Point
	Chandler Ladner	Flight Operations	Pass Christian
*	Clinton Quinn Lindsey	Flight Operations	Madison
**	Stephanie McClendon	Flight Operations	Whitmore Lake, MI
	Nathan Wesley McCoy	Flight Operations	Tiplersville
	James Ian McDonald	Aviation Management	Hattiesburg
	Cameron Keshawn Palmer	Aviation Management	Brandon
	Tucker Donald Schroer	Flight Operations	Athens, GA
	Anna Grace Travis	Flight Operations	Hernando
	Maxwell Allen Varner	Aviation Management	Memphis, TN
∞**	Anderson Wells	Flight Operations	Fuquay Varina, NC
*	Haden Caleb Williamson	Flight Operations	Pass Christian
	Zachary Wilson	Aviation Management	Olive Branch

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	MaDaja Monae Armstrong	Psychology	Calhoun City
+***	Madeline Mae Avent	Psychology	Philipp
	Haley Jordan Bishop	Psychology	Ruleville
*	Nicholas Alexzander Bobo	Psychology	Senatobia
	Omari Nikole Bryant	Psychology	Cordova, TN
	Alexia Shaquille Cobb	Psychology	Indianola
	Lindsey Dianne Coffey	Psychology	Pontotoc
	Madelyn Grace Kelly	Psychology	Bentonla
	Alexis Logan	Psychology	Indianola
*	Jes'Lah Dannell Mullen	Psychology	Shaw
	Kristi Elizabeth Ray	Psychology	Belzoni
	Mary Emma Rayburn	Psychology	Greenwood
	Grayce Elizabeth Redwine	Psychology	Leland
*	Kiley Caroline Smith	Psychology	Woodland
	Jakayla Thompson	Psychology	Greenville
	David Nathaniel Tullos	Psychology	Madison
	Takia Joeshonnia Webster	Psychology	Greenville

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
∞**	Morgan Lee Bigbee	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Lexington
*	Dontavius Brookins	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Greenwood
	Malori Loran Cade	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Wesson
	Maalik Jajuan Cartwright	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Holly Grove, AR
***	Sasha Megan Clare	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Ireland
	Leroy Cotton	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
	Kennasia Davis	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Schlater
	Lamarcus Faulkner	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Waterford
	Latonya Fields	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Cleveland
∞***	Natalie Michelle Gill	Family and Consumer Sciences	Coldwater
	Trendon Karlton Gillon	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Amory
*	Joshua Paul Hill	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Indianola
	Braidron Hodo	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Itta Bena
	LaTea Reine Hoggan	Family and Consumer Sciences	Greenville
*	Amber Lynnelle Howard	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Indianola
**	Pongbhop Jamornsrianan	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Thailand
	Patrick Lee	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Baton Rouge, LA
	Katerian Keshun LeGrone	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Smyrna, GA
	Eva Grace McCrory	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
*	Whitney Latrice Moore	Family and Consumer Sciences	Cleveland
	Andinesha Neely	Family and Consumer Sciences	Gunnison
	Sofia Pepe	Family and Consumer Sciences	Italy
	Bryen Robinson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Batesville
	Kelvin Joshua Smith	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Columbus
	Jennifer Cleark Taylor	Family and Consumer Sciences	Clarksdale
	Huyana Raniece Thompson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Shaw
	Amyia Jabriel Triggs	Family and Consumer Sciences	Mound Bayou
*	Jamiah Vonshay Williams	Family and Consumer Sciences	Amory
	Hunter Williams-Seabrook	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Norcross, GA
	Marlon Montez Windham	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Macon

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
*	Emily Grace Adams	Elementary Education	Richland
	Kathryn Bess Barton	Elementary Education	Yazoo City
*	Sarah Katherine Beck	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
	Destiny Marie Coody Fleming	Elementary Education	Benton
	Austin Jake Davidson	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Meridian
	Lakendra Fairman	Elementary Education	Boyle

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Amber Shali'ka Gilmore	Elementary Education	Kosciusko
∞+***	Rebecca Mae Hahn	Elementary Education	Vicksburg
***	Amanda Mae Hillman	Elementary Education	Carthage
*	Candis Caroline Ivy	Elementary Education	Morton
	Natalie Elaine Jenkins	Elementary Education	Cleveland
	Nicholas I'kevuis Johnson	Elementary Education	Duck Hill
**	Annalise Johnson King	Elementary Education	Pearl
***	Jesse Cole Kirk	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Selmer, TN
*	Abigail McQuagge	Elementary Education	Madison
***	Sara Katherine Nickolson	Elementary Education	Raymond
***	Amy Perkins	Elementary Education	Pearl
	Bailey Brister Raiford	Elementary Education	Ruth
***	Emily Rayburn	Elementary Education	Clinton
*	Olivia Scoby	Elementary Education	Bentonla
+***	Rebekah Marie Wright	Elementary Education	Southaven

SCHOOL OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

	NAME	MAJOR FIELD	HOMETOWN
	Erin Channing Aldison	Nursing	Batesville
	Jennah Baker	Nursing	Horn Lake
	Christy Nichole Bates	Nursing	Brandon
	Courtney Campbell	Nursing	Byhalia
	Adrienne England	Nursing	Florence
	Tina Sanders Ginn	Nursing	Tylertown
	Hannah Gowen	Nursing	Batesville
	Arielle Grover	Nursing	Brandon
	Micaela Dawn Harper	Nursing	Baldwyn
	Austin Kevin Harris	Nursing	Grenada
	Chantal LeShay Harris	Nursing	Hollandale
	Rita Nicole Jones	Nursing	Seminary
	Jordan Kayelin Kellar	Nursing	Picayune
	Reagan MaKinnie Kisner	Nursing	Indianola
	Jordyn Ladner	Nursing	Poplarville
	April Long	Nursing	Greenville
	Magen Alyssa May	Nursing	Enid
	Matthew Thomas Norwood	Nursing	Water Valley
	Colton Ray Sellers	Nursing	Brooklyn
	Virginia Yelverton	Nursing	Cleveland

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.

Robert E. Smith School of Nursing

As the universal symbol for the discipline of Nursing, the Nightingale lamp is used prominently in the foreground, surrounded by the abstracted numbers of 1977, the year the School of Nursing was founded on the Delta State University campus. The light of learning shines brightly from the lamp, lighting the way for the compassion and caring of these graduates.

The School of Nursing banner was donated by Joshua, Zachary, and Adam Hilpert in honor of their mother, Patricia L. Hilpert, and her outstanding service as a Registered Nurse.

Graduate and Continuing Studies and Library Services

The pedestal denotes taking learning to a higher level while the sweeping band suggests a pathway to the future. Often associated with the great philosophers, the laurel leaf is used to signify triumph and humanity as well as matriculation and lifelong learning. The book of learning sits atop the pedestal displaying the philosophical principles serving as the foundation of education.

The Graduate and Continuing Studies banner was donated by Viking Range Corporation in memory of Ada Mitchell, who was responsible for Viking's commitment to the education of its employees.

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