

# CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Albany James H. Gray, Sr. Civic Center  
100 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard  
Albany, Georgia  
May 7, 2011  
9:45 a.m. Procession  
10 a.m. Commencement

## To Our Guests

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Welcome to Albany State University's Spring Commencement. This solemn but joyful climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study is an important and meaningful occasion for the University, its faculty, staff and students. In keeping with this feeling, all guests and participants are requested to avoid talking, shouting out or moving about during the exercises.

Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted on the floor to take pictures once Commencement is in progress.

As the procession enters, the audience should rise and remain standing until after the invocation.

Please hold applause until all candidates have returned to their places.

## Oath of Allegiance

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We, the members of the 2011 graduating class of Albany State University, acknowledge:

- **That** we have an obligation to fulfill as we leave to take our places in the world;
- **We** have an obligation to our **Alma Mater**, whose trust we hold;
- **We** have an obligation to do all in our power to assure progress of the institution which has so tenderly mothered us during our stay here;
- **We** have a dual obligation to you and to society through our relations in the social and economic life of our nation;
- **We** shall endeavor to conduct ourselves in the best possible fashion at all times;
- **We** shall strive, at all times, to deal fairly with our fellow man;
- **Therefore**, we pledge to you, **Albany State University**, our loyalty;
- **We** shall ever uphold the principles for which you stand, and ever guard your interests to the best of our knowledge and ability;
- **We** shall keep ourselves fully informed of your needs, desires and development; and
- **We** shall stand ready to cooperate with you in every way possible.

## Accreditation

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Albany State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award Bachelor's, Master's and Education Specialist degrees.

Albany State University is also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Georgia Department of Education, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, the National League for Nursing and approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.

Individual colleges and departments also hold membership in the regional and national professional organizations associated with their respective disciplines.

## A Message from the President



Dear Albany State University Graduates:

Today is a day that you'll mark in the history of your life as one of most important. For the past few years you've studied hard and worked diligently to meet the requirements necessary to earn your degree. Along the way, there have been faculty, staff and administrators helping you in this worthy endeavor.

As a university, we can prepare you to best of our abilities. We can impart to you all the knowledge that we've gathered over the course of our own lives. We can train you in the skills that we've spent decades to obtain. We can give you all that we can, but the truth is that we don't know what tomorrow brings. For you see, we lack the ability to see what the future holds and to see what path you'll take. These are outside our abilities.

What we do know is that you'll have the knowledge about yourself and about how you can impact the world, but it's up to you to determine what role you'll play in this world. You'll have the skills to be successful in your chose career field, but it's up to you how you use those skills. You'll be prepared to find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but it's up to you which path you'll follow to reach that gold.

As a university, we can't guarantee a life free from storms and stumbles, but we can guarantee that you have the fortitude to withstand such trials and the determination to recover each time that you fall. We can't guarantee that you'll always be appreciated, but we can guarantee that your efforts will improve your own life and impact the lives of others.

Now is the time for you to open the door of opportunity. Don't just wait for someone to place destiny in your hand. Grab destiny with both hands, and enjoy the ride!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everette J. Freeman", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Everette J. Freeman  
President  
Albany State University

## Vision Statement

Albany State University, a public HBCU, will be recognized as a pre-eminent institution of higher education in the University System of Georgia and in the Southeastern United States.

## The History

Albany State University, established originally as the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute and supported by private and religious organizations, was founded in 1903 by Joseph Winthrop Holley. The institute provided religious and manual training for African American youths of Southwest Georgia. The mission was to train teachers to teach basic academic skills and to train in the trades and industries, with special emphasis on domestic science. The institute remained privately supported through 1917.

In 1917, the institution became a state-supported, two-year college with a Board of Trustees, and its name was changed to Georgia Normal and Agricultural College. Offering only a limited program in agriculture, the College viewed as its primary purpose the training of elementary school teachers. In 1932, the Board of Regents was established, and the institution became a part of the newly established University System of Georgia.

In order to meet the changing needs of society, the mission of the College was expanded in 1943, and the College was granted four-year status and was authorized to confer the bachelor's degree in elementary education and home economics. At that time, the College assumed the name Albany State College. Six years later, the program of the College was again expanded to include offerings in the arts and sciences, with majors in the humanities and social studies.

Beginning in 1954, secondary-level programs were developed for teacher preparation in science, health and physical education, business, music, mathematics and natural sciences. The College continued to experience growth and development and was authorized in 1961 to offer a four-year degree program in nursing.

Always striving to address the educational needs of the time, the graduate program, a cooperative effort with Georgia State University, was added to the curriculum during the fall of 1972. Under this program, master's degrees were offered in business education, mathematics education, elementary education, English education, health and physical education, music education and science education (biology, chemistry and physics). In the spring of 1975, a master's degree in business administration, through Valdosta State College, was added to the graduate program.

During the decade of the '70s, the number of faculty earning the doctorate degree increased by more than fifty percent, and in September 1981, the College began offering a graduate program designed and delivered solely by faculty and staff of Albany State College. Master's degrees in business administration and education were offered. Since then criminal justice, nursing and public administration have been added.

Albany State College was granted university status in July 1996, and the name of the institution was changed to Albany State University.

During this impressive growth and development, the University has been guided by the following presidents:

Joseph Winthrop Holley, D.D., LL.D. (1903-1943)

Aaron Brown, Ph.D., LL.D., Ed.D. (1943-1954)

William H. Dennis, LL.D. (1954-1965)

Thomas Miller Jenkins, J.D., LL.D. (1965-1969)

Charles L. Hayes, Ed.D. (1969-1980)

Billy C. Black, Ph.D. (1980-1996)

Portia Holmes Shields, Ph.D. (1996-2005)

Everette J. Freeman, Ed.D. (2005-Present)

# Order of Procession

Chief Marshal (Melvin A. Shelton)  
The President of Albany State University  
The Commencement Speaker  
The Vice President for Academic Affairs  
The Vice Presidents  
The Honored Guests  
The Clergy  
The Deans  
ROTC Faculty  
The National Alumni Association President  
Associate Marshal (Flo J. Hill, Ed.S.)  
Assistant Marshal (Richard H. Williams, Ed.D.)  
The Administrators  
The Faculty  
University Directors  
Associate Marshal (Arnold Odio, Ph.D.)  
Assistant Marshal (Stephanie M. Harrison-Dyer, M.Ed.)  
Candidates for the Education Specialist Degree  
Candidates for the Master's Degree  
Assistant Marshal (Ravindra K. Malik, Ph.D.)  
Assistant Marshal (Dan Land, M.Ed.)  
Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree  
Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree  
Class of 1961

# Order of Commencement

Everette J. Freeman, Ed.D.  
President of the University, Presiding  
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## PRELUDE

ASU Symphonic and Concert Bands  
Professor Jesse Walker, Conductor  
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Please stand as the Academic Procession moves into the arena and remain standing until after the Invocation.

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

“Pomp and Circumstance” Op. 39, No. 1  
by Sir Edward Elgar  
arr. James Ployhar  
ASU Symphonic and Concert Bands  
Michael Martin, Ph.D., Conductor  
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## INVOCATION

Dr. Frederick Williams, Sr.  
Pastor of Gethsemane Worship Center  
Albany, Georgia  
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## OPENING REMARKS

President Freeman  
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## CHORAL SELECTION

“Welten singen” from *Christus am Oelberge*  
by Ludwig van Beethoven  
ASU Concert Chorale  
Dr. Marcia Mitchell Hood, Conductor  
Dr. Mimi Noda, Piano  
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## THE COMMENCEMENT STATEMENT

### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

President Freeman  
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## THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kessel Stelling, Jr.  
Regent, Sixth Congressional District, University System of Georgia  
President and CEO of Synovus Financial Corporation  
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## BAND SELECTION

“Deep River” setting by James Swearingen  
Professor Jesse Walker, Conductor  
with Dr. Shawn Puller, Tenor  
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## CHORAL SELECTION

“Down by the Riverside” arr. Moses Hogan  
Theodore Holmes, Soloist  
Dr. Hood, Conductor  
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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

**Abiodun Ojemakinde, Ph.D.**

Vice President for Academic Affairs

*Education Specialist*

*Master of Business Administration - Master of Education*

*Master of Public Administration - Master of Science*

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Candidates for degrees presented by

Deans of Colleges:

**Leroy Bynum, D.M.A.**

Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

**Kathaleena Edward Monds, Ph.D.**

Interim Dean, College of Business

**Kimberly L. King-Jupiter, Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Education

**Joyce Y. Johnson, Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Sciences and Health Professions

**Rani George, Ph.D.**

Dean, Graduate School

Assisted by

**Arna T. Albritten, M.B.Ed.**

Dean for Academic Services and Registrar

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COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Major Timothy Cross, Assistant Professor and Chair

Department of Military Science

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INDUCTION INTO THE ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Conducted by Gregory Hylick, '73

President, Albany State University National Alumni Association

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THE ALMA MATER

Gladys Ward McCullough Sapp, '46

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BENEDICTION

Dr. Frederick Williams, Sr.

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RETIRING OF COLORS

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RECESSIONAL

“Fanfare and Recessional” by James Ployhar

ASU Symphonic and Concert Bands

Dr. Michael Martin, Conductor

## The Commencement Speaker

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### Kessel Stelling, Jr.

Regent, Sixth Congressional District, University System of Georgia  
President and CEO of Synovus Financial Corporation

Appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue in February 2008 to represent Georgia's Sixth Congressional District, Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. is the President and CEO of Synovus Financial Corp., a financial services company with \$31 billion in assets based in Columbus, Georgia. Synovus Financial Corp.'s bank divisions provide commercial and retail banking, investment and mortgage services to customers in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee.

Stelling, a Georgia native, is an accomplished business and community leader whose leadership abilities and dedication to service have benefited many civic organizations. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Chairman in 2008. He is also a member of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, where he served as the Interim President from 1994-1995 and Chairman in 1998 and 2006. He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the University of Georgia Terry College of Business and a Trustee of Kennesaw State University.

Regent Stelling earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Banking and Finance from the University of Georgia and attended the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. He and his wife, Carol, have two sons.





# The Academic Degree

The first known degree was a doctorate conferred by the University of Bologna in the middle of the 12th Century. Originally, the title of master and doctor were used interchangeably, each indicating that the holder was licensed to give instruction to the students. The bachelor's or baccalaureate degree indicated only entrance upon a course of study preparatory to the Doctorate or Mastership. Gradually, however, the bachelor's degree came to mean successful completion of one level of study preparatory to higher degrees.

The use of academic degrees spread to English universities. Harvard University, William and Mary, and Yale followed the British pattern in the New World. There are more than 1,600 different academic degrees currently conferred by American colleges and universities.

The advanced degrees granted by Albany State University are the Education Specialist, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Science in Criminal Justice, the Master of Education, the Master of Science in Nursing and the Master of Public Administration, which symbolize competence in research and scholarship or in the application of the results of research to practical problems.

## The Bachelor's Degree\*

The bachelor's degree represents completion of a four-year course of study of collegiate grade and is the oldest academic degree used by American institutions of higher learning. The degree, Bachelor of Arts, was first conferred in America in 1642 on nine young men comprising the first graduating class of Harvard (College) University. Albany State (College) University conferred its first Bachelor of Arts degree in 1947.

*\*Sometimes designated as the baccalaureate degree, from the Latin Baccalaureus from baccalarius "under the influence of" and laurus "laurel" used as designation of honor, distinction or fame.*

## The Master's Degree

The master's degree represents the successful completion of one or two years of study beyond the baccalaureate degree. This academic honor, which dates back to the establishment of the oldest universities in Europe, usually requires a thesis and an oral examination.

## The Specialist Degree

The increasingly popular Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) was first offered at the University of Kansas in 1950, and is awarded after completion of at least a year of graduate work beyond the master's level. This post-master's degree honor is often described as a sixth-year graduate degree that is pursued by practitioners in the field of Education.

## Academic Honors Spring 2011

Candidates for baccalaureate degrees who maintain high scholarship throughout four years in college are graduated with honors. Graduation is based on the grade point average (GPA) for all work prior to the awarding of the degrees. Seniors graduating with honors wear cords during Commencement. The averages necessary for earning graduation honors for all bachelor's degrees are as follows:

<u>Honor</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Cord Color</u>
Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00	Gold
Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.89	Blue
Cum Laude	3.50-3.74	White

# Candidates for Degrees

As of May 4, 2011

*Because final action cannot be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of candidates is tentative.  
The University reserves the right to withdraw or add names.*

## Candidates for the Education Specialist Degree

### **Major: Educational Administration and Supervision**

Elnora J. Arrington

Leah Cason

Ashley Tennille Hill

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## Candidates for the Master's Degree

### **Master of Business Administration**

LaToya Shanta' Ford

### **Master of Education**

#### **Major: Early Childhood Education**

Lashonda S. Atkins  
Sakita L. Caison  
Kimberly Michelle Davis  
D'yana L. Hardaway

Willie Pearl Hicks  
Mary Katherine King  
Vaneka Newsome  
Hope LaShawn Solomon

Teresa Kaye Hopkins Thomas  
Sasha Marie Toney  
Shanekia TaQuitta Williams

#### **Major: English Education**

Kristina Vernita Coleman

#### **Major: Health and Physical Education**

Chakonya Nesha' Jones  
Karla P. Parks

Zenora Denise Sanders  
Mark Anthony Suttles

#### **Major: Middle Grades Education**

Thaddius D. Brown

Whitney W. Coley

Byron Bernard Doomes

#### **Major: School Counseling**

Melissa A. Gass

Crystal Kathleen Merrell

#### **Major: Special Education**

Patricia A. Alford  
Denise I. Allen  
Terri Harp Davis  
Augustus Okwudili Ogbuka

Pamela Hood Ponder  
Angela F. Thomas  
Kimberly Pitts Wilson

## Master of Public Administration

### *Major: Public Administration*

Roderick B. Chamberlain  
Tonia Ryan Chamberlain  
Jonica Shemona James  
Erica Nicole Johnson  
Torrey Romell Knight  
Alissa A. Latimore  
Vanessa W. McRae  
Tonya Yevette Miller

Christabell Chinonso Osakwe  
Sabrina Dawn Owens-Hayes  
Sharde' Denise Pollard  
Keva S. Quimbley  
Shabreka Shanteze Ray  
LaWanda Denise Smith  
Tejuanda Shanta Whitehead  
Denata Nicole Williams

## Master of Science

### *Major: Criminal Justice*

LaTerra Emerald Doyle

Pamela Rose Hall

Ola Olivia Terrell

### *Major: Nursing*

Laura Hill Anderson  
Mary Elaine Bailey  
Edgardo Pableo Belocura  
Gregory Paul Denly

Jennifer L. Guess  
Earla Danielle Hamilton  
Beatrice Hurt  
Ida Mwingi Lomami

Nicole Athalee McLendon  
Jennifer Ann Stevick  
Shuconda Kanta Sturdivant  
Tawenna Cooks Thomas

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## Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### *Major: Art*

Sandra G. Anderson  
Amani Milada Jackson

Eddie James Swan  
Abdul Ali Walker

#### *Major: English*

Charlie James Fletcher, Jr.

Trineice LaChelle Hill

Marlicia Nicole Lewis

#### *Major: History*

Nicolas Alexander Carter  
Olubunmi Bamidele Ijose, *Magna Cum Laude*, (Dual Major – Political Science)  
Alexander Johnathan David Mack, *Cum Laude, Honors Program Merit Scholar* (Dual Major – Political Science)  
Macy Lynn Mager  
Erica Nicole McClendon  
Stefon LaRounce Plummer, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Robert Lee Taylor, Jr., (Dual Major – Political Science)

### **Major: Mass Communication**

Ali'yah Ronnesha Arnold *Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Janice Danielle Blanton  
Brittany Shakerra Burton  
Jule'a Roselita Eppinger  
Craig Lynn Frayall  
Danielle Nicole Galloway  
Callie Na'Wanna Hamilton, *Honors Program Merit Scholar*

Vanessa Marie Martin  
Khrystyn Dashakia Meadors *Cum Laude*  
Shaliza Michelle McKenzie Rossee  
Ashlee' Janice Simmons  
Kasheena Renee Waites  
Renina S. Westbrook  
Morgan Alexandria Williams

### **Major: Music Education**

Daniel Maurice Laster  
Samuel McPhee, Jr.

Anthony Thomas Newsome  
Jamal Thomas Riley

### **Major: Political Science**

Willie D. Abney, II, *Cum Laude*  
Taccara Laverdell Bivins  
Trevor Deion Cason

Brittany Cherrelle Chester  
Stephanie Jeanine Cooper, *Cum Laude*  
Araba Kwofie, *Cum Laude*

Nathaniel Roderick Robinson, Jr.  
Miltonya Artice Wilson

### **Major: Psychology**

Chara Leslie Andrews  
Tammie G. Bailey  
La'Keiya Artressia Benefield  
Octavian Antoine Burch  
Tammey LaSweet Carr  
Ashton Danielle Cotton  
Linda S. Elder

Subricca Danielle Hart  
Stephanie Renee Henderson  
Shana Denice Hunter  
Tranicia Ra'Shay Johnson  
Brinshay Carita King, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kiyuna Auntionette Leaks  
Natasha Cathleen McClarty

Exylyn S. L. Mitchell  
Alethea Yvette Phelps  
LaPorsha Shontae Pollard  
Christine Antoinette Reid  
Cassandra A. Smith  
LaKisha Monae Somerville  
Keyunda D. Washington

### **Major: Social Work**

Chelsea La'Nere Brown  
Regenia Marie Brown  
Tamikia Nicole Clements  
Brittney Rhealyn Copeland  
Corelle Latrice Davis  
D'aia Antear Ford, *Cum Laude*  
Charles E. Gandy, Jr.

Scheraun Earl King  
Kierra Jaquan Lewis  
Brittany Shontel Maddox  
La'Juana Latrica Shorter, *Cum Laude*  
Angeleta Harvey Taylor  
Janean Marie Witchard

### **Major: Sociology**

Afiya K. Askew  
Shannon Lanette Davis

Jamir Alexander Ford  
Sharesma Michael Stocks

### **Major: Speech and Theatre**

Theodore Sylvester Holmes, III

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### **Major: Accounting**

Crystal Faith Barnes  
Amber Lynette Bennett, *Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Lataria M. Candidate  
Joyanne Evella Dyett  
Ashlee Elizabeth Fogle, *Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Sharon D. Jimmerson  
Cynthia Nichole Lee  
Stephanie Chantel Loggins, *Cum Laude, Honors Program Merit Scholar*

Devon Alexander Mitchell  
DeAndre Murray  
Obie Stuart Nelson  
De'Lawane Shuntia Randolph  
Desirey Teairra Tanisha Virgin  
De'Shundra Antionette Wilson  
Jajuanna Nicole Wright  
Marcus Joseph Wynn (Dual major-Management)

### **Major: Business Information Systems**

Christina Juliana Dennard  
Krystal Sade Everett  
Roderick T. Thomas (Dual major-Management)

Robert M. Weaver  
Michael Lawrence Williams

### **Major: Management**

Sharmeka LeTrice Abram  
Da'Monique Achante' Adams, *Cum Laude*  
Joy Iyiade Adefarakan  
Shaunielle J. Anderson  
Sherence Renea Barber  
Carson Allen Barnett  
Andrea Gail Latrice Briscoe  
Latrice Michelle Burston  
Channing Enchante' Collins  
Kiiursti Chantia Daly  
Kylan Dejuan Dawson  
Brenda T. Delivra  
Courtney L. Dewberry

Alfredia G. Drummer  
Jamell Ellerbe  
Andrea Ashley Hackenberger  
Quincey Javarris Hall  
Octavius R. Harris  
Whitney Monique Henry  
Aaron Holmes, Jr.  
Jaquita LeCole Horne  
Jahnna Lohren Hunter  
Terrell Jyamal James  
Justin Trumaine Johnson  
Andrae N. Jones  
Juana Austin Jones

Markeshia Jinay Jones  
Jason D. Kyles  
Kaye S. Moore  
Charlesque Deondra Moses  
Jonathan William Moutrey  
Steven Lee Ramey, *Cum Laude*  
Tarniecia Nechell Sampleton  
Jerome Edward Smiley, Jr.  
Katrina Nicole Smiley  
JaKaye Nicole Stinson  
Monique Shantel Washington  
Jonathan M. White  
Shanice Melissa Williams

### **Major: Marketing**

O'Brien Arnett, *Cum Laude* (Dual major-Management)  
Latesa Shanice Burrow  
Valenche' Tiandra Cartledge  
Jennifer Sharee Clark  
Christina Genile Crawford  
Sasha M. Favors  
Curtis Tyrone Guyton, Jr. (Dual major-Management)  
Geneva Renee Lewis

Latrice Allison Lewis (Dual major-Management)  
Chiquisha Matthews  
Chandler Ryon Spellman  
A'sha Chanae' Thompkins (Dual major-Management)  
Sayeeda Azonia Wallace  
Joshua Lee Williams, *Cum Laude* (Dual major-Management)  
Precious Jewel Williams, *Magna Cum Laude*

### **Major: Supply Chain and Logistics Management**

Elgia Coley, II

### **Major: Technology Management**

John Wesley Bailey, *Cum Laude*

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### **Major: Early Childhood Education**

Sandra Denise Anderson  
Jessica Monique' Bailey  
Krista Shana Bailey, *Cum Laude*  
Jasmine JaNell Beal  
Kimberly Boswell  
Jana Danielle Brinson  
Janet Brock, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Sherry Brookins  
Blaire D. Brownlee, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Samantha L. Burnette  
Kevin Dwayne Calamease

Debbie J. Carraway  
Christine Cox  
Darah English  
Sanethia Gadson  
Amanda Nicole Gossett  
Kiara Griffin  
Tia Renee Holmes  
Mildred Marquelle Hopkins  
Erin S. Huggins  
Kenya Denise Hughes  
Kendra N. Jessie, *Cum Laude*

MeRandah Elise Jones  
Sharon Hamilton Lowe  
Yolanda Kadar Malone  
Brittany Nicole McGuire  
Pamela D. Moore  
Brittini Myles  
Quannekqua Keshawn Norris  
Christopher Isley Jasper Sharpe  
Kaleia Michelle Smith  
Randal Eugene Thomas  
Chantay Waldon

### **Major: Health and Physical Education**

Cherrisa Cherelle Brockington  
Milton Earl Gloster, Jr.

Tyerngla Hayes  
Issac Dubois Warren

### **Major: Health, Physical Education and Recreation**

Ta'Shelya Deone Bynum  
Ronnie Childs, Jr.  
James B. Clark

Larry Christopher Johnson, Jr.  
Andrel Lane, Jr.  
Terry H. McGhee, Jr.

Arthur J. McKenna  
Ronnie G. Simmons, Jr.  
Kara-Kadesha Thompson

### **Major: Middle Grades Education**

Fabian Bowman  
Shantell Yvonne Harris  
Jasmin C. Henderson  
Evetta Inman, *Cum laude*

Amber J. Jones  
Sarah Elizabeth Mack  
Ozella Latisha Mackey  
Lillian Porteous

Tiffany S. Smith  
Michelle M. Veal  
Lawrence Scott Yanke

### **Major: Special Education**

Audrey Glover-Brown

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

### **Major: Biology**

Geoy Stevitia Boozer  
DeShell Marie Brown  
Jessica Alesha Davis  
Zeanabian Goosby  
Tekia Arielle Hamilton, *Cum Laude*  
Ebony Renata Hansell  
Kristina Leigh Howell

Eddie Neil Hudson, Jr.  
Carissa LaDawn Jackson  
Cherelle Nicole Mack, *Cum Laude*  
Kristina Patrice Mathis  
Brittani Alexis Meagan Miller  
Erin Sherrice Mitchell  
Yin Nwe Moe, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Joslyn Alexandria Richards

Samantha Reva' Sampson  
Courtney Lasomi Sawyer  
Patricia Bernadeet Thomas  
Tedra Carolyn Thomas, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elaine Loye Welch  
D'Angelo Monquire Whitehead  
Victoria Denise Whitlow

### **Major: Chemistry**

Erica Michelle Belle  
Crystal Dawn Conaway

Amanda Gail Lundy  
Keisha Monette Person

Allyssa Patrice Spellman  
Alexis L. Tumblin

### **Major: Computer Science**

Kierra La'Trece Baltimore  
Tyron V. Berry  
Shaneka N. Birdsong  
Donterrius Maurice Daniels  
Isaiah Uriah Harris

Willie J. Jackson  
David William King, *Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Fremont Casaveno Lowe  
Jarrett Tyrone Mathis

### **Major: Criminal Justice**

Mae Hayes Arsenault, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brenda W. Betsey, *Cum Laude*  
Andrea Latrell Bivens  
Knicera Kierra Charae Boddie  
Candace Elyse Cobbs  
Ahmad R. Crews  
Sommer E. Cutchens  
Lonnie Scott DePriest, *Cum Laude*

Jennie Marie Evans  
Shawny Christine Giordano, *Cum Laude*  
Shemika LaShaun Haire  
Tomeka Lashell Hayward  
Jasmine Nicole Johnson  
Erika J. Jones  
Derek Steven Jones  
Vernon E. Jones, II  
Shundreka Keyonia Lawson

April Denise Lewis  
Audreakishia Charika Roan  
Naomi Ruth Tanks  
Tamika Alicia Walters  
Jarrell A. Wattlely  
Chanel D. Weathers  
Alvin Lorenzo West  
Carlisa Monique Young

### **Major: Forensic Science**

Delrico Antonio Alexander

Michelle Marie Fowler

### **Major: Mathematics**

Portia Edwards  
Dornicia G. Johnson  
Christopher L. Kinson, *Magna Cum Laude, Honors Program Merit Scholar*

Clarence Little  
Teresa John'a Rouse

### **Major: Nursing**

Chelsea Marie Allen  
Lester Jay Allen  
Kela Sevier Bryant  
Alice F. Burton  
Trecenia Dominique Clayton

Tamica LaShae Dale  
Jemima Claire Dasse  
Java Marie Dawson  
Jayvious Lamon Gilbert  
Jessica Danielle Hill

Linda Michelle Johnson  
Nathaniel Rogers  
Amanda Kathleen Taylor  
Jada Renee' Willis, *Cum Laude*

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society

National Fraternity of Honor Societies

Founded in 1937

Alpha Iota Chapter chartered in 1952

Member, Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)

Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Fields

Co-Advisor: Ms. Geraldine Winns

Jamila Cochran, President

Julea Eppinger, Vice President

Araba Kwofie, Secretary/Treasurer

Jerona Edmonds, Historian

Steven Ramey, Parliamentarian

Willie Abney  
Da'Monique Adams  
Amber Barlow  
Janet Brock

Stephanie Cooper  
Daleatrice Cummings  
Amanda Gossett  
Brinshay King

Stephanie Loggins  
Tedra Thomas  
Joshua Williams  
Jada Willis

## Kappa Delta Pi

National Honor Society in Education

Founded in 1911

Nu Omicron Chapter Established in 1975

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Quinton Eberhardt

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Eta Delta Chapter

National Honor Society in Social Work

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Tamikia Clements  
Sharon Durrance

Kierra Lewis  
Trayce McVay  
La'Juana Shorter  
Misty Strickland

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Alanda Webb  
Ashley Wright



# **Pi Sigma Alpha**

## **Sigma Tau Chapter**

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Miltonya Wilson, Vice President

Alexander Mack, Treasurer

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## **National Honor Society in Business Administration founded in 1913**

Eta Pi Chapter chartered in 1997

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Coordinator & Coach: Ms. Laverne Luster

Justin Calkins  
Edward Collins

Dantes Johnson

Xavier Jones  
Christopher Kinson

# **Sigma Tau Delta**

## **National Honor Society in English**

### **Zeta Phi Chapter**

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Maggie Emily, President

LaCrystal Hunter-Jones, Secretary

Camile Matthews, Treasurer

Amber Barlow  
Leah-Ann Christian

Destiny Dejournett  
Treneice Hill

Arkimberly Robinson

# Beta Kappa Chi

National Honor Society in the Sciences

ASU Chapter established in 2005

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Kristina Howell  
Cherelle Mack

Tedra Thomas  
Elaine Welch

Yin Moe

# Psi Chi

National Honor Society in Psychology

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Ashley Cotton, President

Chara Andrews, Historian

Brinshay King, Assistant Secretary

# Phi Alpha Theta

Omicron Theta Chapter

International Honor Society in History

Advisor: Dr. Emmanuel Konde

Alexander Mack  
Sakinia Moore  
Stefon Plummer

Olubunmi Bamidele Ijose  
LeeAnnderia C. Weaver

# Pi Alpha Alpha

National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration

ASU Chapter Chartered in 2002

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Co-Advisor: Peter Ngwafu, Ph.D.

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Denata N. Williams, Vice President

Shabreka Ray, Secretary

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Torrey R. Knight  
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Vanessa W. McRae  
Tonya Y. Miller

Christabell C. Osakwe  
Lawanda D. Smith  
Quiwajula K. Sullivan

# Velma Fudge Grant Honors Council

(Affiliate of the Georgia Honors Council, Southern Regional Honors Council  
and the National Collegiate Honors Council)

ASU Chapter established in 1984

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Co-Advisor: Ms. Dedra S. Harvey

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Amber Bennett  
Briana Bowles  
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David King  
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Carmen Nicholson  
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Victoria Whitlow  
Alexandrea Williams  
Kelvin M. Williams

## Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges

Amber Barlow  
Brittany Dent  
Maggie Emily  
Omega Grant  
Treneice Hill  
David King

Christopher Kinson  
Elbony Jones  
Fremont Lowe  
Camile Matthews  
Julea' Eppinger  
Charlene St. Clor  
Robert Simmons

Amber Taylor  
Kasheena Waites  
Renina Westbrook  
Ansley Williams  
Chanel Weathers  
Kayla Willis

# Academic Regalia

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Academic gowns and hoods worn for today's Commencement celebration and other formal academic ceremonies originated during the Middle Ages to keep monks and their students warm in drafty castles and halls. Over time, they became a symbol of academic pursuit, setting the academic community apart. The mortarboard evolved from skull caps worn by churchmen officiating at church ceremonies.

In 1984, the gown became standardized when the American Intercollegiate Commission determined that all academic robes would be black. The master's degree gown has long, closed sleeves while the doctoral degree gown has a facing of velvet extending from the hem to the neck and back with three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods, which are the most distinctive feature of academic attire, are lined with silk in the colors of the institution granting the academic degree and trimmed in velvet in a color representing the field of study. The colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

Agriculture.....	Maize
Architecture/Fine Arts .....	Brown
Arts and Letters.....	White
Business .....	Light Brown
Dentistry .....	Lilac
Economics.....	Copper
Education .....	Light Blue
Engineering .....	Orange
Forestry.....	Russet
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Library Sciences.....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music .....	Pink
Nursing .....	Apricot
Oratory .....	Silver Gray
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Sciences .....	Gray

## The Mace

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Dating back to medieval times when it was used as a weapon, the mace is now a recognized symbol of authority. Traditionally, colleges and universities use the mace to depict each institution's mission. The mace is carried in all formal academic processions that include the president of the university.

The mace for Albany State University is made of mahogany and was carved by African artists in Tanzania. This particular mace reveals a hand outstretched to God in reverence and supplication. The opening at its top symbolically articulates the concept that man, working through God, can not only improve but also flourish.

# 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year Dr. Cathy Williams

The 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year Award recipient is Dr. Cathy Williams, an associate professor of nursing and director of the ASU Nursing Department.

“As a teacher, I feel that I have the capability to educate, empower and inspire young adults with enthusiasm for life today and the infinite possibilities for the future,” Williams said. “I equate teaching with the river of life. Once a student drinks of the river, he gains knowledge to share with the world. Knowledge is power. Once knowledge is obtained, it cannot be taken from you.”

Williams earned an associate degree in nursing from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in 1984. She then earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing in 1992 and a master’s degree nursing in 1997, both from Albany State University. In 2007 Williams graduated from the Medical College of Georgia with a doctorate in nursing practice.

“My goal, as a teacher, it is to enhance student learning as a transformative experience,” she said. “Ideally, I want students to feel personally changed by their participation in a course that I am teaching. I believe that each student deserves an opportunity to learn. I feel that students should have access to educational programs to suit their abilities, interests and talents... My mission for teaching is closely aligned with the mission of the University. I believe the primary purpose of teaching is to impart knowledge in order for students to become outstanding contributors to society and the health care profession.”

Williams first joined the faculty of Albany State in January 2005 as an assistant professor and moved up to associate professor in 2010. She now serves as the director of the Nursing Department.

Before joining ASU, Williams worked at Tift Regional Medical Center from 1984 to 2003, where she was assistant vice president of patient care, a department manager, a nurse educator and a charge nurse. She has also worked with First Choice Nursing Staffing Agency since 2003.

“Learning is a lifelong process,” Williams said. “I am proud to be a dynamic contributor to the student’s learning process. I know that I am successful as a teacher when students state that they have learned and I can see evidence that they use critical thinking skills in the application of the new knowledge that they have gained.”



# 2010-2011 Staff Member of the Year Joe West



Joseph West is currently a publications specialist in the Office of University Communications, where he has more than 10 years of combined service to the University. He received his bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Mississippi and his master’s degree in business administration from Albany State.

Having worked at Albany State from 1991 to 1994 and again from 2003 to present, West is dedicated to ensuring that the university’s contributions to the intellectual, social and economic life of Southwest Georgia are not discounted.

West is an excellent publicist who is unapologetic about trumpeting the virtues of Albany State University, its staff, students and faculty. A native of Southwest Georgia, he is an active participant in many community activities, programs and charitable events. He currently serves as treasurer of the ASU Staff Council and chair of the 2011 Homecoming Parade Committee. He is a member of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Albany and is a past president of the ASU Staff Council.

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Whose walls are inscribed with knowledge so true.  
So solidly built on this foundation,  
A union of work and inspiration.  
Teacher for those who strive for success;  
To thee we give praises above all the rest.

Thy jubilant colors of blue and gold  
We'll ever honor, ever behold;  
Thy name is an anchor upon life's sea,  
And sailing, we put our trust in thee.  
In thee, dear school, we see all the best;  
To thee we give praises above all the rest.

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