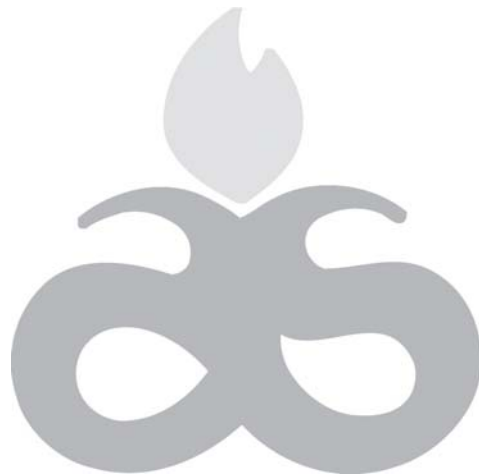


CONFERRING OF DEGREES



Albany James H. Gray, Sr. Civic Center
100 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard
Albany, Georgia
May 6, 2017
2:35 p.m. Procession
3 p.m. Commencement

To Our Guests

Welcome to the 2017 Albany State University Spring Commencement. This recognition of the graduates' years of study is an important and meaningful occasion for the university, its faculty, staff and students. It is both solemn and joyful. To ensure that all guests and participants have the best experience possible, we ask that you avoid excessive talking, loud outbursts and unnecessary movement 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

We, the members of the 2017 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 ensure 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.
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Accreditation

Albany State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and specialist degrees.

Albany State University is also accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy Affairs and Administration, Council on Social Work Education, Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (formerly NCATE), American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC).

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

A Letter from the President



May 6, 2017

Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, alumni and community, I congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone in your life. I offer you best wishes and hopes for a successful future and an exciting new beginning. Today, you usher in a new beginning for the institution as the first graduating class of the consolidated Albany State University.

As you aspire to greater heights, go confidently in knowing that you are sufficiently prepared for the next step in your journey – whether that is starting your career, continuing your education at ASU or elsewhere or serving our country in the armed forces. Your college experiences have helped you to grow both academically and personally, and it is my hope that you use those lessons to positively impact others. Commit yourself to making a difference in Albany and worldwide. We need leaders like you.

Wherever your path may lead, always remember that you have a home at Albany State University. Stay connected to dedicated professors who have served as mentors and devoted friends who have been with you every step of the way. Above all, give back to your alma mater through time and financial resources. Pledge to invest in future Golden Rams as others have invested in you.

May you continue to accomplish your dreams and reach your goals. We are proud to call you Golden Rams.

Again, congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Art Dunning".

Art Dunning, Ph.D.
President

Vision Statement

Albany State University will be a world-class comprehensive university and a powerful catalyst for the economic growth and development of Southwest Georgia. ASU will be recognized for its innovative and creative delivery of excellent educational programs, broad-based community engagement and public service, and creative scholarship and applied research, all of which enrich the lives of the diverse constituencies served by the University.

The History

On November 10, 2015, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted unanimously to begin the process of consolidating Albany State University and Darton State College. The new Albany State University unifies the distinction, values, and missions of the two institutions.

Established originally as the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute, Albany State University was founded in 1903 by Joseph Winthrop Holley, providing religious and industrial education for African Americans in southwest Georgia. The school remained privately supported through 1917, when it became a state-supported, two-year college under the name of Georgia Normal and Agricultural College. In 1932, the Board of Regents was established and the institution joined the University System of Georgia. It became a four-year teacher training institution in 1943, assuming the name Albany State College. Six years later, the program was expanded to include offerings in the arts and sciences, with majors in the humanities and social studies. The College continued to experience growth and development, and was authorized in 1961 to offer a four-year degree program in nursing.

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. In the spring of 1975, a master's degree in business administration, through Valdosta State College, was added to the graduate program.

During the '70s, the number of faculty earning the doctoral degree increased by more than 50 percent, and in September 1981, the College began offering a graduate program designed and delivered solely by faculty and staff of Albany State College. Since then, criminal justice, nursing, public administration, school counseling, social work, and an education specialist degree program 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.

The Board of Regents approved a resolution consolidating Albany State University and Darton State College, effective January 1, 2017. Since its founding in 1963, Darton State

College maintained and built upon its mission of providing access to higher education to potential students with a variety of educational needs from Albany, the region, and beyond.

When doors officially opened in 1966, 620 students enrolled in the new Albany Junior College, with Dr. B. R. Tilley serving as the college's first president. In the following years, the College grew quickly and succeeded in serving its student population. In 1987, the USG removed the word junior from all of its two-year institutions. A committee of faculty, staff, student body, and community drew upon an Old English word meaning "town by the water" and created the new name, Darton College.

As part of its mission to serve its students and the region, Darton College committed to expanding its programs in nursing and the health sciences, expanding to 13 programs. As a result of this and other initiatives, such as the expansion of online programs, enrollment more than doubled after the year 2000. In 2012, upon USG approval of the College's first four-year program, in nursing, the institution's name was again changed, to Darton State College.

The new Albany State University unifies the distinction, values, and missions of the two institutions and continues a combined legacy of more than 100 years of providing access to education, academic excellence, social change, and economic impact to southwest Georgia. A nationally top-ranked HBCU, it serves an increasingly diverse student body and community by offering the region a uniquely comprehensive array of programs, from associate to graduate degrees.

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. (2005-2013)
Arthur N. Dunning, Ph.D. (2013-present)

Order of Procession

Associate Marshal (Flo J. Hill, Ed.S.)

Associate Provosts

Vice Presidents

University Directors

Faculty

Assistant Marshal (Michael D. Rodgers, Ph.D.)

Assistant Marshal (Dan Land, M.Ed.)

Candidates for the Associate's Degree and Certificates – College of Arts and Humanities

Assistant Marshal (Ravindra K. Malik, Ph.D.)

Candidates for the Associate's Degree and Certificates – College of Business

Assistant Marshal (Zephyrinus C. Okonkwo, Ph.D.)

Candidates for the Associate's Degree – College of Education

Associate Marshal (Richard H. Williams, Ed.D.)

Candidates for the Associate's Degree – College of Sciences and Technology

Associate Marshal (Vicki B. Phillips, DNP)

Associate Marshal (Stephanie M. Harrison-Dyer, Ed.D.)

Candidates for the Associate's Degree and Certificates – Darton College of Health Professions

Chief Marshal (Melvin A. Shelton, Ed.D.)

President of Albany State University

Commencement Speaker

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Deans

Clergy

National Alumni Association President

Registrar

Order of Commencement

Dr. Arthur N. Dunning, Presiding
President of the University

PRELUDE

Dr. Mimi Noda, piano

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, arranged by James Ployhar
Dr. Mimi Noda, piano

INVOCATION

Reverend Kevin T. Moore, Senior Pastor
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Albany, Georgia

OPENING REMARKS

President Dunning

THE COMMENCEMENT STATEMENT

President Dunning

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

President Dunning

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Bárbara Rivera Holmes
President/CEO, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Tau Kadhi, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Candidates for degrees presented by
Deans of Colleges

Rani George, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

Alicia J. Jackson, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Business

Thomas Thompson, Ed.D.
Interim Dean, College of Education

Joyce Y. Johnson, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Sciences and Technology

Dr. Kerri Johnson, DPT
Interim Dean, Darton College of Health Professions

Assisted by
Frances Carr, MPA
Registrar

INDUCTION INTO THE ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Conducted by William Johnson, '66
President, Albany State University National Alumni Association

THE ALMA MATER

Written by Gladys Ward McCullough Sapp, '46

BENEDICTION

Reverend Moore

RECESSIONAL

“Fanfare and Recessional” by James Ployhar

Dr. Mimi Noda, piano

The Commencement Speaker

Bárbara Rivera Holmes

President and CEO, Albany Area Chamber of Commerce



Bárbara Rivera Holmes is president and CEO of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber aims to create conditions for economic growth and opportunities and oversees the Albany Convention & Visitors Bureau, which facilitates tourism-related economic development.

Holmes is passionate about the Albany community and about effecting positive change, something reflected in both her professional and personal pursuits. Prior to assuming her current role, she served as vice president of the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission, where she oversaw the development of the agency's brand and marketing efforts – which include the award-winning “We Are Albany” and “Made in Albany” videos, and the “There's Only One Albany” campaign. Holmes also managed the Commission's business retention and expansion program, which facilitated existing industry job creation and capital investment in Albany-Dougherty County.

An innovative leader, Holmes organized the Albany-Dougherty Industry Roundtable, a CEO-level forum of the area's largest employers, which, in partnership with Albany Technical College, created a new technical certificate of credit that meets the needs of industries and strengthens the work force.

A former journalist, Holmes has earned four awards for excellence in journalism from the Georgia Associated Press. She is a graduate of the 2014 class of Leadership Georgia; the 2009-10 class of Leadership Albany; and in 2008, was recognized as one of Southwest Georgia's “40 Under 40.” She is also a graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development.

Holmes, who is bilingual, is a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico. She graduated from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida with degrees in journalism and Spanish. She continued her studies at Estudio Sampere Internacional in Madrid and Alicante, Spain. She currently serves on the boards of Leadership Georgia, the Commodore Conyers College and Career Academy, the Flint RiverQuarium and Girls Inc. of Albany, GA.

She is married to David Holmes, an Albany native. They have a four-year-old daughter, Alejandra.

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, Master of Social Work, 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 Associate's Degree

The associate's degree represents completion of a two-year course of study of collegiate grade. The degree was first awarded in the U.K. in 1873, before spreading to the U.S. in 1898. Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree are usually earned in the Liberal Arts and Sciences such as humanities and social science fields; A.S. degrees are awarded to those studying in applied scientific and technical fields and professional fields of study.

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 2017

Degree candidates who maintain high cumulative scholarship 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 degrees are as follows:

Honor	GPA	Cord Color
Summa Cum Laude	3.85-4.00	Gold
Magna Cum Laude	3.65-3.84	Blue
Cum Laude	3.40-3.64	White
Honors Program Merit Scholar	Honors Program Members	Blue & Gold Stole

Candidates for Degrees

As of April 21, 2017

*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 Associate's Degree

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Art

Nekeysha Lashay Anderson
Harlee Alston Powell

Criminal Justice

Jakeisha Lanese Cobb
Brandie Ann Davis
Shakuria Meosha Henderson

Tekerra Lashae Higdon
Zachary Stephens Kennedy
Dionne Tremane Mathis

Ayanna Javette Mitchell

Dance

Kirsten Ashley Ferguson

English

Dani Victoria Newman

Foreign Language

DruAusten Lynn Fields

Rae'keymia Malika Lewis

General Studies

Marwan Azimi
Charles E. Brown Jr.
Trachelle L. Cline
Alexander Conway Coe
Alexander Demond Dawson
Megan Renee' Ebel
Cody Lee Fowler
Meagan Patricia Harris
Keondra R. Jackson
Priscilla Tawanda Jenkins *Dual: Associate of Applied Science Paralegal*
Katherine Lindsey Lamb
Alaina Joniece Lewis

Haley Nicole Little
Monica Denise Yvette Lofton
Catlin Antwan Nixon
Kyle Henry Sellers
Cierra Nicole Simmons
Pamela Marie Simpson
Talia Ali Sisroe
Julian Raymone Thomas
Destiny Alexis Vaquez
Alicia Denise Williams
Teri DeAnn Wright

History

Sharod Marquis Chappell
Kayla Nicole Denise Mallard

DaShawn C. Melvin
Kayla Irene Rogers

Journalism

Candace Michelle Palmer

Nickquel Ja'Nay Pope

Liberal Arts

Brittney Hogan Carmichael
Flor Ceniceros
Karisma D. Coates
John Michael Garrett

Keisha L. George *Dual: Certificate in Church Music*
Theron Terrell Wakefield
Kristena Marie Zeger

Music

Denique Le'che Northern
Kelly Rachel Young *Dual: Certificate in Church Music*

Political Science

Nagan Erica Gardner
Kyrie Rose Harrell

Garrett James Skates
Wesley Lamar Smith

Jason Andrew Sterling

Psychology

Alexcie Me'Chelle Barry
Emily Netavia Beale
William Hunter Eubanks
Chantel A. L. Johnson
Zinda Walker Johnson

Roshonda G. Kendrick
Jasmine Lafaye London
Alma C. Navarrete Garcia
Katriona Shanal Newton
Olivia Ann Rogers

Lynette Denise Spence
Jennifer Lynn Story
Azlyn Daya Terry

Social Work

Wallace L. Harper

Brianna Nycole McDowell

Sociology

Margaret Lavette Brandful
Debra Pina Brown
Katherine Michelle Godwin
Cavonttey Elecia Jones

Ra'Shawn Prince
Ishmael G. Samuels
Rodaina Rebecca Watson

Theatre Design and Technology

Shakyria Almanese-Diamond Davis

Theatre Performance

Steven Alburn Colbert

Certificate: Church Music

Mason Jamal Luke

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Business Administration

Maria Raquel Alava Medranda
Morufat Toyin Alawiye *Dual: Health Science*
Blake Austin Applewhite
Quinton Demetric Carnegie
Charissa M. Dixon
Lauren Weaver Engram

Sahir Alejandro Fersobe
Kaitlyn Grace Horne
Justice Royal Jones-Williams
Kaydee Chandler Kitchens
Eun-Pa Lee
Dean Ashley Morey

Melissa A. Parr
Scott Bradley Roach
Katie L. Shepard
Corious Briceon Thomas
Travanti Kendarious Williams
Crystal L. Young

Associate of Applied Science: Paralegal Studies

Traci Darlene Kelley

Certificate: Paralegal Studies

Stacie H. Mote

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

Lindsey Carol Bowles
Leah Adrene Classon
Ericca LaShala Culliver

Brittney Keiondra Floyd
Dyan Gilbert
LaToya Shree Hayes

Morgan Jacobs
Arcatia Rachelle Young

Health and Physical Education

Dennis Jenkins Jr.

Middle School Education

Michael S. Poupard

Special Education

Alexis Laurel Biery

Teela Sherry Howell

Ariel Fay Patterson

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biological Science

Sabrina Dean Harris
Sarah Elizabeth McMullen
Maria F. Mohammed

Brittney Brianna Orange
Amber Shion Phillips
Kirsten Elizabeth Tucker

Chantel Ayanna Walls

Chemistry

Christine Chioma Nnyamah

Heather Bryce Tomlinson

Computer Information Systems

Roy Brandon Freeman

Kavhoris A. Ransom

Jasmine Lataye Stewart

Computer Information Technology

Ankurkumar Govindbhai Patel

Computer Science

Fahad Mustafa Abbasi
Mason Craig Dominey

Paul Christopher Howell
Joshua Morgan Pollock

Forensic Science

Danielle Nicole Johnson

Pre-Engineering

Benjamin Ian Bagsit

Robert Tyler Brinson

Pre-Medicine

Aaron Albert Ravago

Pre-Pharmacy

Naana Wiafe Anakwah

Matthew Alexander Watkins

DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Dental Hygiene

Quynh T. Hoang
Jensen Leigh Holt
Patricia Gabriele Jackson
Cassie Marie Law

Hayden B. McKellar
Allethea Kay Morris
Savannah Aubrey Morris
Deepa B. Patel

Tiffany Nicole Pearson
Wanda Panna Phon
Brandi Lee Radcliff
Lauren Alexa Redmond

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Leslee Brooke Adams
Aisha Kamil Baskerville
Brittany Alyssa Bass
Katie Lynn Cofty
Rebekah Ree Davis

DruAusten Lynn Fields
Anna Kathryn Goodroe
Kayla Nicole Goodroe
Breonna A. Jackson
Candace Brooke McDonald

Jessica Diane Rice
Belinda Michelle Smith
Yuka Motohashi Tomlinson

Emergency Medical Services

Samantha Angelina Figueroa *Dual: Certificate in Emergency Medical Services*
William Ray Thomas *Dual: Certificate in Emergency Medical Services*

Health Information Technology

Vickie L. Burnum
Kristi L. Chapman
Kemily Shunthae Combs
Zandra Molara Day

Devina Diaz Hopper
Maryette Horton
Heidi Brooke Moore
Miranda G. Spangenberg

Jami Elizabeth Todd
Kayla Leanne Williams

Health Science

Tonicia Donnita Natalie Anderson
Lavina Michelle Andrews
Bianca A. Ashley
Jessica Jamey Austin
Cindy Denise Baltimore
Africa M. Berry
Jessica Annise Booker
Joyce Elizabeth Boyett
Melanie Monique Burks
Jennifer Clark
Ashley Nicole Daniels
Quanisha Simone Deverow
Ashley Noel Gibson
Caryn Denise Hammond
Ebony Chante Harrell
Taylor A. Hicks
Tovia KeVon Hicks
Yessica R. Hicks
Akilah Imi Holsey
Bomina Hong
Quantessa Sheneice Jackson

Monica Janine Johnson
Justice Lashae Jones
Quamesha Ariel Jones
Haley A. Knowles
Alexandria S. Lewis
Devin Shane Lewis
Esmeralda Lopez
Rachel Erin Loring
Kayla Evette Lowery
Ashlea Nicole McSwain
Destiny Aneque Mitchell *Dual: Certificate in Phlebotomy*
Candace Lashay Morris
Natalie Marquez Padilla
La'Ashley Nicole Peterson
Craigea Ray
Amaya Nicole Robinson
Deshantare T. Rutledge
Synquesse Renae' Stallings
Anna Christine Stoklosa
Alexandria Chanta Tise

Medical Laboratory Technology

Jennifer L. Campbell

SaRai Marie Watkins-Wimberly

Nursing

Erika Leah Alcantara
Lalifa Tabatha Alexander
Stacy Deanne Allen
Mary Elizabeth Amaral
Crystal LeAnn Baxter
Gloribel Benitez
Kathleen Boudet
Riley Wayne Bradley
Brittany Noel Bush
Joyce Anita Chambers
Kristina Mary Coleman
Ketra Juanita Cunningham
Jessica Dayle DeMott
Leah Rebecca Doyon
Helen Barbee Durden
Jordan Leeann Duren
Ashley Renee Eulo
Marissa Monique French

Melissa Ann Garner
Ashley Denise Gay
Edith M. Gichaga
Mary Morgan Glover
Ashley Frances Gordon
ShaQuanda Shantivus Gordon
Mutinta J. Hamoonga
Amira Mechelle Hillsman
August Marie Howell
Kylie Watson Hudgins
Rachael Nicole Hughes
Miranda Ann Johnson
Jerlisa Andrianna Jones
Rachel Leah Jones
Mollie Elizabeth Keene
Anna Nicole Langley
Katie Elizabeth Latham
Carley Jaye Law

Ashley Raney Lindsey
Demi Lee Love
Jason Roy Lyles
Erin Lambert Martin
Leslie DeVane McKinney
William Seth Miller
Sheila Nyakio Njuguna
Halee Noelle Nutt
Jeul Milissa October
Edwin Obiora Okpalaugo
Janet Amenisomi Oladipo
Tess Elaine Parker
Caitlin Brooke Penney
Ashley Perry Reed
Micah Alexis Reese
Jenna Marie Roberts
Brittany Christine Rogers
Tara A. Klein Sanders

Haley Nicole Sheffield
Megan Nichole Shoudel
Katrina Saryann Simmons
Ashlee Elizabeth Smith
Tiffany Noel Smith
Tori Christine Spidel
William Corey Spivey
Mallory Jess Streeter
Logan Strickland Thomas
Kelli Marie Thompson
Caroline C. Towett
Michelle Amanda Tucker
Angelica Ariel Turner
Beatrice Njeri Wainaina
Erin Nicole Williams

Associate of Applied Science : Histotechnology

Carla Michelle Boyd
Savanna Brooke Brumley
Dani Lynn Eure
William Earl Fuller
Robert Rayeal Haltaufderhyde

Madison Jane Kelley
Brittany Shanon Price
Quakina Leesha Riley
Sara Christine Seaton
Jessica Anne Stepp

Certificate : Addiction Counseling

Tamara Renea Gutierrez

Certificate : Emergency Medical Services

Kenny Ray Guy
Molly Danielle Kirkland
Kelli Lynne Lowery

Trevor Stephen Paul
Morgan Pope
James Venton Wynn

Certificate : Histotechnician

Carrie Michele Calovich
Tricia Renee' Davis

Kelsey Corinne Fegan
Jaime Nicole Green

Certificate : Phlebotomy

Bryttany Kirstie Farnsworth
Kyndal Taylor Gordon

ShaKeria' Tymyra McClendon

Academic Regalia

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
Social Work.....	Citron
Theology.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Sciences.....	Gray

The Mace

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.

Commencement Committee

Frances Carr, Chair
Tau Kadhi, Co-Chair

Melvin A. Shelton, Chief Marshal
Stephanie M. Harrison-Dyer, Associate Marshal
Flo J. Hill, Associate Marshal
Richard H. Williams, Associate Marshal
Zephyrinus C. Okonkwo, Assistant Marshal
Dan Land, Assistant Marshal
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Lori Bullington
Reginald H. Christian
Rowena Daniels
John Fields
Olufunke Fontenot
Danyelle Gary
Cynthia George

Alan Grimsley
Alicia J. Jackson
Joyce Y. Johnson
Sherryl W. Johnson
Robert Lawson
Shawn McGee
Charles Ochie

Sandy Peacock
Carolyn Rollins
Seyed Roosta
Thomas C. Smith
Martha Snow
Thomas Thompson
Arthur Dunning, Ex-Officio

Ushers

ASU Holley Ambassadors

Albany State University Executive Leadership Team

Dr. Arthur N. Dunning, President

Dr. Tau Kadhi, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Shawn A. McGee, Senior Vice President for Administration

Ms. Cynthia George, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dr. Kimberly Holmes, Vice President for Organizational Effectiveness and Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Cynthia Hoke, Senior Advisor and Special Assistant to the President

Ms. Sherie Gordon, Director of Athletics

Ms. Rowena Daniels, Chief Legal Affairs Officer

Ms. Katherine Kikivarakis, Director of Internal Audits

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W. Paul Bowers – At-Large

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Rutledge A. Griffin Jr. – Eighth District

C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., M.D. – Third District

James M. Hull – At-Large

Donald M. Leebern, Jr. – At-Large

Laura Marsh – Twelfth District

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The Alma Mater

by Gladys Ward McCullough Sapp, '46

Albany State, we dearly love you,
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.