

# CONFERRING OF DEGREES



## **Albany State University Spring 2018 Commencement**

Albany James H. Gray, Sr. Civic Center  
100 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard  
Albany, Georgia  
May 5, 2018

Morning Procession 8:30 a.m.  
9 a.m. Commencement

Afternoon Procession 2:30 p.m.  
3 p.m. Commencement

# To Our Guests

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Welcome to the 2018 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.

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## Oath of Allegiance

We, the members of the 2018 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 5, 2018

Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, alumni and community, I congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone in your lives. I offer you best wishes as you embark on an exciting new chapter.

As you walk across the stage today and exit this arena, go with confidence in knowing that you are sufficiently prepared for the next step in your journey – whether that is starting your career, continuing your education 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, the Southwest Georgia region and beyond. You are the leaders of tomorrow.

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 as well as family and friends who have been with you every step of the way. Above all, give back to your alma mater through your time and treasures. Pledge to invest in the future of those who will follow.

May you continue to accomplish your dreams and reach your highest goals. Again, congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marion Fedrick". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "M".

Marion Fedrick  
Interim 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. (2013-2018)  
Marion R. Fedrick, MPA (2018-present)

# Order of Procession

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

Assistant Vice Presidents

Vice Presidents

University Directors

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

Faculty

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## MORNING

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

Candidates for Degrees – Graduate School

Associate Marshal (Dan Land, M.Ed.)

Candidates for Degrees – College of Arts and Humanities

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

Candidates for Degrees – College of Education

Associate Marshal (Vicki B. Phillips, DNP)

Candidates for Degrees – College of Sciences and Technology

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## AFTERNOON

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

Candidates for Degrees – Graduate School

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

Candidates for Degrees – College of Business

Associate Marshal (Dan Land, M.Ed.)

Candidates for Degrees – Darton College of Health Professions

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

President of Albany State University

Commencement Speaker

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Deans

Clergy

National Alumni Association President

Registrar

ROTC Officer

# Order of Commencement

Marion R. Fedrick, Presiding  
Interim President of the University

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## PRELUDE

ASU Symphonic and Concert Bands  
Conducted by Michael D. Martin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Music

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Please stand as the Academic Procession moves into the  
arena and remain standing until after the Invocation.

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

“Fanfare and Processional” by Edward Elgar, arr. James Ployhar  
ASU Symphonic and Concert Bands

Conducted by Dr. Martin

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## INVOCATION

Reverend John Albano, Pastor  
Northgate Presbyterian Church  
Albany, Georgia

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## OPENING REMARKS

President Fedrick

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## THE COMMENCEMENT STATEMENT

President Fedrick

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## BAND SELECTION

“Flourish for Wind Band” by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Conducted by Kenneth Trimmins, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Music

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## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

President Fedrick

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## THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

### MORNING

Judge Penny Brown Reynolds

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### AFTERNOON

Ken Boler

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## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Kimberly Sinclair Holmes, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES  
Candidates for certificates and degrees presented by  
Deans of Colleges

Louise Wrensford, Ph.D.  
Dean, Graduate School

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

Rhonda Porter, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean, College of Education

Seyed Roosta, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean, College of Sciences and Technology

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

Kerri Johnson, DPT  
Dean, Darton College of Health Professions

Assisted by  
Frances Carr  
Registrar  
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ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

MAJ Thomas C. Smith  
Assistant Professor/Chair of Military Science  
(Morning Commencement)

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INDUCTION INTO THE ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY  
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

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THE ALMA MATER

Written by Gladys Ward McCullough Sapp, '46  
Led by Rutha Mae Harris, '68  
Conducted by Michael Decuir, Ph.D., Director of Bands

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BENEDICTION

Reverend Albano

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RECESSIONAL

“Fanfare and Recessional” by James Ployhar  
ASU Symphonic and Concert Bands  
Conducted by Dr. Trimmins

## The Honorable Penny Brown Reynolds

The Honorable Judge Penny Brown Reynolds is a nationally respected leader, author, highly dedicated public servant, former jurist, attorney, public theologian and ordained pastor.

Brown Reynolds is a former prosecutor, state Assistant Attorney General, first African American Chief of Staff and legal counsel to Georgia's Lieutenant Governor. She has an impressive track record as an entrepreneur where she touched millions of people with her internationally syndicated daytime television court series, "Family Court with Judge Penny," receiving an Emmy award nomination for her work on the series. She has appeared on CNN, HLN, NBC, FOX, PBS, ABC as well as the Huffington Post, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the Atlanta Tribune and the Atlanta Daily World, among other outlets.

Brown Reynolds has brought the same passion and commitment she delivered to the law, while serving as a distinguished judge in Atlanta for nearly a decade, to both the public and private sectors. As a Life Member of the NAACP, she was the only jurist in history to serve on the Atlanta Chapter NAACP Executive Committee. She is also the proud founding chair of the Judicial Section of the Gate City Bar Association, an affiliate of the National Bar Association.



A history maker and international public figure, Brown Reynolds' journey is dedicated to the fundamental principles of justice, equality, civic engagement and social justice advocacy. She achieved a distinguished position in Georgia's history as the first African American to hold the position of Executive Counsel, making her the first African American to serve as a lawyer for a Governor in the Southeast.

She is a member of the National Bar Association Judicial Council, the American Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers and Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, among other law organizations. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Brown Reynolds is president and CEO of Divine Destiny Enterprises, LLC and the founder of a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families, women, youth and children and providing a voice for the poor. She is the founder of the annual Judge Penny's SisterTalk: A Women's Empowerment Conference with thousands of attendees from around the country.

She is a best selling author of several books, "Real Talk for Real Sisters," "7 Steps to Peace of Mind," and, "My Mother Told Me," a novel. She also co-authored, "Women and the Law: A Guide to Women's Legal Rights in Georgia."

Brown Reynolds received her Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, from Georgia State University and her Juris Doctor degree from Georgia State University College of Law. She graduated first in her class, summa cum laude, with highest honors and a perfect 4.0 GPA from the Interdenominational Theological Center, earning a master's degree. She has also completed studies at Harvard Kennedy School.

She is married to the Reverend Edward S. Reynolds, Pastor of Midway Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as Associate Pastor. They are the proud parents of two sons and one granddaughter, Pelly Marie.



## Ken Boler

Vice President of Advertising, Albany Herald



Ken Boler currently serves as Vice President of Advertising for the Albany Herald and the AlbanyHerald.com. A premier newspaper, the Herald covers the Southwest Georgia region.

Boler entered the newspaper business 15 years ago as an entry-level sales representative at the Florida Today/Gannett USA Today and later held senior management positions with Knight Ridder, Morris and now the Southern Community Newspapers Inc. (SCNI).

Boler is a results driven leader who draws expertise from a variety of experiences. He served 20 years in the United States Air Force with service points in Kosovo, Japan, Guam, Turkey, Northern Iraq among others.

A passionate community supporter, Boler serves as a board member for the Albany Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany, Albany Symphony, Darton State College Foundation and the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute. He is also a member of the Disable Vets of America (DAV) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Boler is a graduate of Paine College in Augusta, the Community College of the Air Force and the Air Force Senior Leadership School. He is married to Tammy Boler and has two daughters and a new granddaughter.

# 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 Degree

The associate 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 2018

Candidates for 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:

### Baccalaureate

Honor	GPA	Cord Color
Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00	Gold
Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.89	Blue
Cum Laude	3.50-3.74	White
Honors Program Merit Scholar	Honors Program Members	Blue & Gold Stole

### Associate

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

# 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
Social Work.....	Citron
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.

# Candidates for Degrees

As of April 20, 2018

*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.*

## College of Arts and Humanities

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### Candidates for the Master's Degree

#### Master of Public Administration

##### *Major: Public Administration*

Janice Diane Barnes  
Bruce Colvin, II  
Durrriyah Drummond  
Kayla Keanne Frazier

Angel Leanna Jones  
Kawanna L. Jones  
Charles O. Mande  
Temeca Miller

Tanita Norris  
Sequoyah Latrice Pinkney  
Arkeen Marquis Riley

#### Master of Science

##### *Major: Criminal Justice*

William J. E. Atkins  
Felicia Bray-Colbert  
Ray Dexter Ewings, Jr.  
Tonisha Michelle Hall

David Lee Howell  
Christopher Corey Huffman  
Rashon Harlan Miller  
Monericka D. Teemer

Carlos Turner  
Aaliyah Brianca Wilson

#### Master of Social Work

##### *Major: Social Work*

Abraham Thomas Bivins  
Sharell Sade' Dodson  
Bridgette L. Jones  
Shynita Nicole Kegler

Ashley Monique Law  
Whitney Janay Little  
Brandis Alexis Luttrell-Mitchell  
Keysha La'Shawn McGriff

Krystal Smith  
Brittany Nicole Welch  
Santianna Nishondra White  
Christine V. Williams

### Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree

##### *Major: Criminal Justice*

Brittany Ra-Lyn Carter  
Melinda Clemons  
Chelsea Yvette Currie  
Laquiela L. Daniel  
Charles LaPrince Durrah  
Shikena Ford  
Myeisha Danielle Freeman *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tammy L. Green  
Frederick Odgrell Greene, II  
Semaj Jamik Guilford  
Breonna Hendricks

Da'Shia Janae Hill  
Danetra Leann Jackson  
Takerian Jordan  
Zelphia Nekesha Renee King  
Quartez Adonnis Lester  
Marvin James Lewis  
Keona Alexis Livatt  
Alexa Marie Lopez  
Jayla Monae Malone *Cum Laude*  
Tempestt Morrell Mothershed  
Yatesha W. Rhodes

Robert L. Richard, Jr.  
Destiny Fay Smith  
Javan Catera Summerling *Cum Laude*  
Miteisha Shunquis Thomas  
Quardeshia La'Tay Thomas  
Elizabeth Alexis Ventura  
Shan'Tricia M. Vinson  
Stefan Jamonte Whitehead

**Major: English**

Takia Monet Rice

Belinda West

**Major: History**

Aanuoluwapo Ayotunde Adelusì

**Major: Interdisciplinary Studies**

Debra F. Cox

Donna Odom

Portia Paulette Smith

**Major: Mass Communication**

Lovely Banks-Daniels  
Genie Ashley Cross  
Imani Keara Crumpton  
Jaquel Ciarra Eley *Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Zane Fields

Briantay Rosita Michele Gower  
Mikeala Mariah Green  
Stephen R. Jennings II  
Jarren John Mapp  
Erika Morris

Bryant Allen Prather  
Brandi Simpson-Warren  
Brenda Simpson-Warren  
Theodore Dondre' Smith *Cum Laude*  
Troy Antonio Smith

**Major: Organizational Leadership**

LeiAnn Nichole Brennan  
Alyson Lea Bridges  
Sharon Frances Douglas

Jaton Michael Johnson  
Zachary Stephens Kennedy *Summa Cum Laude*  
Richard Darren Norman

Olivia Marie Taft *Summa Cum Laude*  
Morgan Nicole Wilbanks

**Major: Political Science**

Delaney Burnett *Magna Cum Laude and Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Justice Renee Howard

Damira Capri Sheilds *Cum Laude*  
Trinity Antoinette White

**Major: Psychology**

Shirlecia Tomeca Coats  
Ideong Ette  
Shanece LaShay Hayes *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maya Hollingsworth

Ayanna Kelly  
Quenton Matthews  
Gabriell L. Mercer  
Ayanate' R. Perry

Peter Michael Reece  
Deon Andre' Thornton  
Deja Shakina Monique White  
Mercedes Danyell Wilburn

**Major: Social Work**

Santana Carter  
Mallory Alexia Ingram  
Courtney L. Jenkins

Sharon Haylee Metts  
Ronita O'Dell  
Deaunia Shontar Rogers

ShaTerrica L. Ross  
Kerry Chanell White

**Major: Sociology**

Ekorea La'Sha Gray  
Tarccara Lyn Hodge

Celeste Iman Sanderson  
D'Aquaneshia L. Stokes

Lilkecia Sutton  
Clementine Madison Tardy

**Major: Visual and Performing Arts**

Ameena Alayshia Abdullah  
Gary Wayne Cannon, II  
Tichina Coaxum

Masaalih Salim McGhee *Cum Laude*  
Terrell Kairie McGowan  
Rex Tinsley Page

Conzuela Sanford *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashleigh Brianna Wright

# Candidates for the Associate Degree

## Criminal Justice

Rodney Lenard Brown *Magna Cum Laude*  
Justin Blake Cox *Cum Laude*  
Jasmine Shontrell Daniels

Mark Edward Farley *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kenekema Laming Hurley *Cum Laude*  
Rose Garner Hutchinson

Tieziah Johnson  
Cindy Kosiso Okeke *Cum Laude*  
Maricruz Perez

## Dance

Ykeia Monaya McClendon

## English

Clint Aaron Etheredge

## General Studies

Franklynne Bernice Banks *Summa Cum Laude*  
Akeria J. Burns  
KeAmbria Ja'Nai Cannon  
Shykeiria Alwia Carter  
Roberta Keronlaine Da Silva Lima  
Zaria Nicole Davis  
Jakeria S. Dison  
Braedan Jennings Earnest *Cum Laude*  
Mary F. Egler  
Shanya Evans  
Eduardo Antonio Fuentes Jr.  
Tycera Tynnya Gardner *Magna Cum Laude*  
De'Ambria De'Shawn Gilbert  
Natalie Ruth Gilchrist  
Charles Keyshawn Grissom *Magna Cum Laude*

Leslie Marie Hall  
Ny'Keria Binai Haywood *Cum Laude*  
Kyndall Skye Hills  
Lamyia Sonovia Jackson  
Logan James Knight  
Zackeria Bre'Auna Knighton  
Harold Clarence Lawton  
Brenda Espinoza Lopez *Cum Laude*  
Jameia Shanett Morman *Cum Laude*  
Rushonda Monique Morris  
Quandrekus K. Moye *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tymaree Marcella Da'Nell Nelson *Cum Laude*  
Anthony Tyrone Pace  
Nohemi Isabel Perez *Magna Cum Laude*  
Viviana Recendez *Cum Laude*

Brody Revels  
Jessica Jot Sanders *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hannah Lynn Scarborough  
Trametria D. Scott *Cum Laude*  
Dentiny Patrice Shaw *Magna Cum Laude*  
Markya Amani Thomas *Cum Laude*  
Deidre Renee Bane Tillman  
Zachery Eric West *Cum Laude*  
Kathryn Elizabeth Whitley *Summa Cum Laude*  
Janeshia Nicole Williams  
Kaia Sonae Williams  
Justin Devon Yarbrough  
Jakiriah Jene' Yates

## History

Christian Abercrombie

Brandon Scott Brooks *Cum Laude*

Jonathon Grandville McDowell *Cum Laude*

## Liberal Arts

Shabreka Almetra Dunnaway

## Political Science

Jeremy Scott Dixon

Tyizanna Latonezya Floyd

## Psychology

Briana R Jackson  
Charlette Johnson

Elizabeth Ashanti Johnson  
Cody Alexander Pollock

Sarne Marie Sylvester

## Sociology

Melinda Ann Curry *Cum Laude*  
Darienne Briana Davis

Brittany Brache' Fulks  
Ieshia Lee

Jimmica W Moten  
Kayla Nicole Norman

## Certificate: Addiction Counseling

Saretha Nicole Pyant

# College of Business

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## Candidates for the Master's Degree

### **Major: Business Administration**

Trayondus Jaudon Baynard	Sherese Montelle Harris	Diashekia Aundrea Morgan
RaShaada Danessha Burney	Kaream Alexander Hess	Latonza Sharmane Mosley
William L. Carter	Dwayne Daquan Johnson	Shanta Michelle Oliver
Karen Y. Clay	Patrick Lynn Johnson	Nicolette Ashton Williams
Jatorey Darrell Daniel	Jocelyn Q. King	Shalaese Tramel Wilson
Christopher Jeromy Dewayne Graham	Shamiah Nichele Martin	

## Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree

### **Major: Accounting**

Jeremy Lance Arrington  
Christy Monchel Davis  
Wanesia Patrice Francis *Honors Program Merit Scholar*  
Kierstie Jacole Gilbert  
Alexis Monique Gore  
Desunay Nakeya Haynes  
Vanessa Morris  
Jayson Khalil Snearl  
Briana Nicole Walker *(Dual Major: Supply Chain and Logistics Management) Cum Laude*  
Cortesia Weatherall

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

Umo Abasute	Alexander J. Cook, III	Melissa Kaye Marshall
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**Major: Educational Administration and Supervision**

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**Major: Early Childhood Education**

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**Major: Middle Grades Education**

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**Major: School Counseling**

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**Major: Early Childhood Education**

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**Major: Middle Grades Education**

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Mecca Simone Frost ( <i>Dual Major: Health and Human Performance</i> )	Julia Noelle Okongwu ( <i>Dual Major: Health and Human Performance</i> )
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## Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree

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### **Major: Chemistry**

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Lori Smalls

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Anthony L. Hunter, II  
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Christian J. M. Owens  
Jovonna Caleigh Reid  
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Jasmine Desaray Thomas  
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### **Major: Mathematics**

Vernard V. Hurd

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### **Biological Sciences**

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Jack Gage Koster *Magna Cum Laude*

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## Chemistry

Jonathan Edward Bacon *Summa Cum Laude*

Scott Dawson *Summa Cum Laude*

## Computer Information Systems

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Herbert Lee Moore

Donovan Ray Toole

## Computer Information Technology

Robert William Schacht

## Computer Science

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## Pre-Engineering

Kenneth Sizemore

# Darton College of Health Professions

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## Candidates for the Master's Degree

### **Major: Nursing**

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Kimberly D. Johnson

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Phyllis Gail Thompson

Jacquelyn M. Trammell

Latrina S. Waldon

Heather Melissa Wells

Karmen Janelle Williams

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## Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree

### **Major: Health and Human Performance**

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## **Major: Nursing**

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## **Candidates for the Associate Degree**

### **Dental Hygiene**

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### **Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

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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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