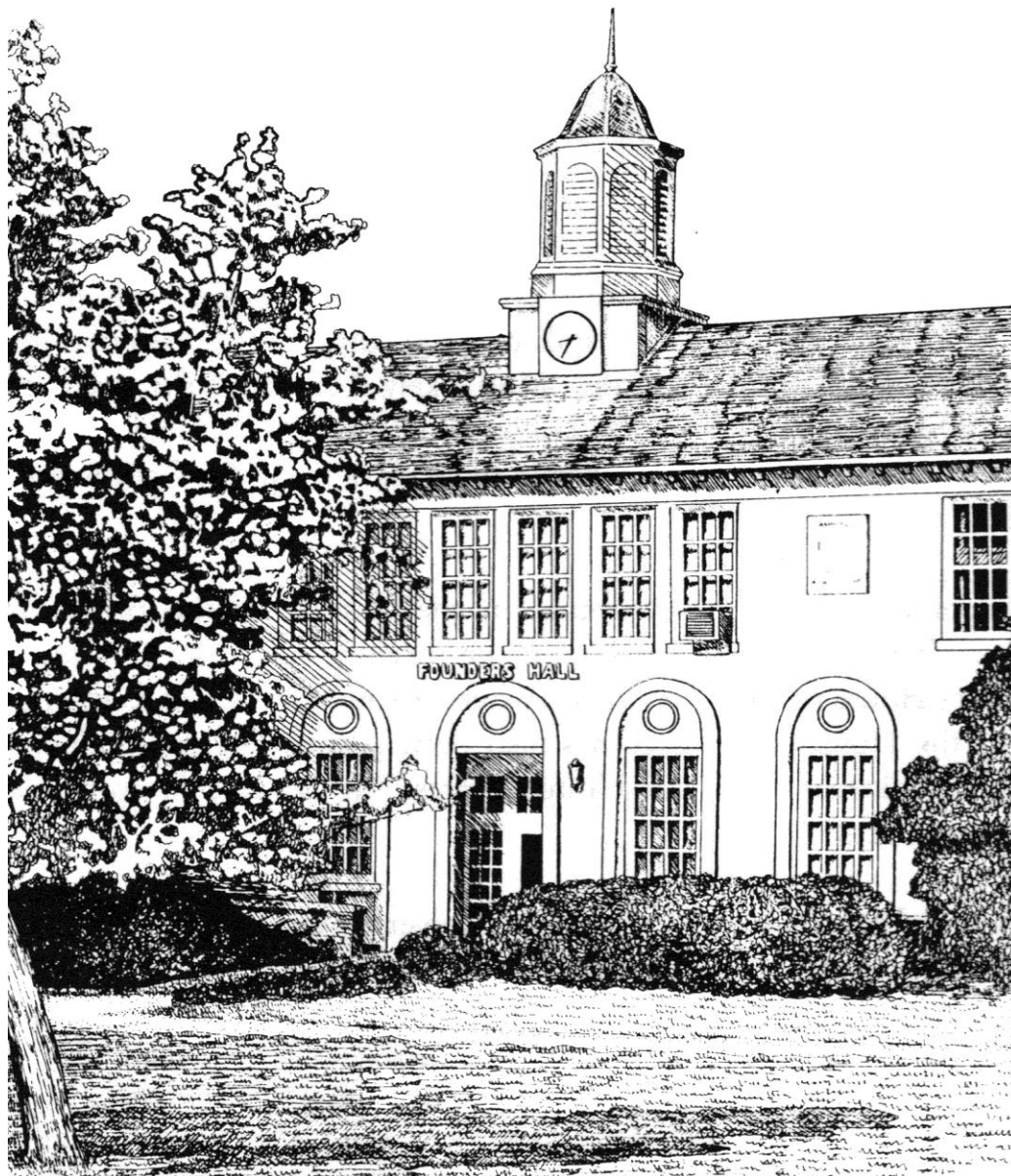


Fort Valley State University



About Fort Valley State University

Fort Valley State University is home to thousands of students discovering the genius within themselves and exploring their extraordinary potential for leadership under the guidance of highly accomplished faculty. Since 1895, the FVSU family has shared a love of invention and innovation, and embraced a culture where discovery is celebrated. No matter where you start in life, we believe that education is the surest way to make a difference in the world and achieve your dreams.

FVSU is one of the most affordable colleges in the country, because our goal is to make sure anyone with talent and desire can use education as a steppingstone. At the same time, excellence is demanded across our campuses, from our faculty members who are respected researchers, instructors, and authors, to our students, who accept the challenges of leadership, scholarship, and professionalism. More than 60 clubs and organizations provide students with real-world opportunities to pursue their passions, and our professional network helps launch students into careers through internships and career development.

FVSU is one of nineteen 1890 land-grant institutions, which means that our mission is to not only empower students to use education to pursue meaningful careers, but it is also to use our scholarship, research, and outreach to make lives better for the communities around us. Our overriding goal is to equip people from all backgrounds with the knowledge and skills to impact the world as leaders in meaningful fields, and to also spread knowledge and resources throughout the state to make the lives of ordinary people better today.

- FVSU has earned the recognition of being designated as a Research College and University in the 2025 Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.
- FVSU was named the top public HBCU in Georgia for 2026 by U.S. News and World Report for the eighth consecutive year.
- FVSU has the highest ranking in Georgia for social mobility among public regional universities (South) for 2026 by U.S. News and World Report.
- FVSU is ranked as the #24 top public university in the south for 2026 by U.S. News & World Report.
- FVSU is ranked #28 for HBCUs for 2026 by U.S. News & World Report.
- FVSU was recognized as #3 in the nation for its online Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling degree program by EduMed.org.
- FVSU conducts more federally funded science, technology, engineering and math research than any other public teaching university in the state of Georgia and is fifth among Georgia public universities overall.
- FVSU is the #4 top producer nationally of African Americans with bachelor's degrees in agriculture, agricultural operations and related sciences and is #1 in the state of Georgia.
- FVSU's four-year veterinary technology program is the only one in Georgia.
- FVSU is ranked in the Top 25 Most Affordable Master's Degrees in Counseling in the south by bestcounselingdegrees.net.
- FVSU's mathematics, engineering technology, family and consumer sciences, computer and information sciences, psychology and history degree programs all rank in the top ten in Georgia for producing the most African Americans with bachelor's degrees.
- FVSU is ranked #8 on the national list of "Top 10 Colleges with Tuition Under \$20,000" bycollegeraptor.com.

Academic Attire

The academic costume derives from practices originating in the Middle Ages. When European universities were formed in the 12th and 13th centuries, the first scholars, mainly clerics, adopted costumes like those of their monastic orders. Cold halls and drafty buildings made caps and floor-length gowns with attached hoods a necessity for warmth. Probably because of the religious customs of that period, academic costumes remained largely drab. After the administration of the universities was removed from the control of the church, some features of the academic costumes took on brighter hues. Drawings and restored prints from this era reveal a strong similarity between the academic costumes worn in the early European universities and the regalia worn today.

In light of the strong English heritage in the United States, the academic costume has been in use in the United States since colonial times. To establish a standard of uniformity regarding the practice of dress in the academy, an intercollegiate commission was formed. This commission prepared the code, which has been adopted by all universities, for the wearing of caps, gowns, and hoods. The shape of the cap is often the more familiar mortarboard square. Its design resembles the scholar's book. Legend has it that the privilege of wearing a cap was the initial right of a person who had been enslaved under the Roman Empire. The flowing gown has become a symbol of the universality of scholarship, for it covers any attire, which might indicate work or social strata. The hood indicates the type of degree and is lined with the official colors of the university.

THE GOWN

BACHELOR'S	Black, full cut with long pointed sleeves
MASTER'S	Black, long or short sleeves with an arc-shaped panel for each sleeve
DOCTORATE	Black, with velvet panels on the front of the gown and three velvet bars on each sleeve. Color of the velvet may be black or distinctive of the field of study

THE HOOD

BACHELOR'S	Three feet in length with two-inch wide velvet trim
MASTER'S	Three and one-half feet in length with three-inch wide velvet trim
DOCTORATE	Four feet in length with five-inch wide velvet trim and panel at the sides

The lining of all hoods, which is folded out, bears the official colors of the institution from which the degree was received. The color of the trim indicates the field in which the master's degree was granted: Public Health (salmon pink); Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling (golden yellow); Animal Science (gray); Biotechnology (golden yellow); and Education Specialist and Education (light blue).

THE CAP AND TASSEL

Candidates for graduate degrees at Fort Valley State University wear the black mortarboard with a gold tassel, and candidates for undergraduate degrees wear the black mortarboard with a black tassel.

Presidential Mace



Like the academic costume, the mace dates to medieval times. Knights used the mace, a heavy club topped with a spiked metal knob, as an effective instrument against the strongest armor in battle. Most likely this use of the mace influenced university officials to adopt it as a symbol of vested authority. Usually about two feet in length, the ceremonial mace survives today as a symbol of authority in most institutions.

Notable instances of its use are found in the sessions of the British House of Commons where the mace is placed on the treasury table, and in sessions of the United States House of Representatives where the mace is placed to the right of the Speaker of the House. The mace has also been adopted as an emblem by many colleges and universities in the United States. It is used in formal academic ceremonies and activities.

The inauguration of President Luther Burse in 1984 marked the first ceremonial use of the mace at Fort Valley State University. The Mace was retired after 38 years on May 14, 2023.

During the 81st Spring Commencement, a new Presidential Mace was installed in a ceremony led by President Paul Jones, Ph.D., and Isaac J. Crumbly, Ph.D.

The Presidential Mace of Fort Valley State University is 42 inches long and is Cherry with Cordovan Stain. The Staff is wood with two metal sleeves and sits in a cherry wood hexagon stand. The top of the mace consists of an Antique Brass Medallion engraved with the university seal, which is gold plated.

The mace was designed by Medalcraft Mint, Inc., the largest private mint in all North America.

Alma Mater

Fort Valley State! Fort Valley State!
Our lives to thee we dedicate.
Our souls we blend to sing thy name;
Eternal praise we do proclaim.

Faithful and true, Fort Valley State,
We at thy call, forever wait;
We lift our hearts to thankfulness,
For loyalty and thoroughness.

We love to hear thy sweet name called;
Thou art the dearest school of all.
Our hearts to thee will e'er belong,
Thou art so steadfast, brave and strong;

We love thee so, Fort Valley State,
Our loyalty we dedicate;
Thy name forever we proclaim;
Fort Valley State, We love thy name.

-William H. Pipes and
Odessa Hardison McNair, 1954

The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when free man shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust;"
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

-Francis Scott Key, 1775

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

-Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson
Music by John R. Johnson

SPEAKER

VERDA M. COLVIN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



Justice Verda M. Colvin was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia on July 20, 2021, by Governor Brian Kemp. She previously served on the Georgia Court of Appeals following her appointment by Governor Kemp in 2020 and spent nearly six years as a superior court judge in the Macon Judicial Circuit. During her years on the trial bench, Justice Colvin presided over a wide range of civil and criminal matters and was actively engaged in judicial leadership and accountability court initiatives.

Justice Colvin began her legal career as an assistant solicitor in Athens-Clarke County, where she developed a strong foundation in trial advocacy. She later served as assistant general counsel to Clark Atlanta University and as an assistant district attorney in Clayton County. Prior to her judicial service, Justice Colvin was an assistant United States attorney in the Middle District of Georgia, prosecuting cases ranging from drug trafficking and firearms offenses to complex white-collar crime. Her diverse experience as both a state and federal prosecutor has informed her balanced and pragmatic approach to the law.

A native of Atlanta, Justice Colvin graduated from Daniel McLaughlin Therrell High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Sweet Briar College and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law. She has maintained a strong commitment to legal education and mentorship throughout her career, including service as an adjunct professor at Mercer University School of Law.

Deeply committed to public service, Justice Colvin has served on numerous judicial, civic, and professional committees and currently chairs the Supreme Court of Georgia's Access to Justice Committee. She is also active on several professional, educational, and nonprofit boards across the state, reflecting her dedication to improving access, fairness, and public confidence in the justice system.

Justice Colvin has received numerous awards recognizing her leadership, service, and commitment to justice and community engagement. She is a member of First Baptist Church, where she serves on the Women's Ministry Leadership Team. Justice Colvin is the proud mother of two children, Weston and Taylor, and the wife of Nathaniel Walker, with whom she shares two other adult children, Nathan and Nathalie.

PROGRAM

Paul Jones, Ph.D.
10th President, Fort Valley State University
Presiding

Prelude	Elvis Lewis Jr.	
*Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance”	Elvis Lewis Jr.
	Sir Edgar Elgar	
*Invocation.....	Reverend Forrest Dickey, ‘91	
	<i>Pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Macon, Georgia</i>	
*The National Anthem	“Star-Spangled Banner”	Fort Valley State University Choir
	Francis Scott Key	
Selection	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	Fort Valley State University Choir
	James Weldon Johnson	
Welcome	Paul Jones, Ph.D.	
	<i>10th President, Fort Valley State University</i>	
1895 Society Induction	Karen Wright	
	<i>Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director for the FVSU Foundation</i>	
Message from the Valedictorian.....	Kadyn S. Baker	
	<i>Chemistry Major</i>	
Introduction of Speaker	Paul Jones, Ph.D.	
Commencement Address	Verda M. Colvin	
	<i>Georgia Supreme Court Justice</i>	
Special Presentation and Acknowledgements	Paul Jones, Ph.D.	
Selection	Fort Valley State University Choir	
Presentation of Deans	Derrick C. Scott Ph.D.	
	<i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>	
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	Deans	
	Graduate Studies – Tamara Payne, Ph.D.	
	College of Education and Professional Studies – Beth Day-Hairston, Ph.D.	
	College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology – Keith Howard, Ph.D.	
	College of Arts and Sciences – Eyuaalem Abebe, Ph.D.	
Conferring of Degrees	Paul Jones, Ph.D.	
Induction of Graduates into the National Alumni Association	Garren Walker	
	<i>President, FVSU National Alumni Association, Inc.</i>	
Commissioning of Cadets	MAJ Elizabeth Jackson	
	<i>Professor of Military Science</i>	
*The Alma Mater	Fort Valley State University Choir and Audience	
	William H. Pipes and Odessa Hardison McNair	
*Benediction	Reverend Forrest Dickey	
*Recessional	“War March of the Priest”	Elvis Lewis Jr.
	Felix Mendelsohn	
Postlude	Elvis Lewis Jr.	

**The audience should stand. See page 5 for lyrics for FVSU Alma Mater and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”.*

GRADUATE DEGREES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Environmental Health

Chisom Daniel Dike	Shenyang Medical College
Eric Enoch	Shenyang Medical College
Amber Felix	Middle Georgia State University
Tonya Renee Johnson	Fort Valley State University
Oghenetenene David Okobiah	Obafemi Awolowo University
Orianna Dinasja Watters	Fort Valley State University
Tonisha Wilson	Fort Valley State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Hannah Cyriaque	Middle Georgia State University
MaKeba Laronda Dennis	University of Phoenix
Tyc'Lyn Lanae Gilbert	University of West Georgia
Adriana Nicole Johnson	Fort Valley State University

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Taylor Brianna Miller	Howard University
Kialen Amirra Smith	University of West Georgia
Tyisha Nicole Williams	Georgia Southwestern State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE

Ragini Alluri	P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University
Hanuman Balagoni	P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University
Taeja Jeanese Brisby	Fort Valley State University
Vinh Huu Nguyen	Buena Vista University
Terra Diane Odom	Fort Valley State University
Rohith Polasa	Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Akash Basnet	Tribhuvan University
Pradeep Lakkarsu	Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University
Jared Dillon Mimbs	Fort Valley State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Elementary Education/Special Education

Ellen Evett Mathis-Jones Fort Valley State University

Middle Grades Education

JaLisa Me'Shel'le Badon Morris Brown College

Tomika Yavette King Fort Valley State University

Carolyn Trenette Sims Ashford University Clinton

School Counselor Education

Braxton Lewis Jefferson Liberty University

Allison Pittman Lee Georgia Southern University

Kendall Marie Meyers University of Central Florida

Bethany Barron Scarboro Georgia College & State University

Luciana Melinease Turner Nova Southeastern University

Roblin D. Walton Shorter University

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Academic Honors

Cum Laude (with honor) - Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.25 - 3.49

Magna Cum Laude (with high honor) - Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 - 3.74

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor) - Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.75 - 4.00

† Cum Laude †† Magna Cum Laude ††† Summa Cum Laude

Honor graduates are identified based on the students' institutional and cumulative grade point averages calculated through the Fall 2025 semester. Since final action cannot always be taken by the time this program is printed, the list of candidates here is tentative only.

(H) Honors Program Graduate

Honors Program Graduates have met the exacting requirements of the Honors Program as well as those of their degree program. These students have participated in the required number of intellectual development activities outside of their classes, taken a minimum number of more advanced Honors courses and have completed at least one experiential learning activity during their undergraduate studies at FVSU.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Elementary Education/Special Education

††Kayana Kalia Barber	Albany, Georgia
††Monica Nicole Carter	Rochelle, Georgia
†Brooklynn Denette Dennis	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Aijalon Vontressa Graper	Albany, Georgia
†††Madison Nachell Green	Reynolds, Georgia
†Destini Ber'Nae Jordan	Albany, Georgia
††Divine Joniah Lester	Tennille, Georgia

Middle Grades Education

††Travis Sintel Barnes	Atlanta, Georgia
Nakia Benefield	Warner Robins, Georgia
†Tobias Emann Douthit	Fort Valley, Georgia
†††Avery Michelle Harris	Atlanta, Georgia
Makenzie Denise Heidelberg	Moultrie, Georgia
†Adayla Karenjané Jefferson	Albany, Georgia
††Ar'deja Monae Neely	Atlanta, Georgia

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FAMILY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Agriculture Engineering Technology

††Tarris Wellington Bivins, II	Cuthbert, Georgia
††Terrious M. Miles, Jr.	Macon, Georgia

Veterinary Technology

Autumn S. Bradford	Birmingham, Alabama
JaKyla Armani Braziel	West Palm Beach, Florida
Angel A. Butler	Jonesboro, Georgia
Jecarria Fredriq Elizabeth Clark	Greenwood, Mississippi
†Tajhina Jeriece Coleman	Portland, Oregon
††Jernae Anne Darville	New Providence, Bahamas
††Lailah Renise-Michelle Dozier (H)	Atlanta, Georgia
Armani Nicole Henry-Lee	Springfield, Massachusetts
Brianna Nicole Martin	McDonough, Georgia
Madison Simone Nicholson	Leesburg, Georgia
Ashanti Briasia Ogletree	Greenville, Georgia
††Simone Christen Phillips	McDonough, Georgia
Kelton Khe'maud Powell	McDonough, Georgia
†Larry Turner	Fairburn, Georgia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Economics

††Johnathan Jamir Allen	Warner Robins, Georgia
††De'vonte Amasiani	Atlanta, Georgia
Richard Charles Brown, II	Bainbridge, Georgia
Edward Gener Carter, III	Valdosta, Georgia
Tamiah Nakira Clark	Athens, Georgia
Youto Jovina Daweah	Anoa, Minnesota
†Rahyn D'Nice Potter	Atlanta, Georgia
J'Lyscia Victoria Roberts	Warner Robins, Georgia
Tarvos Jevon Simmons	Eastman, Georgia
Khadia Fariah Christine Walker	Byron, Georgia

Animal Science

Zoie Aiyana Brown	Macon, Georgia
†Rachel Lynn Clark	Lawrenceville, Georgia
†††Katelin Coleman (H)	Broward County, Florida
††Chandler Elan Davis	McDonough, Georgia
Te'Kiyu Fitzhugh	Decatur, Georgia
††Chantia Alexandria Fletcher	Grayson, Georgia
Arriyonna Ilean Gillett	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
††Dai'Chunna LaShea Goodson	Decatur, Georgia

†Eyndirrah Marie Inez Jones	Conyers, Georgia
McKenzie C. McCluskey	Cedartown, Georgia
†Jewel Osborne	Queens, New York
†††Jamiyah Amani Parker (H).....	Warner Robins, Georgia
Tyler C. Pendergrass	Atlanta, Georgia
†Camron Jabriel Ray	Donalsonville, Georgia
Khalia Russell	Ellenwood, Georgia
†Patrice Setzer	Lithonia, Georgia
†Keyari Racheal Tolbert	Bethesda, Maryland
†††Tiaj'A Marie Watson	Jonesboro, Georgia

Plant Science

Demitrius James Craig	Milledgeville, Georgia
Nyiefa Alia Cumberbatch	Macon, Georgia
Nakira Keviyah Morris	Lithonia, Georgia
Marisha De'Angela Towner	Miami, Florida
††Zarien M. Vilsaint	Rome, Georgia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

†Darrell Demetrius Baker, Jr.	Lawrenceville, Georgia
Kentrell Ja'Rod Cole	Montgomery, Alabama

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

†Christopher D. Coleman	College Park, Georgia
†Jordan Camille Gallemore	Decatur, Georgia
Phredifa Lynette Ross	Fort Valley, Georgia
†Catherine Katelyn Smith	McDonough, Georgia

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Criminal Justice

†Ahmil Jamir Adams	Macon, Georgia
Cornelius Walter Cooks, II	Jacksonville, Florida
Christian Jamar Covin	Dublin, Georgia
Shronda Lasha Jackson	Macon, Georgia
†Eric Jason Miley	Valdosta, Georgia
Jada Shakarri Peterson	Miami, Florida

Kelsey Myriana Michelle Rawls	Statesboro, Georgia
Brionna C. Ryan	Thomasville, Georgia
†Zykerria T. Smith	Dawson, Georgia
†Avery Thomas	Auburn, Georgia
Kiesha Allen Wade	Quitman, Georgia

Liberal Studies

Ajahlei Jonyce Lumpkin	Bethlehem, Georgia
Jylanthia JaCole Redding	Albany, Georgia
Leo Riley, IV	Riverdale, Georgia
Demiah T. Smartt	Conyers, Georgia
London Terry	Centerville, Georgia
Cleo R. White	Warner Robins, Georgia
Destiny Hope Williams	Dallas, Texas

Media Studies

Kymani Brooks	St. Petersburg, Florida
Chyna Shauntique Castlin	Decatur, Georgia
Paul Laurence Dunbar, III	Warner Robins, Georgia
†††Justin D. Favors	Atlanta, Georgia
Gerald Manzie Jackson	Fort Valley, Georgia
Christoher Delee Person	Augusta, Georgia
Gabriel Marcus Terrell	Snellville, Georgia

Political Science

Foster Eugene Ford	Warner Robins, Georgia
Aniya Nevaeh Warfield	Stone Mountain, Georgia
††Janiya Nyhele Watkins	Sparta, Georgia

Psychology

††Jeremiah Jeffrey Bentick	Boston, Massachusetts
Elijah M. Cheatham	Atlanta, Georgia
Tomeshia Ty'Kerria Collins	Edison, Georgia
††Kaila Ai-Simoñ Copeland	Stockbridge, Georgia
†Jamesia Jahnay Dalton	Lumpkin, Georgia
†Rayla M. Davis	Savannah, Georgia
April Marie Gardner	Augusta, Georgia
††Kaisha Lesley Louise Glass	Boston, Massachusetts
Breona Nicole Holley	Woodstock, Georgia
††Delissa Carmeal Kier	Atlanta, Georgia
†Brianna King	Griffin, Georgia
††Crystal L. Mann	Warner Robings, Georgia
Amarey Deontae Morrow	Fort Valley, Georgia
Virginia Danielle Rogers	Bonaire, Georgia
†Dhanni-Ann Kayla Therese Smith	Grayson, Georgia
†Jakhia Temarian Smith	Moore Haven, Florida
Saige Thomas	Macon, Georgia
††Justice Sharese Toomer (Posthumous)	Sylvester, Georgia
Kasmin Wills	Perry, Georgia
††Quentasia Denise Young	Wauchula, Florida

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

††Janiyá Shaw	Fort Meade, Maryland
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BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

†Aydan Anderson	Fort Walton Beach, Florida
†Matthew Williams Andrews	Atlanta, Georgia
Ronndasia Michaiiah Coleman	Douglasville, Georgia
Isaiah Fedd	Apopka, Florida
Euridicee Genese Heppard	Orangeburg, South Carolina
††Avery KeSawn Sutherland	Griffin, Georgia

Management

†††Jordyn Elise Bowdry	Thomasville, Georgia
Ty'Mira Teondra Chatmon	Butler, Georgia
Jana Katiyln Marie Jones	Newnan, Georgia
†Andre Dacari Milner	Hinesville, Georgia
Jeremy Peek	Atlanta, Georgia
Harmoni Rozier	Bonaire, Georgia
J'Ronte DeShon Stephens	Conyers, Georgia
Makayla Gabrielle Walker	Monroe, Georgia
Kristina Veronica Warren	Brentwood, California
Aukenviah Deijah Wilson	Dothan, Alabama
†††Aubree Monique Wright	Douglasville, Georgia
†Narain Amir Yearwood	Canton, Georgia

Marketing

†††Emerald Nicole Baker	East Dublin, Georgia
Jaacobi Amil Dewberry	Camilla, Georgia
Donovan Bernard Johnson	Macon, Georgia
†Shamiya Marie Scott	Decatur, Georgia
Ian J. Swann	Ellenwood, Georgia
Sydney Malvina Winn	Warner Robins, Georgia

Supply Chain and Logistics Management

†Toriano Nuvet English	Perry, Georgia
Kennedii Alexis Harrison	Byron, Georgia
Alexia Janai Scott	Byron, Georgia
††Juliann Marie Smith	Boutte, Louisiana
†††Torrionna Na'Shay Townsend	Clayton County, Georgia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biology

†††Surayyah Imani Adams	McDonough, Georgia
Aanyiah An'gel Anthony	Savannah, Georgia
†††Jayla Barkley	Jackson, Georgia
Ayanna Carty	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Nia Gabrielle Chase-Hill	Buffalo, New York
Sabrea Irie Clark	Memphis, Tennessee
Madison Crawford	Atlanta, Georgia
A'Sani A'Nique Davis	Stockbridge, Georgia

Lontravious Devon Davis	Vienna, Georgia
††TaNiyah Everette	Warner Robins, Georgia
Alexis Fisher	Atlanta, Georgia
Niya M. Floyd	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Azaria Lanique Garland	Thomasville, Georgia
††Jalexicia Lateese Hargrove	Sparta, Georgia
†Selena Christine Linsench	Culloden, Georgia
Naliya J. Mallory	Albany, Georgia
Alisha Tianna Molden	East Pointe, Georgia
Sanielle Chardae Moton	Macon, Georgia
Nicholas Jamal Muchison	Brunswick, Georgia
Dajahneek O'Brien	Lithonia, Georgia
†Zyair Juliana Pitt	Stone Mountain, Georgia
†Cori Symplicity Rainey	Cordele, Georgia
Maurice Lorenzo Releford	Perry, Georgia
Demar Anthony Richards	Conyers, Georgia

Chemistry

†††Kadyn Silas Baker	Gray, Georgia
††Tae'la Renae Brown,	Fayetteville, Georgia
†††Zachary Lee	Warner Robins, Georgia
Ariyanna Reedy	Savannah, Georgia
†††Charity Elise Smith	Warner Robins, Georgia
†Chloe Taylor	Conyers, Georgia

Computer Science

Haneefat Omoshalewa Adanijo	Dacula, Georgia
†††Willoughby Stanford Caine	Stone Mountain, Georgia
†Amber Jameile English	Warner Robins, Georgia
†Christian Lee	Decatur, Georgia
†Emil Emmanuel Lopez	Anchorage, Alaska
Kamar N'Gai Marable	Macon, Georgia
†††Josue Ndeko	Stone Mountain, Georgia
††Nil Patel	Fort Valley, Georgia
††Jaylen Thomas Perry	Hampton, Georgia
††Levi La Quante Scott	McDonough, Georgia
Arionna Smartt	Conyers, Georgia
†Jadyn Grant Walker	Kennesaw, Georgia

Mathematics

†††Willoughby Stanford Caine	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Camron James Collins	Miami, Florida
††Malachi King Glover	Warner Robins, Georgia
Ayana Lynch	Lithonia, Georgia
Faith McNair	Warrenton, Georgia
††Dévonte Romello Payton	Douglasville, Georgia
Jacob Anthony Sherrier	College Park, Georgia
Jared Stancil	Hampton, Georgia

Nursing

Chloe Celeste Clemmons	Warner Robins, Georgia
Semaria Aasya Cofer	Athens, Georgia
Syniah Monae Cunningham	Macon, Georgia
Daja Edwards	Conyers, Georgia

McKenzie Givan	Decatur, Georgia
†Tralee Henry	Covington, Georgia
Julie Elyse Heyliger	Dallas, Georgia
James Anthony Jones	Powder Springs, Georgia
Shakerria Alexis Miracle Jones	Macon, Georgia
Naydiah Arnez Kornegay	Kathleen, Georgia
Rebecca Mattox	McDonough, Georgia
††Nasyah Le'Shea Rowe	Covington, Georgia
Jeurden Janise Salaam	Macon, Georgia
Taylor Marie Williams	Fayetteville, Georgia
Kerin Williamson	Americus, Georgia

Organizational Leadership

†Sabrekkia De'Vail Colson	Perry, Georgia
†Angellica Cooper	Macon, Georgia

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Antuan Deshona Adams	Warner Robins, Georgia
††Mercedes Bennett	Tampa, Florida
Mia Brewer-Law	Minneapolis, Minnesota
††Trinity Nickayla Brown	Eastman, Georgia
Autumn Kimberlyn Davis	Macon, Georgia
†††Lanaia Day	Columbus, Georgia
Lauryn Elizabeth Easterling	Atlanta, Georgia
Nakima Dacia Elliott	Fort Valley, Georgia
†ShaRandi Breshay Fuller	Hazlehurst, Georgia
Shikera K. Harold	Sumter, South Carolina
Asaiah A. Hill	Gainesville, Georgia
Kya Imari Hines	Lithonia, Georgia
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