

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA



Lux et Veritas

*The One Hundred Eighty First
Commencement*

Saturday, the Eighth of December
Two Thousand and Twelve

Ten O'clock in the Morning
Tiger Arena

*S*avannah State University

Mission Statement

Savannah State University, the oldest public historically black university in the State of Georgia, develops productive members of a global society through high quality instruction, scholarship research, service, and community involvement. The University fosters engaged learning and personal growth in a student-centered environment that celebrates the African-American legacy while nurturing a diverse student body. Savannah State University offers graduate and undergraduate studies including nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, the sciences and the professions.



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HILL HALL

Walter Bernard Hill Hall

This is the oldest remaining building on the Savannah State University campus. It was constructed in 1911 by the students and faculty of then Georgia State Industrial College during the administration of the college's first president, Richard B. Wright, Sr. It is named for the chancellor of the University of Georgia at that time, President William Howard Taft visited Hill Hall in 1912 and African American soldiers trained here during World War I. The building has served as a dormitory, library, classroom, and administrative building, student center, book store, and post office.

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HISTORY OF SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY

On November 26, 1890, enabling legislation was passed by the Georgia General Assembly to establish a school for the education and training of colored students, which was to operate as a part of the University of Georgia. One hundred and twenty-two years later, the college has become Savannah State University, the oldest public historically black university in Georgia.

A preliminary session of the new college was held in the Baxter Street School Building in Athens, Georgia, with Richard Robert Wright, Sr., as principal. On October 7, 1891, the new college, named the Georgia State Industrial College for Colored Youths, moved to its present location in Thunderbolt, Georgia. Wright was president and there were five faculty members: Loring B. Palmer, A.B.; Frank Cobb, A.B.; Alexander Ashton; Reverend Leigh B. Maxwell, A.B.; Reverend James M. Simms, proctor and steward; and Decatur Suggs, vice-president.

The university awarded its first baccalaureate degree to Richard R. Wright, Jr., in 1898. He went on to become the first black man to receive a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania (1911), and later to become the president of historic Wilberforce University. During Wright's tenure as president (1890-1921), U. S. Presidents William McKinley (1898) and William Howard Taft (1912) visited the campus and spoke to students and faculty in the Peter W. Meldrim Hall.

Cyrus Gilbert Wiley, class of 1899, and the first alumnus to become president of Georgia State Industrial College (1921-1926), followed Wright. Benjamin F. Hubert, who came from Tuskegee Institute, served as president from 1926-1947. It was during his tenure that the college became a full-time degree granting institution, without high school and normal programs, and became a member of the University System of Georgia (1932). The name of the college was changed to Georgia State College in 1932. In 1950, the name of the college was changed to Savannah State College and, in 1996 the name was changed to Savannah State University.

Since 1947, nine presidents have served the "University by the Sea," culminating in the appointment its current and thirteenth president, Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ACADEMIC MACE

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State University Academic Procession carries an official mace, which is indicative of the power, dignity, and magisterium vested in the University. The mace is a club-shaped staff that originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace and stand of Savannah State University were designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology.

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY MOTTO

The University motto is "Lux Et Veritas" (Light and Truth).

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everyone wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago, it seemed best to agree on a definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress, has the same design for all degrees: black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; however, the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degrees, worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway on the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he or she is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and the shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Business	Drab	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education.....	Light Blue	Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Law.....	Purple	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Library Science	Lemon	Social Work.....	Citron
Music.....	Pink	Theology.....	Scarlet

At Savannah State University, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his or her alma mater.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

EDNA BRANCH JACKSON, '68

65TH MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH



The Honorable Edna Branch Jackson is the 65th mayor of the city and the first African-American female to hold the position. Prior to her election in 2011, Jackson served three terms as alderwoman at large on city council, including serving as mayor pro tem for two terms. Jackson serves on the board of directors of both the National League of Cities and the Georgia Municipal Association, and is former president of the National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government.

Jackson's career as a public servant began early when she joined the Savannah NAACP Youth Council at age nine. She later participated in sit-ins at downtown Savannah businesses, wade-ins at Tybee Beach and kneel-ins at various local churches. A passionate civil rights advocate, Jackson helped conduct voter registration drives and took part in demonstrations throughout the South, including the 1963 March on Washington and the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery.

Jackson earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Savannah State in 1968 and later completed her master's degree in education from Savannah State/Armstrong Atlantic State University. She retired from Savannah State in 2001 after 30 years of service in the areas of counseling, admissions and recruiting and financial aid, including roles as director of Alumni Affairs and Elderhostel coordinator.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

THE CHIEF MARSHAL

THE CLASS MARSHAL

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES,
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES,
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY EMERITI

THE FACULTY

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

The academic regalia, the academic processional, and the ceremonial program are part of an ancient tradition of learning. This tradition is a unified, solemn occasion at which only applause is appropriate. The audience is asked to refrain from any other form of expression and to reserve celebrations until the program is concluded.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER, PRESIDENT

Presiding

PRELUDE..... *Synergy Rising*
(Ryan Nowlin)

SSU WIND ENSEMBLE – MR. NICHOLAS BRATCHER, CONDUCTOR

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL* *Pomp and Circumstance*
(Charles Hill and Chuck Elledge)

SSU WIND ENSEMBLE – MR. ARTHUR WRIGHT, III, CONDUCTOR

PRESENTATION OF COLORS* SSU RESERVE OFFICERS
TRAINING CORPS COLOR GUARD

The Star-Spangled Banner

SSU MEN’S GLEE CLUB ALUMNI

MR. LAWRENCE HUTCHINS, JR. AND MS. ROSE O. SMITH, CO-DIRECTORS

REFLECTION..... MS. FAITH MONIQUE DOUGLAS
Graduating Senior

SELECTION *A Jubilant Song*
(Allen Pote, Adapted by Jack Schrader)

SSU MEN’S GLEE CLUB ALUMNI & SSU BRASS QUARTET

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER MS. GLORIUS TRENELL MASON
Graduating Senior

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS MS. EDNA BRANCH JACKSON, ‘68
65th Mayor, City of Savannah

PRESENTATION OF
RICHARD R. WRIGHT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
AND

PRESIDENT’S SECOND MILE AWARD DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER

SELECTION *Go Where I Send Thee*
(Spiritual, Arranged by Uzee Brown, Jr.)

SSU MEN’S GLEE CLUB ALUMNI

ORDER OF CEREMONY

CONFERRING OF DEGREES **DR. CHERYL D. DOZIER**
Dr. Reynold Verret, Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.....**DR. MOSTAFA SARHAN**
Dean

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.....**DR. BERNARD BONGANG**
Chair, Department of Political Science and Public Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN THE
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY **DR. JONATHAN LAMBRIGHT**
Interim Dean

PRESENTATION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING**CAPTAIN CLARK PRICE, US NAVY**
Commanding Officer, SSU Naval ROTC Unit
Professor of Naval Science

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS
READING OF THE COMMISSIONING DOCUMENT
ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE **CAPTAIN CLARK PRICE**

ALUMNI INDUCTION**MR. ROY L. JACKSON**
President, SSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER* *Savannah State University Hymn*

BENEDICTION*.....**REVEREND KENNETH ROUCHÉ**
Pastor, Branded Hearts Church International

RECESSIONAL** *Recessional*
(Charles Hill and Chuck Elledge)
SSU WIND ENSEMBLE – MR. ARTHUR WRIGHT, III, CONDUCTOR

*The audience is requested to stand.

**The audience is requested to sit and to remain seated until the procession has exited.

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ACCOUNTING

*ROHAN ANTHONY BROWN | Midway, Georgia
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LASHAN RENEE COAXUM | Savannah, Georgia
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***SAKINA CHARAE MIDDLETON | Savannah, Georgia
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

GRADUATES

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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JAMARR LARUE RAYNE | Savannah State University
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TRISTAN RHAMEL SMITH | Savannah State University
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN URBAN STUDIES AND PLANNING

JERMAINE MARQUISE DURHAM | Georgia Southern University

UNDERGRADUATES

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*MORGAN MONYEA KNIGHT | Ellenwood, Georgia

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METRIA CHANTELE MOBLEY | Savannah, Georgia
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SHIKIERA CODRINGTON | Savannah, Georgia
QUINTON LAMAR COOK | Lithonia, Georgia
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

GRADUATES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARINE SCIENCES

! CAROLYN JOHNSON KOVACS | The College of William & Mary
! BENJAMIN FRANCIS MAHER | Savannah State University
COURTNEY CHRISTOPHER PEGUS | Morehouse College
DONTRECE TREMAYNE SMITH | Southern Polytechnic State University

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KENTRELL L. DANIELS Augusta, Georgia	! ERVIN CLOIS SMITH Augusta, Georgia

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! ANTONIO MAURICE FORTUNE Mayesville, South Carolina	STEVEN JOSEPH JACKSON Lithonia, Georgia
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MARINE SCIENCES

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***ROBERT FINLEY KISER | Marietta, Georgia
MICHAEL MCCRARY KNOWLES | Stone Mountain, Georgia

**ANA NOEMIH REYES | Loganville, Georgia
SHARAMIE E. WARE | Albany, Georgia

MATHEMATICS

**GABRIEL MICHAEL DAVIS | Lithonia, Georgia
WHITNEY RENEE HARMON | Dover, Delaware
JOHNNY ALFRED HOWARD, JR. | Dublin, Georgia

EVELYN NICOLE NORRIS | Savannah, Georgia
MATTHEW MARQUIS SMITH | Decatur, Georgia

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NOTE: The list of degree candidates in the commencement program is tentative and based upon the anticipated successful completion of all degree requirements. This commencement program itself should not be taken as official record that all degree requirements have been satisfied. The diploma or the official transcript provides formal proof of graduation.

NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONING

ADRIAN MARIO CHANCE
KEITH DAISUKE WILLIAMS

HONOR GRADUATES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

(3.75 – 4.00)

FAITH MONIQUE DOUGLAS
ROBERT FINLEY KISER
SAKINA CHARAE MIDDLETON

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

(3.40 – 3.74)

PAUL ARKWRIGHT, III
GABRIEL MICHAEL DAVIS
LAFENECHIA DAINNA DAYTORIA HAWTHORNE
KELLY D. JACKSONS
TIMEKA MICHELLE JOHNSON
LAKETA SHALETA LEWIS

LARISSA MICHELLE McNEIL
MI'LISA IDORA PATTON
ANA NOEMIH REYES
KRISTEN AMBER RIVERA-SCULL
EDWINA RUSSAW
JANELLE SHAREE SCOTT

ANGELA LUCAS SNIPES
BRIAN DELANEY WALKER
JESSICA MARIE WEIMERSKIRK
ERICKA KRISTEN WILLIAMS

CUM LAUDE

(3.00 – 3.39)

JORDAN J. ALLEN
JALISSA SIMONE ARNETT
CHRISTELLE TSHIBUABUA BAKATUKANDA
ERICC TEREZ BAKER
CLIFFORD WALKER BRAGG
NAMARIE MONIQUE BROWN
ROHAN ANTHONY BRYAN
TERRANCE TAFAHNE BURDEN
AMBER SABRINA NICOLE CLARKE
DESTANEE MONIQUE DAVIS
PATRICK MICHAEL GOODMAN
ART J. GORDON
EUZALLA KARANITA GREAVES

DELICIA DARLENE GREEN
TRELANA MICHELLE HALL
YASHIKIYA SHANTATEA HARLEY
CEDOMIR ILIC
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ABRIGALE MARIE JOHNSON
MORGAN MONYEA KNIGHT
JENNIFER RONEKA LOWE
GLORIUS TRENELL MASON
KAREESE MARCIA MCGREGORY
COTY NORMAN

D'ANTE DELON RANSBURG
TENIQUA JACQUELINE RICHARDSON
DANTE JAMAL RUTLEDGE
JOYCELYN MICHELLE SCARBROUGH
QUENTRE AURURO SHANNON
JANELLA NICOLE TOLBERT
KANDYCE SHANADE MONIFA TRIM
CHRISTINA DENISE WALKER
SHEDERRICA TENEICE WALKER
CIEARRA SHUNTA WESTON
LATESHA NICOLE WHISBY
CRYSTAL NICOLE WILLIAMS
SCOTT ANDREW WOODWARD

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY HYMN

Original words and music by J. Randolph Fisher and Hillary Hatchett

Lyrical Revision by Ms. LaGina M. Frazier

Let us give thanks and praises to
Our Alma Mater, S.S.U.
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
We raise in prayerful reverence.

Refrain

Where Savannah meets the sea,
Where grassy plains and palms abound,
Where the Flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
There S.S.U. is found.
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
Our all we pledge to Thee!
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for You
We hail Thee, S.S.U.!

Guide us still from day to day,
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
Help us know that life, short or long,
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

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SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI COVENANT

Graduates/Now Alumni, will you please stand?

By this physical act of standing, you have passed symbolically through a door, leaving past experiences on one side, to start new experiences on the other side. At this moment, you are participating in the rites of passage from that of student to member of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association.

Please raise your right hand and signify your understanding by saying “I do so understand.”

As a Savannah State University graduate, you must keep in mind the high purposes to which you have aspired and for which this great university has prepared you: intellectual development, moral behavior, compassionate relationships and personal actions for the good of the commonwealth. Do you understand?

GRADUATES: “I do so understand.”

As a Savannah State University graduate, you must be alert to opportunities to advance the legitimate interests and welfare of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association, and through the association, to assist in the continued development of Savannah State University. Do you understand?

GRADUATES: “I do so understand.”

As a Savannah State University graduate, it is incumbent that you give financial support to the Savannah State University National Alumni Association and to your alma mater as a means of providing an educational legacy for those who will follow you. Do you understand?

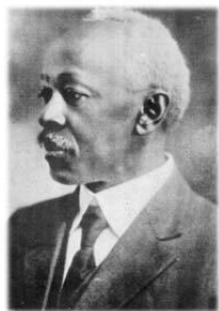
GRADUATES: “I do so understand.”

Considering what you have just heard and have read silently, do you covenant with members of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association?

GRADUATES: “I do hereby covenant with the members of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association and solemnly pledge my loyal support to my Alma Mater—Savannah State University.”

Congratulations, Alumni, and I look forward to seeing you during the many activities that we share when we return to campus. You may be seated.

RICHARD R. WRIGHT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



The Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence was established March 25, 1972, during the administration of Dr. Prince A. Jackson, Jr., seventh president of the university. The award was developed to honor corporate and community citizens, alumni, and outstanding leaders who have distinguished themselves through their expertise in social, educational, and civic arenas. The award is named in honor of Richard R. Wright, Sr., the first president of Savannah State University.

HONOREES

June 1973

William "Bill" A. Binns
Waldo W. E. Blanchet, Ph.D.
Richard Gordon Hatcher

August 1973

W.W. Law

June 1974

Esther F. Garrison
RADM Samuel Lee Gravely
Julian C. Halligan
Howard Jordan, Jr.

August 1974

Howard N. Lee
Benjamin Tucker

June 1990

Calvin L. Butts, MD
Matella Maree

June 1993

Priscilla D. Thomas, Ph.D.

June 1998

Jimmie C. Jackson, Ph.D.

May 1999

Virginia Edwards

December 2003

Gwendolyn P. Goodman

December 2006

Carlton E. Brown, Ed.D.
Connie Cater

May 2007

Michael L. Thurmond

May 2008

Major General Walter E. Gaskin

November 2009

Luther H. Conyers

November 2010

Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.
(posthumously)

November 2011

John D. Marshall, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT'S SECOND MILE AWARD

The President's Second Mile Award was established by Student Affairs in 2001 to bring significant honor and recognition to a graduating senior who has exemplified stellar and meritorious character and values in leadership and community service. The University recognizes up to two recipients of this award each academic year at fall and spring commencements.

PAST RECIPIENTS

May 2001

Sharon Stallings

May 2002

Christopher Middleton

May 2003

Alfred McGuire

May 2004

Crystal Boggs

May 2005

Angela Carthan

May 2006

ZaDonna Slay

May 2007

Erica Little
Anne Gregory Petty

May 2008

Taqwaa Saleem

May 2009

Myleka Jenkins
Tirraney Thurmond

May 2010

Kelvin Frazier

December 2010

Charles Huggins

May 2011

Simone Andrews

December 2011

Krystyn Owens

May 2012

Ruben Chiza

*Congratulations
December 2012
Graduates!*

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