Savannah State University
MPA ALUMNI
Fall 2025 -Spring 2026



Davina Anthony

MPA Fall 2025
Assistant Chief
Georgia Department of Community Supervision

"The Master of Public Administration program at Savannah State University has strengthened my ability to lead with purpose, think strategically, and understand the broader impact of public service. In my current role as an Assistant Chief with the Georgia Department of Community Supervision, I apply the leadership, organizational management, policy, and analytical skills developed through the program to support operations, develop staff, improve accountability, and make decisions that positively impact both employees and the communities we serve. The MPA has reinforced for me that public service is more than a career—it is a way of life grounded in leadership, responsibility, integrity, and a commitment to serving others. As I continue to grow toward my future goal of serving as an Executive Operations Director, I will carry forward the knowledge and leadership foundation Savannah State provided to lead organizations effectively, strengthen operations, and create meaningful, sustainable impact."

De'Niyah Smith

MPA Fall 2025
Plan Automation Analyst
The Cigna Group - Evernorth Health Services



"The MPA program at Savannah State University expanded my understanding of how policy and legislation connect to the work we do and the people and organizations we serve. In my role, I use implementation materials, macros, and automation tools to configure client-specific benefits and plan structures in the Proclaim claims processing engine, while considering applicable state legislation. I have a stronger foundation to understand the 'why' behind the requirements and put that knowledge into practice."



Territa (Rita) Williams

MPA Spring 2026
Extension Educator Senior Coordinator
Ohio State University Extension – 4-H Youth Development

"The Savannah State University Master of Public Administration program strengthened my commitment to equitable and accessible education. Through coursework, mentorship, and deeply engaged faculty, I learned how to design and deliver curriculum in meaningful ways that ensure every learner, regardless of background, can understand, participate, and thrive.

My professors not only taught public administration; they modeled it. Their guidance shaped my belief that public service is woven into everything we do. Today, as an Extension Educator serving communities across Ohio, I apply the leadership, equity-focused frameworks, and instructional skills gained through the MPA program to develop statewide educational initiatives in agriculture, family and consumer sciences, and especially 4-H youth development, the nation's largest youth nonprofit organization. The MPA program prepared me to share knowledge with purpose, compassion, and clarity, and it continues to influence how I serve youth, families, and communities."

(Spring 2026 Graduate Commencement Speaker)

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Jasmine Ariana Buchanan

MPA Spring 2026
Felony Probation and Parole Officer
Department of Community Supervision

"The MPA program at Savannah State University strengthened my ability to serve effectively as a public servant by deepening my understanding of public administration, community partnerships, and nonprofit organizations. Because my current role involves working with nonprofit stakeholders, this knowledge has helped me better identify and coordinate efficient resources and services for the individuals and communities I serve."

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- Davina Devaney Anthony
- Alexis Simone Bradley-Griffin
- Tamika Lashon Clark
- Patrick Lynn Dean, Sr.
- Kadaja Demitra Greene
- Madysen Leilani Kelley
- Kennedy La'Naijh Kendall
- Joseph C. Knight, Jr.
- Catalina Nicole Lazo
- John E. Long, Jr
- Makayla A. Richardson
- Marquea Lavelle Sheppard
- De'Niyah Danielle J. Smith
- Joell James Aaron Stacy
- Michael Edward Taylor

Spring 2026

- Senchez Gewells Blades
- Jasmyn Ariana Buchanan
- Tierra Cotton
- Bahari Halls
- Donna Velora Hurt
- Antonio N. McKnight
- Jennifer Pasley
- Shontavia Jada Purvis
- NyKobe Gabriel Richardson
- Keyonha Monique Shelton
- Danielle Latrice Simpson
- Darius Malik Smith
- Domonique Alexis Smith
- Territa Naomi Williams

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