

# Savannah State University

## MPA ALUMNI

Fall 2024 - Spring 2025



### Teri Bright

MPA 2024  
Policy Analyst  
City of Detroit

"My experience in the Masters of Public Administration program at Savannah State University was truly transformative. The curriculum enriched my understanding of public service, policy making, leadership and civic engagement, fostering both personal and professional growth. The faculty demonstrates a deep commitment to student success, offering guidance and mentorship every step of the way. I'm honored to continue carrying the values & knowledge gained through my unforgettable journey at Savannah State's exceptional MPA program."  
*(Fall 2024 Graduate Commencement Speaker)*

MPA 2024  
Director, State Government Affairs  
Asian American Hotel Owners Association

### Almario Duehart

"The Savannah State University Master of Public Administration program prepared me immensely for the next step in my career in Government Affairs. The professors, lectures, projects, and speakers that were a part of the program really helped in shaping my view of state and local government and politics. I recommend this program to anyone who is aspiring a career in government."

### Brianna Jones

MPA 2025  
Public Information Officer  
Hardeeville Police Department

"The Savannah State University MPA program strengthened my leadership and communication skills while deepening my understanding of public service. The curriculum and supportive faculty prepared me to navigate complex government systems and confidently pursue my career goals in public administration."  
*(Spring 2025 Graduate Commencement Speaker)*

MPA 2024  
HR Employee Relations Investigator  
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

### Dr. Calvin L. Bell

"The Savannah State University MPA program enhanced my leadership, ethics, and administrative skills—supporting my transition from law enforcement to HR Employee Relations Investigator with Savannah-Chatham Schools. It also strengthened my ministerial foundation at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church as I pursue a Doctorate in Christian Counseling. The faculty exemplify excellence, compassion, and integrity in preparing public servants."



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### Alyssa M. Burns

MPA 2025  
Community Supervision Officer II  
State of Georgia

"The MPA Program at Savannah State University profoundly enhanced my management, leadership, and executive skills. It perfectly aligned with my career goals at the Georgia Department of Community Supervision. I deeply appreciate Dr. Iancu, Dr. Bennett, and Dr. Omunga for their invaluable guidance throughout this transformative journey."



MPA 2025  
Regional Volunteers Services Officer  
American Red Cross

"The MPA program at Savannah State University deepened my understanding of nonprofit interworking and stakeholder engagement. It empowered me to strategically mobilize volunteers in disaster response, preparing me to lead as Regional Volunteer Services Officer for the American Red Cross, supporting over 4,500 volunteers across Alabama and Mississippi."

### Darius D. Jackson



### Taianah Williams

MPA 2025  
MSN: Clinical Nurse Leader Program  
Augusta State University

"My time in the Savannah State University MPA program was transformative. It elevated my leadership, sharpened my purpose, and inspired me to create The Hustle Code Incorporated, a nonprofit centered on community engagement. Now, as I advance through my Master of Science in Nursing – Clinical Nurse Leader program, I remain devoted to impact."  
(Miss Savannah State 2023–2024)



MPA 2025  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher  
DuBois Integrity Academy

"As a 7th Grade English Language Arts teacher at Du Bois Integrity Academy in Riverdale, Georgia, the Savannah State University MPA program has profoundly shaped my leadership approach and strategic thinking. The program's emphasis on policy analysis, organizational management, and public service has empowered me to create meaningful change within the classroom and the broader educational community. Now pursuing my Doctorate in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Education Policy, I continue to integrate the principles of public administration to advance equity, innovation, and excellence in education."  
(Mister Savannah State 2023–2024)

### Alexander J. Richardson Jr.





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### Janaya M. Reeves

MPA 2025  
Community Supervision Officer  
State of Georgia

"The MPA program was a true experience that has made more of an impact on me and my post collegiate career more than I have ever expected. Before and during the program, I was working in law enforcement as a Community Supervision Officer with the Department of Community Supervision. After graduation, currently still in my position, I have found a new passion for Human Resource Management at the local, state, and federal levels. For that, I can say thank you to my all professors with special love to Dr. Iancu and to the MPA program."

MPA 2025  
Admissions Support Specialist  
Georgia Southern University

### Breonna Milliken

"The SSU MPA program empowered me with the leadership, policy, and strategic skills to make a real impact. I now serve soldiers at Fort Stewart, guiding them toward higher education and career advancement. The program's rigor and mentorship inspired me to further my education through a Master's in Cybersecurity."

### Humphrey Arkad

MPA 2025  
Business Education/IT Teacher  
Allendale Fairfax High School

"Savannah State's MPA program shaped my understanding of governance and ethical leadership. The lessons and mentorship I received continue to guide my work in IT education. Courses like Information Resource Management sparked my passion for cybersecurity in the public sector. I remain deeply grateful to all my professors."

MPA 2025  
Planning Specialist  
Rockdale County Emergency Management Agency

### Gerald Woodridge Jr.

"The Savannah State University MPA program transformed my professional journey. It strengthened my leadership, ethics, and analysis skills that directly translated into being an emergency management professional. The faculty's mentorship and applied learning approach inspired my passion for government efficiency and community resilience."

### K'Rissa Moore

MPA 2025  
Field Organizer  
Spanberger for Governor

"I am truly grateful to have served in this program. The connections I have made not only exposed me to new opportunities, but enriched my understanding of the political atmosphere. The resources I gained will further enhance my ability to be a public servant in government and push for equitable policy."

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- Calvin L. Bell
- Teri L. Bright
- Kamiya C. Clayton
- Almario Duehart
- Joshua A. McDuffie
- Jennifer C. West
- Aicha Yeye

## Spring 2025

- Shawanda D. Amerson-Perry
- Humphrey Arkad
- Jada N. Brown
- Alyssa Monique Burns
- Tamika Lashon Clark
- William Lonnie Eason, Sr.
- Savannah Alexis Evans
- Ton'Neithia Shamar TeaAnna Humphrey
- Donna Velora Hurt

- Darius Darrell Jackson
- Keira Jackson
- Brianna Laclara Jones
- Elijah Joel Jones
- Sadrea Mabry
- Mercedes McCrae
- Breonna Lianeth Milliken
- K'Rissa Nicole Moore
- Shawanda Passmore-Jeff

- Janaya Mameye Reeves
- Alexander Jermaine Richardson, Jr.
- Julian Andre Roberts, Jr.
- Marquea Lavelle Sheppard
- Nicholas Tedrick
- Jeramie Thurston
- Jamaría Shanise Walker
- Taianah Sysa Williams
- Gerald A. Woodridge, Jr.



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