

# 227th Commencement Ceremony May 10 & 11, 2019

# ALMA MATER

Mong the stately pines of Georgia Glorious to the view Stands our noble Alma Mater Basking 'neath the blue.

Alma Mater, thee we honor
Praises never fail,
For thy fame shall never perish,
Red and Black — all hail!

Alma Mater's sons and daughters

Ever will be true.

Always to thy heart returning

Dear old V.S.U.

Alma Mater, thee we honor
Praises never fail,
For thy fame shall never perish,
Red and Black — all hail!

Words by Helen Allen Thomas ('21) and Evelyn Brown ('24) Music by Dr. John Huxford, Professor Emeritus of Music Arranged for brass quintet by Kenyon Wilson

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL CEREMONY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL CEREMONY FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 • 5:00PM • THE COMPLEX

# ORDER OF PROGRAM

PRESIDING DR. RICHARD A. CARVAJAL

OPENING OF EXERCISES Mr. John D. Crawford

PROCESSIONAL Please rise, if able, and remain standing.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Ms. KIMBERLY E. MILTON

PLEASE BE SEATED.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Dr. RICHARD A. CARVAJAL

RECOGNITION OF MACE CARRIER DR. RICHARD A. CARVAJAL

Dr. Sharon L. Gravett

PRESENTATION OF DR. ROBERT T. SMITH

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READING OF CANDIDATES' NAMES DR. VINCE A. MILLER

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ALMA MATER Ms. Kimberly E. Milton

PLATFORM PARTY RECESSIONAL Faculty & Graduates stay seated.

GRADUATE CELEBRATION Please join the graduates on the floor.

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# THE UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

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Dr. Marko Horn, Assistant Professor of Management

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Dr. Theresa J. Grove, Associate Dean of the College of Science & Mathematics, Professor of Biology

DR. BRIAN C. RING, Associate Professor of Biology

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Ms. Daniella Barta, President's Award for Academic Excellence

Ms. Ansley Ruby Watson, President's Award for Academic Excellence

# THE UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 • 7:00pm • VSU FRONT LAWN

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Ms. Amber Mariah Hughes College of Nursing & Health Sciences Ms. Amanda Rachel Miller

College of Science & Mathematics

College of Humanities & Social Sciences Ms. Daniella Barta

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# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



# GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP

Georgia's 83rd governor, Brian Kemp, has a history of service. As a former State Senator and Secretary of State, he is focused on advancing the interests of the State of Georgia.

A husband, father, businessman, and public servant, Kemp built his first business — Kemp Development and Construction Company — with a pick-up truck and a shovel. Today, more than three decades later, he is a successful entrepreneur with businesses and investments in banking, farming, timber, manufacturing, and real estate. He understands how to successfully create jobs, grow companies, recruit start-ups, and make deals on the international stage, while also providing opportunities for hundreds of hard-working Georgians.

Kemp was instrumental in fighting to cut fees, taxes, and mandates on job creators and Georgia families during his Georgia Senate days. He utilized technology and innovation to cut bureaucratic red tape, slash spending, and streamline government in his role as secretary of state.

Now, as governor, Kemp turns his attention to fighting to make Georgia No. 1 for small business through regulatory reform. He plans to work to ensure that all parts of Georgia, including the rural areas, have opportunities to grow and thrive. He also plans to fundamentally reform state government, keep Georgia families safe, and always put hard-working Georgians first.

Kemp is married to the former Marty Argo of Athens. They are the proud parents of three daughters — Jarrett, Lucy, and Amy Porter.

# **DOCTORAL DEGREES**

# **DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

#### Robert J. Bailey

The Use of Modeling Clay in High School Biology Vocabulary Acquisition Dr. Daesang Kim

#### Molly M. Day

Assessing Motivation and Learning Strategy Usage by Dually Enrolled Students

Dr. Heather Kelley, Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy

#### Leona Gerido

An Examination of Middle School Gifted Education in Title I versus Non-Title I Schools: Georgia Criterion-referenced Competency Test (CRCT), Instructional Strategies, Gifted Delivery Models, and Gifted-Certified Teachers' Perceptions

Dr. James Reffel, Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Counseling

#### Christy F. Hackney

Elementary Teachers' Perceptions of Georgia's Early Intervention Program: A Mixed-Methods Case Study

Dr. Dianne Dees, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### Dorea M. Hardy

Job-Related Attitudes and the Correlation to Attitude Toward Technology in Higher Education Faculty Dr. Kenneth Ott, Adult and Career Education

#### Jeslin Harrigan

Portraits of First-Generation African American Female College Students in STEM Majors at an Identified Georgia Research 1 University
Dr. Rudo E. Tsemunhu, Curriculum, Leadership & Technology

#### Alan M. Kramer

Understanding How Students from Rural Culture Make Meaning of Campus Recreation Engagement

Dr. Karla Hull, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### William K. Lee II

The Effects of Merit Pay and Strategic Waivers School System on School Achievement in Georgia Public High Schools

Dr. E-Ling Hsiao, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### Guerlene M. Merisme

Teachers' Perceptions of the Effects of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support in an Urban Public School System: A Mixed Methods Study Dr. Gerald Siegrist, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### Michele L. Miller

High Fidelity Nursing Using Electronic Health Record Systems: Impact on Critical Thinking in Nursing Practice

Dr. James Pate, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### Engrid L. Roy

Informal Learning in Adulthood and the Impact of Place: Exploring the Self-Directed Learning Interests of Xennials from the State of Mississippi Dr. C. Keith Waugh, Adult and Career Education

#### Angela Denise Smith

Using the CIPP Evaluation Model to Determine Participants' *Perceptions of and Experiences with a College Learning Support Program* Dr. C. Keith Waugh, Adult and Career Education

#### Anna Surin

An Examination of Teacher Practices for the Instruction of French as a Third Language among Spanish-Speaking Students in Georgia Dr. Victoria Russell, Modern and Classical Languages

#### Paula J. Tench

Franklin Covey Leader in Me Program: The Impact on Quality of Work Life and Perceived Relationship Changes between Administrators and Teachers

Dr. Robert Green, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### Michael R. Todd

Improving Students' Writing Skills: Strategies and Practices of a Georgia Elementary School

Dr. William Truby, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

### Patsy G. Wilkerson

A Phenomenological Study on the Journeys of African American Female Academic Leaders in Technical Colleges

Dr. Lorraine Schmertzing, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

# DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### Diana Leal Gonzalez

Analysis of the Effects of Faculty Composition on Graduation and Retention Rates

Dr. Neena Banerjee, Political Science

# Michael Craig Heatherly

US Law Enforcement Executive Development: An International Comparison Amongst Calls for Enhanced Standards
Dr. Leigh Standford, Political Science

#### Michael O. Holt

Closing the Loop: An Examination of University System of Georgia Provosts' and Academic Library Deans' or Directors' Preferences for Communication and Attitudes Concerning the Contribution of the Academic Library to the University's Mission

Dr. Alan M. Bernstein, Dean of Libraries

#### Jeannette R. Southern

Strategic Fit Model Development for Public Higher Education
Dr. James G. Archibald, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

#### Raymond A. Vipperman

A Study into the Factors that Have the Greatest Effect on Job Satisfaction for North Carolina Paramedics Dr. Napoleon Bamfo, Political Science

#### Laura B. Wright

Library Instruction's Relationship to Student Success
Dr. James W. Peterson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science

# **EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES**

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Baccalaureate recipients with outstanding scholastic records graduate with academic honors. Exceptional students with cumulative grade point averages of at least 3.9 (where A = 4.0) graduate summa cum laude. Students with scholastic averages between 3.7 and 3.899 graduate magna cum laude. Students with cumulative scholastic averages between 3.5 and 3.699 graduate cum laude. The scholastic averages are calculated for academic work completed at Valdosta State and other institutions, and students must have earned at least 60 hours from Valdosta State to qualify. Since academic honors are computed before all grades are submitted, students whose final records qualify them to graduate with academic honors, or into higher honors categories, will ultimately be so designated on their diplomas and transcripts. If students' final grades fall below academic honors levels, the honors designations will be changed or removed.

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VSU's School of Nursing is proudly celebrating its 50th anniversary, five decades of producing nurses of the highest quality who impact communities and touch people's lives every day.

Ms. Laura E. Carter, Assistant Professor of Nursing, is marking this monumental milestone at commencement by carrying the 50 Year Anniversary banner.

In 1966, Judge Harley Langdale, chairman of the Hospital Authority of Pineview Hospital, now South Georgia Medical Center, approached President S. Walter Martin of Valdosta State College and asked for help in preparing registered nurses for the South Georgia region.

In September 1967, Valdosta State was authorized to begin the program, effective fall 1968.

In June 1972, the first six students graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Today the School of Nursing, which is part of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, offers the following nursing-related programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing in Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, or Adult Gerontology **Nurse Practitioner**
- Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Second Degree Students

# PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The President's Award for Academic Excellence is presented to the graduating student with the highest grade point average in each of VSU's six colleges — Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, College of the Arts, James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education & Human Services, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, and College of Science & Mathematics. These students serve as the banner carriers for their respective colleges.

# HARLEY LANGDALE JR. COLLEGE OF **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**



SARA BROOK RICE of Woodstock, Georgia, is the recipient of the Spring 2019 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting.

"It means everything to me to be named the top graduate of my college,"

she said. "Not only am I No. 1 in my college, but I will also be the first person in my family to graduate college. I have worked so hard over the last few years to get where I am today. I am forever grateful for all the opportunities VSU has given me."

As a student at VSU, Rice was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma: The International Business Honor Society and the Institute of Management Accountants, where she served as director of case studies and director of plant tours and events.

"I spent a lot of my time volunteering in animal rescue," she said. "I am part of the United Saving Animals (USA) Rescue Team in Valdosta. I have helped at PetSmart adoption events. I have fostered countless dogs. I even helped shut down a puppy mill in Berrien County that had more than 700 dogs on one property. Saving animals is my passion. I love the fur babies and my rescue team."

Rice's commitment to academic and service excellence resulted in her being recognized on the Dean's List and being named a Georgia HOPE scholar every semester, as well as earning the

Certified Management Accountant Scholarship, which covered the cost of her certification preparation materials and examination, and the Draffin and Tucker Scholarship.

Rice plans to continue her education at VSU after graduation and pursue a Master of Accountancy. Her dream is to be the chief financial officer of a major company someday, after working in the fields of public accounting and managerial accounting. She is the daughter of Richard Rice and Jennifer Smith.

#### College of Nursing & Health Sciences



Amber Mariah Hughes of Macon, Georgia, is the recipient of the Spring 2019 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

"I am extremely honored, blessed, and grateful to receive the prestigious President's Award for Academic

Excellence and be named the top graduate for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences," she said. "This journey was far from easy, but with God all things are possible. I couldn't have made it this far without the continuous support of my loving parents and amazing family and friends. I am overwhelmed with joy to have the opportunity to lead my fellow classmates into the next chapter of our lives. We all have worked extremely hard for this moment, and I know there is nothing but success in our future."

As a student at VSU, Hughes was a member of Sigma, formerly known as Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing; Alpha Lambda Delta: National Honor Society for First-Year Students; Golden Key International Honour Society; and The National Council of Negro Women Inc. She served the less fortunate as a volunteer at community soup kitchens and Habitat for Humanity. She helped the Lowndes County Health Department provide free HIV testing on campus and conducted free blood pressure screenings for Valdosta area residents.

Hughes completed two service learning-based study abroad experiences while at VSU, spending a month in Costa Rica and a week in the Dominican Republic.

Hughes's commitment to academic, service, and research excellence resulted in her being named a Zell Miller Scholar and earning the

2019 Alpha Lambda Delta Leonard Book Award, the 2018 and 2019 Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship, the 2017 VSU Academic Excellence Study Abroad Scholarship, the 2016 Melvene D. Hardee Scholarship, and Dean's List honors. She was nominated to represent the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the 2019 American Association of Colleges of Nursing Student Policy Summit in Washington, D.C.

Hughes plans to work as a medical-surgical nurse at a hospital in her hometown with the American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Recognition designation and a Level I Trauma Center. She eventually hopes to return to school to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing and a career as a family nurse practitioner.

"I aspire to one day own my own practice and start a nonprofit, mobile healthcare clinic to improve access to care for underserved populations in my hometown," she said. She is the daughter of Marshall and Camille Hughes.

### College of Humanities & Social Sciences



Daniella Barta of Iszkaszentgyörgy, Hungary, is the recipient of the Spring 2019 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in French.

"To be named the top graduate of my college fills me with joy," she said. "I am

an international student who had to deal with the language barrier. Receiving this award is something very special for me, something I will never forget and will always be proud of."

As a student at VSU, Barta played for the women's tennis team. She was a member of the Society of International Students, where she served as vice president from 2017 to 2019; the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, where she served as a voice for her tennis teammates from 2017 to 2019; and Pi Delta Phi: The National French Honor Society. She volunteered in the Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy's Industrial-Organizational Research Lab and with Alzheimer's Caregiver Time-Out of Valdosta. She presented research on the psychological effects in sports during the 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Barta's commitment to academic, service, research, and athletic excellence resulted in her being recognized on the Dean's List

every semester and earning the 2018 and 2019 Student-Athlete Academic Award, the 2019 Excellence in the Achievement of the French Language and Francophone Cultures Book Award, the 2017 and 2018 Student-Athlete Academic Spotlight Award, and a full tennis scholarship.

Barta plans to pursue a master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology and work in the field of human resources or consulting. She is the daughter of Daniel and Anca Barta.

#### College of Science & Mathematics



AMANDA RACHEL MILLER of Leesburg, Georgia, is the recipient of the Spring 2019 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Science and Mathematics at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in chemistry.

"I hope that I have made my parents proud, and I am thankful to them for investing in me and my future," said the daughter of Lee and Jina Miller.

As a student at VSU, Miller played intramural volleyball and flag football, worked as a personal trainer at Sculpt 24 Fitness and as a medical assistant with Dr. Ben Hogan's family practice and sports medicine office, and served as a hospice volunteer. She conducted research on the molecular genetics of Aedes, a genus of mosquitoes originally found in tropical and subtropical zones but now found on nearly every continent, with Dr. Eric Chambers, an associate professor in the Department of Biology who specializes in infectious diseases.

Miller's commitment to academic, service, and research excellence resulted in her earning a spot on the Dean's List every semester, the 2018 Walter and Dorothy Salter Scholarship, and the 2015-2016 Dean's Scholarship. She was recognized for having the highest grade point average in her sorority, the Kappa Beta Chapter of Phi Mu, and she took home wing-eating champion honors at the Psi Lambda Chapter of Chi Omega's 2017 Wings for Wishes fundraiser benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

Miller plans to continue her education after graduation and pursue a career as a physician assistant in the United States Navy.

# College of the Arts



STEPHANIE MORGAN STANLEY of Vidalia, Georgia, is the recipient of the Spring 2019 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of the Arts at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre, emphasis in performance and management.

"To be named the top graduate of my college is truly an honor," she said. "It

feels great to have the hard work that I've done for four years be recognized, and I hope it will inspire others to work hard and keep dreaming as well. I'm immensely proud of this achievement and would like to thank all my family, friends, and teachers for helping me achieve this award."

As a student at VSU, Stanley was an active member of the Rho Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, serving as secretary from 2017 to 2018 and president from 2018 to 2019; VSU Miracle, serving as operations chairwoman from 2016 to 2017, internal director of affairs from 2017 to 2018, and overall director from 2018 to 2019; the Honors Student Association, serving as recruitment chairwoman from 2016 to 2017 and public relations chairwoman from 2017 to 2018; the VSU Theatre and Dance Box Office, serving as treasurer from 2015 to 2017 and manager from 2017 to 2019; and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Stanley's commitment to academic, service, and creative excellence resulted in her earning a spot on the Dean's List every semester and being named a Reade Scholar all four years. She also earned the Golden Circle Scholarship during her sophomore, junior, and senior years; the 2016-2017 Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship; and other organizational awards, including the Inspiration of the Honors Student Association and the Spirit of the Honors Student Association.

"After graduation I am working with the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company in Vermont until September as an audience services intern," she said. "Then starting in early September I am working with the Florida Repertory Theatre until June 2020 as a front of house intern. For my overall career I would love to be able to explore different places in the United States, going to various theatres with management and acting jobs, and eventually settling in a place I love to work."

She is the daughter of Melodie and Bobby Stanley.

# JAMES L. & DOROTHY H. DEWAR College of Education & Human Services



ANSLEY RUBY WATSON of Hoschton, Georgia, is the recipient of the Spring 2019 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education in communication disorders, a minor in deaf studies, and an Honors College Certificate.

"Being the recipient of this honor is extremely humbling," she said. "This award is validation for the time and dedication I have put in to academia over the past four years. It is even more special to me as a first generation college graduate. Not only am I the first member in my family to graduate college, but also I did so with honors. The opportunity to lead my peers during the commencement ceremony fills me with humility and honor."

As a student at VSU, Watson was a member of the Honors Student Association, where she served as secretary from 2017 to 2019; Relay for Life; the American Sign Language Club; and the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association, where she served as secretary from 2018 to 2019. She studied abroad in Ireland and worked as an anatomy and phonetics tutor. She volunteered as a peer mentor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Special Education, as well as with the Lowndes County Animal Shelter and Operation Christmas Child. She promoted literacy during the Honors College's annual Dr. Seuss Day and collected school supplies for students across the globe.

Watson presented Literacy and Culture: A Perspective from a Cross-Cultural Section during the 2017 Undergraduate Research Symposium. She participated in Building Communities Through Dialogue: An Oral History Project from 2017 to 2019.

Watson's commitment to academic, service, and research excellence resulted in her being recognized on the Dean's List and being named a Zell Miller scholar every semester. She earned the Rotary Club of Braselton Scholarship four years in a row, the 2017 Outstanding Member of the Honors Student Association Award, and the 2018-2019 Outstanding National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association Student Award.

Watson plans to pursue a master's degree in communication sciences and disorders and pursue a career as a speech-language pathologist. She hopes to work in a children's hospital, providing early intervention services to infants with feeding and swallowing issues and infants who are deaf or hard of hearing. She is the daughter of Sean and Susan Ogburn.

# VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1906, Valdosta State University celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2006. The VSU Centennial was an opportunity to appreciate and honor the living legacy of its founders. These individuals not only rallied public resources for what would become a major regional university, but they also established ongoing partnerships for both continued community and private support to the university.

VSU, a comprehensive university of the University System of Georgia, was established as an institution of higher learning. The institution officially opened in 1913 and was called South Georgia State Normal College. Between the years of 1913 and 1950, the institution underwent two name changes. On July 1, 1993, the Board of Regents authorized Valdosta State College to become Valdosta State University.

Today VSU's enrollment is approximately 11,000 students. The university maintains a student-to-faculty ratio of 19:1 with more than 600 highly qualified, talented and motivated faculty. VSU has six academic colleges: the College of the Arts; the College of Humanities & Social Sciences; the College of Science & Mathematics; the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration; the James L. & Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education & Human Services; and the College of Nursing & Health Sciences; plus the Honors College. Degrees are offered at all levels, from the associate to the doctorate.

The University consists of two major campus areas, north and main campus, located less than a mile apart as well as numerous satellite facilities. In all, 87 buildings house the varied activities of the University.

#### VSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Upon graduation, you will join over 60,000 other Valdosta State graduates as a member of the VSU Alumni Association. The Association does not require you to pay dues to be a member, but encourages you to give back through the annual fund each year.

The Alumni Association has implemented chapters across the Southeastern United States in Atlanta, South Georgia, Middle Georgia, and Savannah, as well as a combined Coastal chapter, which includes Jacksonville and the Golden Isles. Events are planned throughout the year to keep alumni engaged across the state and beyond in order to grow the Blazer community.

Stay connected! Follow Valdosta State alumni on all your social media networks, download the V-State alumni app. on your mobile devices, and tell us when you move, marry, or get a new job so that we can celebrate your successes with you.

To ensure you receive the most up to date information from the office of Alumni Relations, be sure to provide us with your current contact information by visiting www.valdostastate.org and create your personal alumni account.

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you at an alumni event near you!

### THE MACE

The mace has evolved through the years from a "hand combat" weapon of the middle ages, employed by archers and other unmounted warriors, to a club-shaped staff used as a symbol of authority by legislative, religious, academic, and other assemblies to give a ceremonial character to official functions.

The Valdosta State University Alumni Association commissioned Hollis Barnett, VSU professor of art, to design and sculpt the mace. It was first used at the June 12, 1994 commencement ceremony presided over by President Hugh C. Bailey.

The design of the Valdosta State University mace is based on the dome of West Hall. It was sculpted by hand in wax and cast in bronze using the lost wax casting process. Black onyx and red carnelian stones,

representing the University's colors, are set into the bronze. The shaft is carved in a dark mahogany. The mahogany base, is engraved with the University's logo.

The mace is carried by a VSU faculty marshal for ceremonial occasions.



The President's Chain of Office is based on the university seal and a rendition of West Hall, the centerpiece of VSU's campus. The antiqued sterling silver medallion, crafted by Medallic Art Co., made its debut in 2008.

The first use of the seal occurred in 1955 and was used until the 1960s, when it was no longer featured on official documents. In 1987, the seal reappeared as a simple image of the West Hall Dome and Star with "Valdosta State College; Valdosta, Georgia; 1906" around the outside of the image. In 1992, shadows and palm leaves were added to enhance the image. The seal was last modified in 1993 to reflect VSU's university status.





# THE CODE OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

An 1894 conference of representatives of leading American institutions adopted a uniform code of academic dress. The code was revised by the American Council on Education in 1932 and again in 1959.

Black gowns recommended for use have certain characteristics. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's oblong sleeves and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. The bachelor and master gowns have no trimmings. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The velvet may be the color distinction of the subject to which the pertains, agreeing in color with the edging of the hood.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, colors associated with different subjects are: Agriculture, Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities, White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business, Drab; Economics, Copper; Education, Light Blue; Fine Arts, Brown; Journalism, Crimson; Law, Purple; Library Science, Lemon; Music, Pink; Nursing, Apricot; Speech, Silver Gray; Philosophy, Dark Blue; Physical Education, Sage Green; Public Administration, Peacock Blue; Public Health, Salmon Pink; Science, Golden Yellow; Social Work, Citron; Theology, Scarlet.

The bachelor's hood length is three feet, the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. The hood for the latter has panels at the side. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university which conferred the; more than one color is shown by the division of the field color.

The hood binding or edging is velvet or velveteen, in widths of two, three and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's respectively. The color of the edging should be distinctive of the subject to which the pertains. The black academic cap is usually shaped like a mortar board. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject to which the pertains. The only exception is the doctor's cap which may have its tassel of gold thread.

(Prepared by Louis E. Schmier, Professor of History)

#### BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia was created in 1931 as a part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members of the Board to a seven year term and regents may be reappointed to subsequent terms by a sitting governor. Regents donate their time and expertise to serve the state through their governance of the University System of Georgia – the position is a voluntary one without financial remuneration. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 19 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large, and one from each of the state's 14 congressional districts. The Board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System. The Board oversees the colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, and has oversight of the Georgia Archives Service and the Georgia Public Library.

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