

SPRING 2023 COMMENCEMENT

GRADUATE CEREMONY
FRIDAY, APRIL 28 | 9 A.M.
LEE E. WILLIAMS ATHLETICS
AND ASSEMBLY CENTER

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
SATURDAY, APRIL 29 | 9 A.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM

ELAYNE H. ANTHONY, PH.D.
ACTING PRESIDENT

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NOTATIONS TO GUESTS

WELCOME

Welcome to the Jackson State University Spring 2023 Commencement Exercises. Commencement is an important event in the life of the University, its students, faculty, and staff. It is a joyous yet solemn event that represents the culmination of the graduates' years of study. Thank you for joining us and for being a part of the celebration. Again, we welcome you!

PHOTOGRAPHS

Only authorized working press and University photographers are permitted on the floor to take pictures during the commencement ceremony. A professional photographer will take pictures of each graduate. These pictures will be available for order and purchase. Family and friends of the graduates may take photographs after the ceremony.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Ushers for individuals with disabilities

Ushers for attendees with special needs will be available to assist individuals with requests throughout the ceremony.

Accessible seating

Accessible seating is reserved for guests who require special seating because of age, illness, or physical impairment. The accessible seating is marked with signage. Given the limited number of accessible seats that are available, please note that only one family member may accompany his or her person with disabilities. The rest of the family must sit in the stands.

American Sign Language

American Sign Language interpretation of the ceremony will be provided.

FIRST AID

First Aid services will be available through the Jackson State University Health Center, and American Medical Response will be available for assistance during the Commencement Ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

OUT OF RESPECT FOR OTHER FAMILIES PRESENT PLEASE:



**SILENCE
ALL DEVICES**



**HOLD ALL APPLAUSE
UNTIL PROMPTED**



**NO AIR HORNS
OR NOISEMAKERS**



**PLEASE TAKE ALL
PICTURES WITH YOUR
GRADUATE AFTER THE
CEREMONY**



**PLEASE AVOID WALKING
DURING THE CEREMONY
& PLEASE REMAIN SEATED
UNTIL THE END OF THE
CEREMONY**



**MASKS ARE
OPTIONAL**

2023 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

**CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGES**



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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39217

**OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT**

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Dear JSU Graduates,

Today notes a remarkable part of your higher education journey at Jackson State University. Your days of rigorous study and curriculum, navigating work, life and student experiences have led you here. On behalf of the JSU family, I extend warm congratulations for reaching one of the most memorable milestones of your academic endeavors.

It is an honor to bask in this moment of celebration with you. Undoubtedly, you will make an impactful impression on our world. It is a world where industries are constantly growing and evolving. Yet, you are leaving our charge with the enhanced skills, resources and intellectual capacity that make you contenders and champions.

A JSU degree opens many doors to opportunities you have yet to fathom. This is why one of our goals is to keep college affordable and accessible for all. We will always be here as a platform for social mobility and to help students explore their innovation and creativity and realize their dreams like you are today.

I also want to acknowledge the family and friends who have supported you throughout your matriculation. We applaud their sacrifice and efforts to ensure you reach this special occasion. I hope you will always reflect on your time here fondly and know you can always return to our 'dear old college home.'

We welcome and embrace you as new alums and encourage you to join your local alumni chapter and the JSU National Alumni Association. You are joining an extended family of individuals who pour back into their alma mater without fail. JSU alums, a robust and diverse network, are one of our institution's most unwavering support systems. We ask that you embrace that same spirit as you leave our care and explore what awaits you beyond these walls.

I am confident that you will touch and enhance lives, create positive change, and transform our society with passion, wisdom and resilience. I know that you will represent your alma mater with integrity and honor.

Again, on behalf of the JSU family, I offer heartfelt congratulations and wish you well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elayne H. Anthony'.

Elayne H. Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President



State of Mississippi

TATE REEVES
Governor

April 29, 2023

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the Great State of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Jackson State University Spring Commencement. I hope you enjoy this opportunity to gather together and celebrate the extraordinary efforts these graduating students have made to come this far in their education. As we read in Psalm 127: 3-4, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth."

Family is an important cornerstone to our society, and I applaud your efforts to be present to support these graduates. To you students who have made it to this day, I congratulate you! I pray that this day will be the beginning of the next exciting chapter in your life.

Again, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Jackson State University Spring Commencement. I know you will enjoy a wonderful gathering!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tate" being particularly prominent.

Tate Reeves
Governor

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Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor



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April 29, 2023

Greetings Graduates:

As Mayor of the City of Jackson, it is my sincere privilege to congratulate the Jackson State University graduating class of 2023. Today, you embark on a fantastic journey directed by your determination, persistence and hard work, to place your mark on the world. The entire city joins me in wishing you the very best in your endeavors toward a bright, intentional and prosperous future.

Jackson State University carries a tremendous legacy of academic leadership, innovation, research, knowledge and creativity. It is a pillar of the Jackson community that is actively engaged with community partners to create mutually beneficial relationships connecting its students, faculty and staff to the Jackson Metropolitan area. As a city, we are proud to be home to such a profound historical institution dedicated to empowering the next generation of leaders.

Graduates, you will now join a distinguished group of alumni who have entered the world and a global workforce with purpose. It is my honor to congratulate you on this milestone. Congratulations on a job well done and best wishes on your journey ahead!

One City, One Aim, One Destiny!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chokwe A. Lumumba". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor
City of Jackson



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April 29, 2023

Congratulations!

On behalf of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (JSUNAA), it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your graduation and to welcome you to our membership! While you have spent your last several years closely linked to the University, your participation in the Jackson State community has entered a new phase and will extend far beyond the years you've spent in Jackson. Your education, experiences and friendships are the foundation of your life-long connection with Jackson State University.

JSUNAA, in partnership with the Department of Alumni and Constituency Relations, hosts numerous events and programs locally, regionally and nationally. I encourage you to get involved with the local chapter in your city and have an immediate impact upon the success of our alma mater. You'll be pleased at how the exceptional network of JSU alumni can support you as you begin life beyond the pedestrian walkway of "our dear old college home."

JSUNAA has paid your membership dues for the current fiscal year, with an expiration date of June 30, 2024. We hope that you will carry your membership card proudly and encourage your friends and family to join our alumni association. Please check the website (www.jsunaa.org) frequently to get the latest updates and learn about upcoming events sponsored by the National Alumni Association.

Above all, I invite you to take full advantage of the Association's programs and retain your connection to the University. If you have suggestions for alumni events in your area or ideas for improving communication, please let me know, contact the Alumni Office or any member of the Alumni Executive Board. We do want to hear your thoughts and suggestions. This is our Association and we aim to elevate our alumni organization!

I wish you all the best on your post-graduation endeavors and I hope to meet you at future alumni events.

With Tiger Pride,

Patrease Edwards
President

president@jsunaa.org



Anton Vincent
*President of Mars Wrigley
North America*

2023 SPRING GRADUATE CEREMONY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Anton Vincent serves as President, Mars Wrigley North America. Since joining Mars in 2019, Anton has successfully led the acceleration of value creation of one of the world's largest, most iconic consumer brand portfolios. He leads the cross-segment Regional Presidents Council (RPC) and is the principal Mars leadership voice for industry and regulatory matters in the US.

Prior to joining Mars, Anton was the CEO of Greencore, PLC, USA, a leading co-pack and co-man company. He spent 20 years at General Mills building award winning brands and leading three divisions to record financial performance, helped execute the \$10B acquisition of the Pillsbury Company and served on the board of 301 Inc., General Mills' early-stage venture fund. Anton is a boundaryless global leader who is focused on transformational change, expanding mindsets for modern growth, developing breakthrough leaders and leading at the speed of tomorrow.

A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Anton holds a BBA in Finance from Sam Houston State University and an MBA in Marketing from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, where he currently serves on the Dean's Council. Anton is active in industry leadership, serving on the National Confectioners Association (NCA) board and the Sustainable Food Policy Alliance (SFPA). He is also an independent board director for International Paper (IP:NYSE), a \$22B Fortune 100 company and the global leader in fiber-based packaging and pulp with operations in 180 countries.

Anton is a highly sought-after leadership influencer and speaker. He has been recognized by many organizations and publications for his enterprise leadership – most notably – Savoy Magazine (Most Influential African Americans in Corporate America), Black Enterprise (Most Influential Blacks in America, Most Influential Marketing & Advertising Executives), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Century Award of Excellence) and the Minneapolis Business Journal (Minority Executive of the Year). Anton is also a member of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC) and a founding member of Black Executive CMO Alliance (BECA), an alliance of the leading CXOs and CMOs.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF EXERCISES

9:00 A.M.

Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.

Acting President, Jackson State University

Presiding Officer

Prelude. *Fanfare and Processional* Edward Elgar
Arranged by James D. Ployhar

Symphonic Band
Brandon Jenkins, *Conductor*

Academic Processional Facilitator Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Processional. “Pomp and Circumstance” Sir Edward Elgar

Symphonic Band
(Audience remains seated)

Presentation of Colors. JSU Army ROTC Joint Color Guard
(Audience stands)

National Anthem. “The Star-Spangled Banner” Francis Scott Key
Arranged by William W. Davis

Led by James Fuller, *Senior Music Education Major*
Symphonic Band
(Audience remains standing)

Negro National Anthem. “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” J. Rosamond Johnson
and James Weldon Johnson
Arranged by Kevan Johnson

Led by Jeremy Bew, *Junior Music Education Major*
University Wind Ensemble
(Audience remains standing)

Invocation. Rev. Domini Henry
Jackson State University Wesley Foundation, Board Chair

Greetings Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President, Jackson State University

Acknowledgments and Announcements. Lauren Corby
Ph.D. Candidate, Environmental Science, 23

Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....	Maqueba Massey <i>Ph.D. Candidate, Business Administration, '23</i>
Commencement Address.....	Anton Vincent <i>President of Mars Wrigley North America</i>
Presentation of Citations.....	Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D. <i>Acting President, Jackson State University</i>
Recognition of Candidates for Commissioning.....	Lt. Colonel Natosha Reed <i>Air Force ROTC</i>
Recognition of the Golden Diploma Recipients	
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Fidelis Ikem, Ph.D., <i>Dean</i>	College of Business
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Preselfannie McDaniels, Ph.D., <i>Dean</i>	Graduate Studies
Conferring and Awarding of Degrees.....	Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D. <i>Acting President, Jackson State University</i>
Musical Selection.....	<i>Hehleblooyuh</i> James Furman JSU Chorale Larry Robinson, <i>Interim Director of Chorale Activities</i>
Induction of Graduates into the Jackson State University National Alumni Association.....	Ms. Patrease Edwards, '99, '08 <i>President, Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc.</i>

Alumni Pledge:

I hereby solemnly pledge unbroken allegiance to my Alma Mater in appreciation for the opportunity for development afforded me at Jackson State University.

I pledge active membership in the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated, wherever I may be. Through association with my fellow alumni, I shall forever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of my Alma Mater.

I pledge, as a person, to exemplify high ideals by rendering positive and dignified service to the community, the state, the nation, and the world, thus, living to bring honor and respect to my Alma Mater.

Closing Remarks.....	Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D. <i>Acting President, Jackson State University</i>
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Alma Mater (*Audience stands*)

“Jackson Fair” T.D. Pawley
Arranged by F. D. Hall

Led by Kaytie Jeffries, *Junior Performance Major*
Symphonic Band

Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear
Thee I love, my dear old college home
Thee I love wherever I may roam
Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear.

Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear
Thee I love thy colors rich and bright
Thee I love, the blue and the white
Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear.

Refrain

Hail, hail to thee, yes, hail to thee;
Hail to the college of my heart,
Hail, hail to thee, yes, hail to thee;
Hail, to the college of my heart.

*Hymn “God Be With You” William Tomer

Led by Jabbarie Evans, *Senior Music Education Major*
Symphonic Band
(*Audience stands*)

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsel guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love’s banner floating o’er you;
Smite death’s threat’ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again! Amen

*Following the custom initiated by President Luther G. Barrett, the hymn “God Be With You” has been sung at all Jackson State University Commencements since 1911.

Benediction Rev. Domini Henry
Jackson State University Wesley Foundation, Board Chair

Recessional *Fanfare and Recessional.* Henry Filmore
Symphonic Band
Brandon Jenkins, *Conductor*
(*Audience remains seated*)

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GOLDEN CLASS

50TH YEAR REUNION – CLASS OF 1973

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2023 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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FOR DEGREES**

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Dean, College of Business

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MaQueba L. Massey, Nashville, TN
Dissertation: *The Influence of HRM Pay Communications on an Employee's Perception of Pay Equity*
Advisor: Dr. Sharon Simmons

Jerri A. Haynes, Ed.D.
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and Human Development

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kenya Tashaun Horne, Byram, MS
Dissertation: *Literacy Readiness of Kindergarten Students that Attended Proprietary Childcare Versus Public Pre-Kindergarten Programs in Central Mississippi: A Comparative Study*
Advisor: Dr. Jianjun Yin

Teresa Danette Johnson, Canton, MS
Dissertation: *The Impact of COVID-19 on Early Childhood Teachers' Mental Health and Pedagogy*
Advisor: Dr. Jianjun Yin

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION

Tiffany F. Robinson, Utica, MS
Dissertation: *The Influence of Parental Factors on Higher Education Matriculation Among First Generation College Students*
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin C. Ngwudike

Felicia Anquinette Russell, Lexington, MS
Dissertation: *Examination of Social Media Use of First Year Students in Higher Education*
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin C. Ngwudike

Veronica LoNette Wylie, Denver, CO
Dissertation: *The Tension Between History and Hope: A Qualitative Study of Resistance Pedagogy in an Informal Education Setting*
Advisor: Dr. Jeton McClinton

Chi Xu, China
Dissertation: *Factors that Impact Student Retention in a Metropolitan University in Mississippi*
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin C. Ngwudike

URBAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Isaiah R. Allen II, Chicago Heights, IL
Dissertation: *Adjunct Faculty Members' Impact on Student Success at Community Colleges in the State of Illinois*
Advisor: Dr. John Kuykendall

Tasha A. Carson, Nashville, TN
Dissertation: *A Study of Black Student Engagement at Historically Black Colleges and Universities Versus Predominantly White Institutions*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Prince Duren, Itta Bena, MS
Dissertation: *The Impact of Demographic and Psychological Variables on the Academic Performance of African American Male Student-Athletes at an HBCU*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Breona Monique Hayes, Jacksonville, FL
Dissertation: *An Examination of Capital Spending Between Public Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominantly White Institutions in the State of North Carolina*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Belinda M. Johnson, Clinton, MS
Dissertation: *The Perceptions of Faculty and Counselors on the College Readiness of Students at Community Colleges*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Willie James Lewis, Jr., Jackson, MS
Dissertation: *Understanding How Sense of Belonging Affects African American and Latino Students at a Predominantly White Institution (PWI)*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Samuel T. Nichols, Jr., Gulfport, MS
Dissertation: *A Quantitative Study on African American Faculty Job Satisfaction at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Versus Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs)*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Alvin Markealion Taylor, Holly Springs, MS
Dissertation: *Mid-Level African American Administrators' Perceptions of Leadership Attainment at Predominantly White Institutions*
Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Minnie Thomas, Houston, TX
Dissertation: *Factors Influencing the Retention of First-Generation African American College Students at Selected HBCUs in Texas*
Advisor: Dr. Felix Okojie

Russell Bennett, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences
School of Public Health; School of Social Work

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH

Alice M. Henderson, Chicago, IL
Dissertation: *An Examination of the Association Between Distracted Driving Laws and Health Outcomes in the State of Georgia: Policy Implications for the State of Mississippi*
Advisor: Dr. Russell L. Bennett

Arnitra Hunter, Port Gibson, MS
Dissertation: *An Association Between Insurance Type and Medication Adherence among African American Men with Hypertension in the State of Mississippi*
Advisors: Dr. Russell L. Bennett
Dr. Yalanda M. Barner

Shamim Ahmed Khandekar, Jackson, MS
Dissertation: *The Association of Leptin with Metabolic Syndrome in the Jackson Heart Study*
Advisor: Dr. Azad Bhuyian

Dayakar Philip Nittala, Hyderabad, India
Dissertation: *The Association of Socio-economic Factors, Insurance Status, and Glycemic Levels on Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors: The Jackson Heart Study*
Advisor: Dr. Azad Bhuyian

ElFreda Thomasina Parker, Vicksburg, MS
Dissertation: *Strategies for Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Jackson Metropolitan Area*
Advisor: Dr. Clifton Addison

Darmyra Eulicia Perry, Okolona, MS
Dissertation: *An Examination of the Utilization of Hospital Patients' Discharge Plans in Trauma Care Centers: Addressing the Opioid Crisis in the State of Mississippi*
Advisor: Dr. Russell L. Bennett

LaReisha S. Robinson, McComb, MS
Dissertation: *The Association Between Socioeconomic Factors and Medication Adherence Among Adults with Diagnosis of Cardiovascular Disease in the State of Mississippi*
Advisors: Dr. Russell L. Bennett
Dr. Yalanda M. Barner

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

SOCIAL WORK

Bente' Hess Johnson, McComb, MS

Dissertation: *Assessment and Diagnosis: A Cross-Sectional Study Examining Perceptions of Clinical Preparedness among MSW Students in Mississippi Universities*

Advisors: Dr. Isiah Marshall, Jr.
Dr. Patrice R. Jenkins

Bessie House-Soremekun, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Glory J. Givins-Moses, Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *Assessment of Parental Reasons for Homeschooling as an Alternative to Public and Private School Education*

Advisors: Dr. Jae-Young Ko

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sasha Layla Williams, Miami, FL

Dissertation: *Manifesting Our Burdens: Examining the Impact of Gendered Racism on Black Women's Physical and Mental Health*

Advisors: Dr. Theresa Kearns-Cooper
Dr. Kaye Sly

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Alicia Shanta Payne, Natchez, MS

Dissertation: *Design and Synthesis of Chalcogenide Based Aerogels Toward the Sorption of Toxic Heavy Metal Ions and Radionuclides*

Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

Lauren R. Corby, Dorsey, IL

Dissertation: *Nanotechnology Application for the Detection and Treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer*

Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

Richterica Tukiya Ford, Birmingham, AL

Dissertation: *Solubility and Extractability of Uranium in Arid Weapon Tested Soil*

Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Jon-Vincent Holden, Jackson, MS

Dissertation: *Vulnerability and Resilience in Maritime Transportation Infrastructure in the Deep South and Implications for Agricultural Trade*

Advisor: Dr. Bernece S. Herbert

Genice V. Hughes-Knight, Goodman, MS

Dissertation: *Exposure to Carcinogens in Southeast Texas: An Evaluation of Hazardous Air Pollution, Environmental Injustice, and the Presence of "Cancer Clusters" in Vulnerable Communities in Houston, Texas*

Advisor: Dr. Bernece S. Herbert

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HISTORY

Andrew Gardner, Jackson, MS
Thesis: *Planted in the Soil: Southern White
Protestantism in Jackson, Mississippi, 1875-1900*

Advisor: Dr. Robert Luckett

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Thesis: *Wartime Propaganda: The Humor that
Shaped the United States*

Advisor: Dr. Mark A. Bernhardt

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Project: *Fighting for Ethiopia- African Americans
and the War to End Italian Occupation 1935-1937*

Advisor: Dr. Mario Azevedo

Jameson Devon Montgomery,
Greeleyville, SC
Thesis: *The Impact of the Bronx on the Creation
of Hip-Hop in the 1970s*

Advisor: Dr. Mark A. Bernhardt

Nicole Elaine Powell, Brooklyn, NY
Thesis: *Black Magic and the Perils of Being
Superwoman: Representations of Black Female
Characters in Speculative Fiction and Real-World
Outcomes for Black Women and Girls*

Advisor: Dr. Mark A. Bernhardt

Daniel Uhrlass, Trumbull, CT
Thesis: *Top Boy: A Hard Look at Modern
Urban Britain*

Advisor: Dr. Lomarsh Roopnarine

Alan Wheat, Poplarville, MS
Thesis: *Forgetting Mack Charles Parker*
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Tyresha Nelson, Jackson, MS

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MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION

MUSIC EDUCATION

Timothy Michael Green, Baton Rouge, LA

Regan Latrice Jackson, Byram, MS
Project: *Instructional Benefits of Music in an
Inclusive Class Setting*

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Beckley-Roberts

Shaun DuJuan McClinton, Chicago, IL
Project: *Disability or Not: Examination of
Pedagogical Approaches with Secondary Music
Students*

Advisor: Dr. Ramon Jackson

Adrian P. Thompson, Sr., New Orleans, LA
Project: *Strengthening Confidence & Academic
Success in Twice-Exceptional Students Through
Musical Literacy*

Advisor: Dr. Ramon Jackson

MASTER OF SCIENCE

JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES

Morgan Beard, Jackson, MS
Project: *More Than a Label*

Advisor: Dr. Li-Jing A. Chang

Trinity Ambrosia Brown, Jackson, MS
Project: *Discrimination Against Women in
Sports Media*

Advisor: Dr. Li-Jing A. Chang

Tyler Malik Newkirk, Chicago, IL
Project: *The Modern Slavery Era: Race in Sports*

Advisor: Dr. Li-Jing A. Chang

Jessica LaShay Orey, Terry, MS
Project: *Discrimination Against Women
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Jennifer Rodgers, Greenville, MS
Project: *Stereotypes of Women's Physical Appearance
in the Media*

Advisor: Dr. Nathan Towerly

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BIOLOGY

Kyle Jordan E. Lee, Jackson, MS

Justin A. Smith, Jackson, MS
Project: *The Fatal Impact of Covid-19 Variants with
Comorbidities in the Southeastern States*

Advisor: Dr. Hafiz A. Ahmad

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DATA-ENABLED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Chalzack Abungu, Jackson, MS
Thesis: *Application of Principal Component Analysis
and Linear Discriminant Analysis in Genetical
Dataset*

Advisor: Dr. Tor A. Kwembe

Bharath Kumar Mandava,
Challapalli, A.P., India
Thesis: *A Comparison of the Ward's Hierarchical
Clustering Method with Selected Agglomerative
Clustering Methods*

Advisor: Dr. Tor A. Kwembe

Sherine Salem,
Berkel en Rodenrijs, Netherlands
Thesis: *Exploring the Current State and Future
Possibilities of Data Science and Analytics in
Healthcare: Applications, Challenges and Trends*

Advisor: Dr. Tor A. Kwembe

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Biruk Dejene Abate, Jackson, MS
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ENGINEERING

Avipriyo Chakraborty,
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Thesis: *Implementation of Vetiver Root as
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Advisor: Dr. Sadik Khan

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- Roland S. Martin
Host and managing editor of
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Kiese Laymon
*Award-winning author
and MacArthur Fellow*

2023 SPRING UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kiese Laymon is a Black southern writer and acclaimed author from the city of Jackson. His work illustrates Black life within the Southern states and the violence and oppression undergirding those experiences.

In his observant, often hilarious work, Laymon battles the personal and the political: race and family, body and shame, poverty and place. His savage humor and clear-eyed perceptiveness have earned him comparisons to Ta-Nehisi Coates, Alice Walker, and Mark Twain. He is the author of the award-winning memoir *Heavy*, the groundbreaking essay collection *How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America*, named a notable book of 2021 by the New York Times critics and the genre-defying novel *Long Division*, which won the 2022 NAACP Image Award for fiction.

Laymon's memoir *Heavy* won the 2019 Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, was named one of the 50 Best Memoirs of the Past 50 Years by The New York Times, and secured the top spot as a best book of 2018 by the New York Times, Publishers Weekly, NPR, The Washington Post, and Entertainment Weekly.

In 2022, Laymon was selected as a recipient of the MacArthur Fellows Program, affectionately nicknamed “the genius grant” – the opportunity only extended to 20 people each year, celebrating and highlighting the creative genius of each participant and their ability to show exceptional originality and dedication to their creative pursuits.

A member of Black Artists for Freedom, he was named to the Ebony Magazine Power 100 in 2015 and selected as a member of the Root 100 in 2013 and 2014. Laymon is a graduate of Oberlin College and holds a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from Indiana University. He also founded the Catherine Coleman Initiative for the Arts and Social Justice, a program to engage Mississippi kids and their parents more comfortably with reading, writing, revising, and sharing.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT ORDER OF EXERCISES

9:00 A.M.

Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President, Jackson State University
Presiding Officer

Prelude. “Triumphal March” from *Aida*. Giuseppe Verdi
Arranged by Douglas A. Richard

The University Wind Ensemble
Mr. Lowell Hollinger, *Conductor*

Academic Professional Facilitator. Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

“Processional. “Pomp and Circumstance” Sir Edward Elgar
The University Wind Ensemble
(Audience remains seated)

Presentation of Colors. JSU Air Force and Army ROTC Joint Color Guard
(Audience stands)

National Anthem. “The Star-Spangled Banner” Francis Scott Key
Arranged by William W. Davis

Led by James Fuller, *Senior Music Education Major*
The University Wind Ensemble
(Audience remains standing)

Negro National Anthem. “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” J. Rosamond Johnson
and James Weldon Johnson

University Choir
Larry Robinson, *Interim Director of Choral Activities*
The University Wind Ensemble
(Audience remains standing)

Invocation. Rev. Domini Henry
Jackson State University Wesley Foundation, Board Chair

Greetings Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President, Jackson State University

Acknowledgments and Announcements. Kayla Hudson
President, Senior Class
Meteorology '23

Reflective Message to the Graduating Class of 2023. Madison Cathey
President, Student Government Association
Accounting '23

Introduction of Commencement Speaker Robert Luckett, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of History

Commencement Address Kiese Laymon
*MacArthur Fellow, 2022
 Author and Professor of English and Creative Writing, Rice University*

Presentation of Citations Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President, Jackson State University

Recognition of Candidates for Commissioning Lt. Colonel Rogers Brown, Jr.
Army ROTC

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees Alisa L. Mosley, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Fidelis Ikem, Ph.D., <i>Dean</i>	College of Business
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Russell Bennett, Ph.D., <i>Interim Dean</i>	College of Health Sciences
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Wilbur Walters, Jr., Ph.D., <i>Dean</i>	College of Science, Engineering, and Technology

Conferring and Awarding of Degrees Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President, Jackson State University

Selection *Who Built the Ark* Moses Hogan
 Larry Robinson, *Interim Director of Choral Activities*

Induction of Graduates into the Jackson State University National Alumni Association Ms. Patrease Edwards, '99, '08
President, Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc.

Alumni Pledge:

I hereby solemnly pledge unbroken allegiance to my Alma Mater in appreciation for the opportunity for development afforded me at Jackson State University.

I pledge active membership in the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated, wherever I may be. Through association with my fellow alumni, I shall forever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of my Alma Mater.

I pledge, as a person, to exemplify high ideals by rendering positive and dignified service to the community, the state, the nation, and the world, thus, living to bring honor and respect to my Alma Mater.

Closing Remarks Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D.
Acting President, Jackson State University

Alma Mater (Audience stands)

“Jackson Fair” T.D. Pawley
Arranged by F. D. Hall

Led by Kaytie Jeffries, *Junior Performance Major*
University Wind Ensemble
(Audience stands)

Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear
Thee I love, my dear old college home
Thee I love wherever I may roam
Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear.

Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear
Thee I love thy colors rich and bright
Thee I love, the blue and the white
Jackson Fair, Jackson Dear.

Refrain

Hail, hail to thee, yes, hail to thee;
Hail to the college of my heart,
Hail, hail to thee, yes, hail to thee;
Hail, to the college of my heart.

*Hymn “God Be With You” William Tomer

Led by Jabbarie Evans, *Senior Music Education Major*
University Wind Ensemble
(Audience stands)

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsel guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again!

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love’s banner floating o’er you;
Smite death’s threat’ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again! Amen

*Following the custom initiated by President Luther G. Barrett, the hymn “God Be With You” has been sung at all Jackson State University Commencements since 1911.

Benediction Rev. Domini Henry
Jackson State University Wesley Foundation, Board Chair

Recessional “Coronation March” from *The Prophet* Giacomo Meyerbeer
Arranged by D. Eymann

The University Wind Ensemble
Mr. Lowell Hollinger, *Conductor*
(Audience remains seated)

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The commencement program booklet contains the names of candidates for degrees. It is possible that a candidate listed in this publication may not have completed all degree requirements. Failure to remove the name of a person(s) listed in error does not obligate the University to grant the diploma. The student's transcript is the official record of the University.

Diplomas will be mailed to the student approximately 2 - 3 months after commencement at the address indicated on the graduation application. For additional information, students may contact the Office of the Registrar and Records at 601.979.2300.

HONORS AND AWARDS

GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Graduation with academic distinction is based on an earned average of 3.20 or higher on a 4.00 scale for work completed at Jackson State University for all undergraduates degrees. Students who graduate within this grade point average range are honored with the following:

Summa Cum Laude	3.80 - 4.00
Magna Cum laude	3.50 - 3.79
Cum Laude	3.20 - 3.49

Graduates with academic distinction wear gold honor cords during the commencement exercises.

Notes: A transfer student is eligible to be considered for honors provided: (1) the student has earned a minimum of 48 semester hours at Jackson State University prior to the semester of graduation; and (2) the student maintains a 3.20 or higher grade-point average for the coursework completed at Jackson State University. Students who already hold a baccalaureate degree are not eligible for this distinction.

††† Denotes Summa Cum Laude graduate

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THE SEAL

The University Seal was designed by Freddy Norman, graphic artist. The Seal displays the University's motto: *Excellentia, Academica, Investigatio et Officium* (Academic Excellence, Research, and Service). Three significant elements are presented in the design. At the center of the configuration is a winged torch. The flame signifies the light of learning and the search for truth. It leaps upward, borne aloft by outspread wings symbolic of the quest for excellence. Within the wing on the left side is an open book symbolic of research and publication. The globe inscribed within the wing on the right side symbolizes the University's commitment to service to the state, the nation, and the world. The year 1877 represents the founding date of the university. The laurel wreath, which is reminiscent of the victor's crown awarded to the best competitors in the arts and sciences during the Classical Era, encircles the design and represents the pursuit of excellence in every field. On March 15, 1974, the Seal was revised to include the institution's university designation.



THE MACE

The Mace was originated and first used in Egypt, where it represented creativeness, achievement, and the assertive tendency in man. In the Middle Ages, it was used as a weapon of war. Today, however, the mace represents deputized authority and dignity.

The Jackson State University Mace is carried in all formal University convocations. It was carved from a piece of solid American black walnut. The upper portion of the Mace is in the shape of a pentagon and contains the University's logo and Seal. Dr. Sam Cobbins, retired Professor of Technology and Industrial Arts, designed and constructed the Jackson State University Mace.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE AND MEDALLION

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Chain of Office is a symbol of office dating from medieval times. It is worn by the President with academic regalia on ceremonial occasions. The Chain of Office honors the highest official at an educational institution as a symbol of leadership and responsibility vested in that office.

The Chain of Office for Jackson State University's President is made of antiqued silver plated bronze metal and is made up of curved banners engraved with the names of the University's previous presidents.

From the chain hangs a medallion. A banner engraved with the President's name is located at the center of the chain directly above the University Medallion. This banner is adorned with a leaf and inscribed with the year representing the President's first year in office.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

Traditionally, the medallion is a symbol of academic leadership. It is one of the oldest symbols of authority. The medallion is worn by the President as part of his/her presidential regalia at commencement and other ceremonial occasions at the University. It symbolizes the President's authority as the highest officer of the University. The medallion is inscribed with the Jackson State University Seal, which represents the Office of the President and the University's commitment to academic excellence, research and service.

The three-inch circular medallion is made of antiqued silver-plated bronze metal with blue enamel. This unique mount represents a single-faced imagery in bas-relief creating a two-level projection with the three significant elements in the overall design encircled by the laurel wreath. At the center of the configuration is a winged torch. The flame signifies the light of learning and the search for truth. It leaps upward borne aloft by outspread wings symbolic of the quest for excellence. Within the wing on the left side is an open book symbolic of research and publication; the globe inscribed within the wing on the right side symbolizes the University's commitment to service to the state, the nation and the world. The year 1877 represents the founding date of the University. The laurel wreath, which encircles the design, represents the pursuit of excellence in every field.

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing academic regalia stems from the Middle Ages when scholars were also clerics and wore the costumes in their Monastic orders.

The most common headpiece for the ceremony is the black square, flat topped or *mortar board* which is shaped like a board of the mason which holds the mortar.

The *tassel* on the doctor's cap is usually gold in color and is worn on the left. The tassel on the master's cap is usually black and is also worn on the left. The tassel on the bachelor's cap, usually black, is worn on the right prior to graduation, then moved to the left when instructed by the presiding officer.

The **hood**, which is mentioned as early as 1480 in clerical literature, was originally used as a head covering, a shoulder cape, and a bag in which alms could be collected.

The *gown* is usually black. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's but has regular length sleeves which are pointed. Some gowns may be the color of the department granting the degree, such as "Education Blue." Others may be "Yale Blue" or "Harvard Crimson" for graduates of these universities.

HOOD AND TASSEL COLORS

Shown below is a listing of hood and tassel colors established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent several departments of learning. *(Please note that not all departments listed here are established at Jackson State University.)*

Agriculture |Maze
Medicine |Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities |White
Music |Pink
Business Administration, Accountancy |Drab
Nursing |Apricot
Dentistry |Lilac
Oratory (Speech) |Silver Gray
Economics |Copper
Pharmacy |Olive Green
Education |Light Blue
Philosophy |Dark Blue
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Home Economics |Maroon
Science |Golden Yellow
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Library Science |Lemon
Veterinary Science |Gray
Lifelong Learning |Garnet

ACADEMIC DEGREES

THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A bachelor's degree is the first academic degree that is conferred by a university to students who have completed the undergraduate coursework of study. The bachelor's degree is sometimes called a baccalaureate degree. This degree is the most common type of college degree awarded by institutions of higher learning in the United States. The bachelor's degree provides students with a foundation for entering many professional career fields and for further education.

THE MASTER'S DEGREE

The master's degree is an academic degree that is conferred by a university to students who have successfully completed one or two years of approved course work beyond that of the bachelor's degree. Master's degree candidates are expected to exhibit and demonstrate mastery of a specialized body of theoretical and applied subject matter. A thesis or a project is usually required in many master's degree programs.

THE SPECIALIST DEGREE

The specialist degree is common in many education and psychology programs. It is conferred by a university to students who have completed academic study beyond the master's level and below the doctorate level.

THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

The doctoral degree is the highest of the academic degrees conferred by a university. It is offered in most fields of study. Doctoral degrees include the professional degree and the research degree. The professional doctoral degree calls for advanced training for the practice in professional fields such as medicine, pharmacy, law or nursing. The research doctorate requires approximately four years of advanced study and independent research. The years of study and excellent research are typically accompanied by a dissertation. The doctoral candidate is expected to make a contribution to the body of knowledge in the field of study.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession dates back to the Middle Ages when universities were closely associated with the Medieval Church. Since that time, the academic procession has become a treasured tradition in higher education institutions. During the academic procession, university officers and others related to the university march in formal university events in academic regalia.

The pageantry of the academic procession is a featured part of commencement programs and other formal university events. The Academic Procession is generally initiated by the university's mace bearer. During commencements, the mace bearer is generally followed by the chief faculty marshal. The academic procession brings into the arena the President, other officials of the university, representatives from the governing board, the guest speaker, college deans, other platform guests, administrators, faculty and graduating students.

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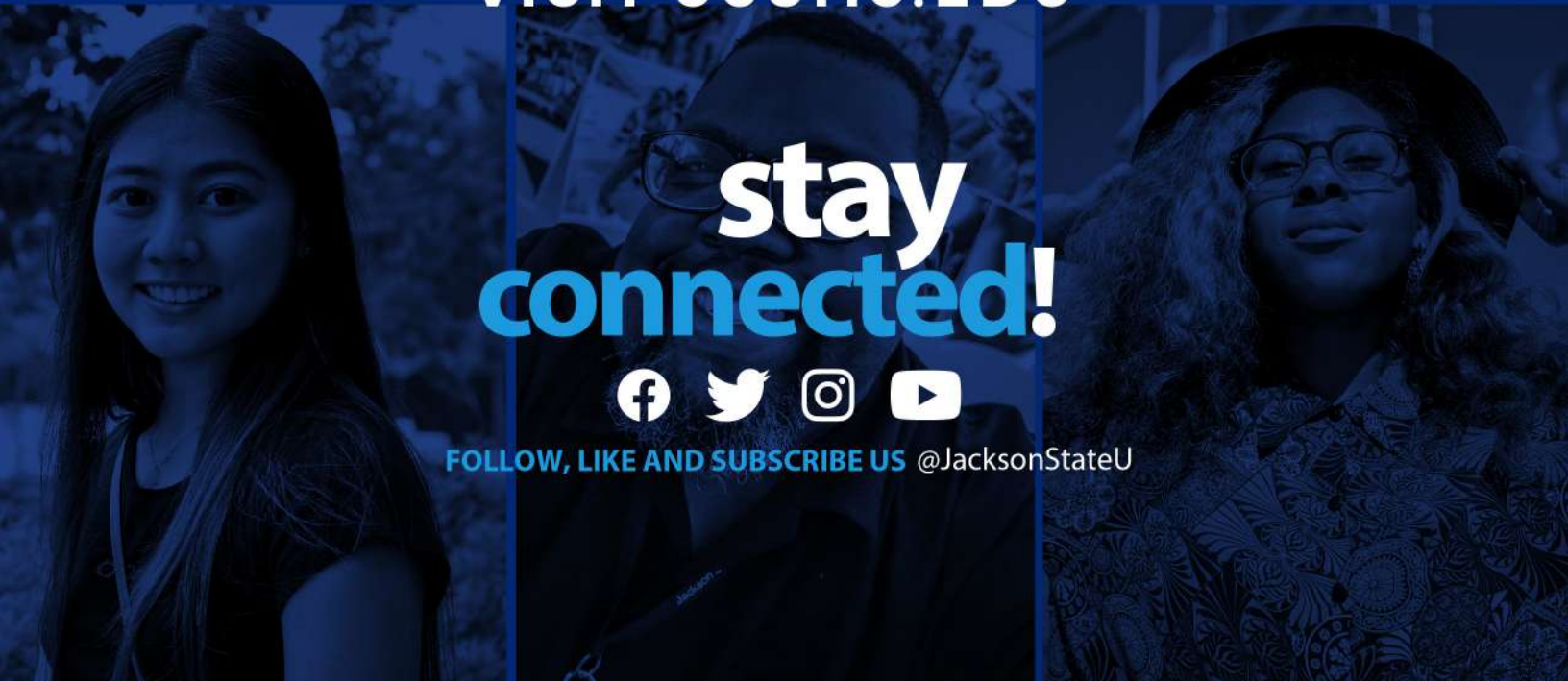
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