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Commencement

FALL 2023

DECEMBER 9, 2023

9:00 A.M.

DAVEY L. WHITNEY HPER COMPLEX
LORMAN, MISSISSIPPI



Commencement **Alcorn**
State University

Fall 2023

December 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Davey L. Whitney HPER Complex
Lorman, Mississippi

Message to the Graduates

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

Your dedication to earning your degree marks your transition from an Alcorn State University student to an Alcorn State University alumnus. During your time at Alcorn, you have built lasting friendships and forged bonds that will last a lifetime.

Regardless of your path, believe in your preparation “beneath the shade of giant trees,” which has equipped you with the tools to be strong against any challenge that may come your way. Just as you have been tested at Alcorn, you will face challenges in your future pursuits—use the skills you have learned here to overcome them.

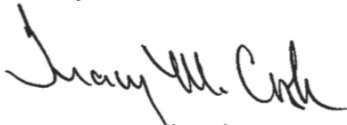
Stay focused and committed to your dreams, and know that your best days are ahead.

The knowledge and character you have gained here will accompany you throughout life. Don’t hesitate to lean on our extensive alumni network, spanning the globe and in every imaginable field.

Here’s my advice — pay it forward. Be a lifelong learner, stay curious, and find joy in the simple things. Remember to share your time, talent, and treasure with our beloved alma mater, as a new generation of Alcornites will rely on your support in chasing their dreams.

I am proud of each of you and your accomplishments. Our University is better because of you. I wish God’s blessings upon you and your families.

Always Alcorn,



Tracy M. Cook, Ed.D.
Interim President





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Fall Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 | 9:00 A.M.
DAVEY L. WHITNEY HPER COMPLEX

DR. TRACY M. COOK, INTERIM PRESIDENT
Presiding

PRELUDE

Mr. Tony Gordon, Pianist
Assistant Professor of Music
Department of Fine Arts

POSTING OF COLORS

Braves Battalion

PROCESSIONAL

War March of the Priests (from Athalie)
by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Mr. Gordon

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. Jekilriya Lee
Vocal Music Education Major

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. C. Edward Rhodes II
Director of Religious and Spiritual Life

WELCOME

Interim President Cook

SELECTION

Get Away Jordan
arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

Alcorn State University Concert Choir
Dr. Alona Alexander, Choir Director
Assistant Professor of Music
Department of Fine Arts

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Dexter Wakefield I
Interim Dean
College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Terry Cosby '82
Chief, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Washington, D.C.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE

Interim President Cook

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RECOGNITION OF HONOR STUDENTS

Dr. Joyce Buckner-Brown
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF DEANS

Interim Provost Buckner-Brown

DEAN'S PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Graduate Studies
College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences
School of Business
School of Education and Psychology
School of Nursing

Dr. Edmund Buckner
Dr. Dexter Wakefield I
Dr. Babu Patlolla
Dr. Antwon Woods
Dr. LaShundia Carson
Dr. Shirley Evers-Manly

CONFERRAL OF EARNED DEGREES

Interim President Cook

INDUCTION OF GRADUATING CLASS INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. Densel Fleming
Alcorn State University
National Alumni Association President

I hereby solemnly pledge loyalty, devotion, and dedication to Alcorn State University, my alma mater, for its tireless and infinite efforts to educate me both academically and socially so that I might avail myself of the life, liberty, and happiness that our country offers.

I pledge continued support to Alcorn State University by maintaining active membership in the National Alumni Association, wherever I may reside. I further pledge to uphold the ideals, standards, and traditions of my alma mater to the best of my ability.

Finally, I pledge to be an exemplary citizen for this nation and all other nations as I render service in a respectful, honorable manner and thereby bring reverence and honor to Alcorn State University, my alma mater.

Written by Dr. Connie Larkins Williams, '69 and Dr. John E. Walls, Jr., '68

CLOSING REMARKS

Interim President Cook

THE ALCORN ODE
Mrs. J.S. (Estelle Bomar) Himes

Led by Ms. Lee
Mr. Gordon

RETIRING OF COLORS

Braves Battalion

BENEDICTION

Reverend Dr. Rhodes, II

FANFARE AND RECESSIONAL
Finlandia by Jean Sibelius

Mr. Gordon

Comencement Speaker



TERRY COSBY

Chief of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Cosby, Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) leads a premier federal conservation agency known for its 3,000 field office network that helps farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners plan and carry out voluntary conservation activities.

Under his leadership, NRCS is implementing key Biden-Harris Administration priorities including once-in-a-generation investments in climate change mitigation through the Inflation Reduction Act. Terry's priorities for NRCS include ensuring equitable access to NRCS resources for all producers, addressing climate change, supporting urban agriculture, building a diverse and well-trained workforce, and nurturing partnerships.

During Terry's more than 40-year career with NRCS, he has held numerous leadership and staff positions. He began his career as an NRCS intern in Iowa in 1979 and rose through the agency's ranks to become its 17th chief on May 24, 2021.

Prior to his current position, Terry served as NRCS's Acting Chief for several months and as State Conservationist in Ohio for 16 years. Terry also served as the Deputy State Conservationist in Idaho, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in Missouri, and Area Resource Conservationist in Iowa.

Terry's conservation and agricultural roots run deep. He grew up on his family's cotton farm and attended a land grant university that prepared him well to serve all producers, including those who were historically underserved. His great-grandfather purchased the family farm in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, in the late 1800s. Terry earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education in Mississippi from Alcorn State University, the nation's first Black land grant university.

Terry and his wife are the proud parents of four children. His leisure activities include hunting, fishing, and spending as much time as possible with his seven grandchildren.

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ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed. Women may wear white collars with the bachelor's gown when no hood is worn. Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length; the master's, 3½ feet; and the doctor's 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At Alcorn State University, the lining is purple and gold. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but occasionally when the graduating seniors do not wear hoods the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At Alcorn State University, candidates for degrees wear black tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before their degrees are conferred by the president and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only. The gold

and purple braided cords are worn from the left shoulder to signify the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

DISCIPLINE COLORS

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, the colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture, **Maize**
Arts, Letters, Humanities, English, **White**
Commerce, Accountancy, Business & Industrial & Labor Relations, **Drab**
Computer & Information Science, Mathematics, & Science, **Golden Yellow**
Education, **Light Blue**
Journalism, **Crimson**
Library Science, **Lemon**
Mathematics, **Golden Yellow**
Music, **Pink**
Nursing, **Apricot**
Physical Education, **Sage Green**
Social Work, **Citron**

Bronze medallions engraved with an image of the Oakland Memorial Chapel distinguish faculty and staff members who have been awarded presidential honors.

RECTOR'S REGALIA

The Tower of London houses the royal jewel office. Here the crowns, scepters, and other royal treasures of the English rules, known as the regalia are closely guarded. Since modern academic regalia evolved from the kinds of apparel worn by monks and students in the Middle Ages to keep warm in the castles and halls in which they studied, academic regalia remains symbolic of scholastic achievement.

CHAIN OF OFFICE

Each president of Alcorn State University wears the Chain of Office also referred to as the livery and/or the Presidential

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Medallion symbolizing the Office of the President. It is worn at formal academic occasions such as inaugurations, commencements, convocations, and Founder's Day. The Chain of Office for Alcorn State University's 20th president is comprised of a 3-inch diameter bronze medal with purple enamel set in a tulip bezel. It is attached with a leaf banner bearing the title President and leaf clusters. The chain consists of 24 curved banners depicting engravings of the name of each official and interim presidents of Alcorn State University and their year of appointment. The Chain of Office restores the livery to the official seal of the office of the president which was in absentia under the 16th and 17th presidents.



the university with Alcorn State University being founded in 1871 in the state of Mississippi, characterized by service, scholarship, and dignity. It includes a picture of the Oakland Memorial Chapel, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the first buildings to be constructed at Oakland College in 1830.

ACADEMIC DEGREE HONORS

GRADUATE

Graduate degree recipients with extraordinary academic performance are recognized by English phrases rather than Latin translations in order to indicate their level of distinction. The honors designation is singularly ascribed based on a specific grade point average. There is no universal standard, as each college or university establishes the institutional threshold for honor designation. The requirements for graduate degree honors at Alcorn State University are detailed below:

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| With Highest Distinction | 3.91–4.00 |
| With High Distinction. | 3.81–3.90 |
| With Distinction. | 3.71–3.80 |

UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace is a club-shaped staff used as a symbol of authority. It was originally a weapon of the Middle Ages with a long handle, heavily weighted on the end. The heavy end became an iron ball as the sciences of war developed where archers and other unmounted warriors used the mace as a hand arm. University Mace (The mace was also used by some church officials, the British House of Commons, and the United States House of Representatives, Sergeants-at-Arms, who were the guards of kings and other high officials also carried maces). Even today, a gleaming white mace still rests on the table at meetings of the Northwest Territories Council symbolizing royal and legislative authority. Gradually, the mace gained a ceremonial character and, today, it is used during inaugurations, commencements and other formal processions.



UNDERGRADUATE

Undergraduate degree recipients with extraordinary academic performance are recognized by Latin phrases that indicate their level of distinction. The honors designation is singularly ascribed based on a specific grade point average. There is no universal standard, as each college or university establishes the institutional threshold for honors designation. The requirements for undergraduate degree honors at Alcorn State University are detailed below:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Summa Cum Laude | 3.80–4.00 |
| Magna Cum Laude | 3.50–3.79 |
| Cum Laude | 3.20–3.49 |

The University mace was designed by Drs. Alpha Morris, Joyce Bolden, and Malvin Williams Sr. It includes a 3" diameter bronze medal with purple enamel on a 4" diameter dark walnut disk. It is a 40" tall mace with brass accents and purple enamel on the foot. The mace embeds the seal of

Degrees With Honors

GRADUATE DEGREES

Designated by Gold Cords

WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.91 - 4.0

Bernice Selase Akuana
Erica Paige Atchison
Santa Fe Arnette Bunch
Annie Cassidy
Tynika Kierre Neshay Conner
Sudha Dasari
Yolanda Antoinette Edwards
Daniel Thomas Faucett
Dana Dorteshia Gaines
Velvet Cal Graham
Jordan Wendell Hamilton
Carolyn Berry-Jackson
Chandris Helen Lowe
Dayna Renee Lynch
Ekaterina Vasilyevna Neveykina
Precious Diamond Parks
Amari Janae Ramsey
Gabreena Cheyeene Ruff
Joe Cephus Smith Jr.
Aaron Jamal Tatum
Angela Wynn

WITH HIGH DISTINCTION

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.81 - 3.90

Daniel Ferguson Adjaye
Yolanda Antoinette Edwards
Lauren Kiah Godley
Yuzhong Huang
Imani Nicole Talley Jones
Desirea Carria Lindsey
Yvette Annette Linston
Keesa Wavette McGruder
Manoj Bolugallu Padmayya
Daphne Scott
Amber Danielle Turner
Destiny Amir Walker

WITH DISTINCTION

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.71 - 3.80

Naga Sai Avinash Adapa
Madison Bence Danielle Gray
Karla Denice Linston
Breanna Mechelle Lynch
Keirra JaNae Meadious
Keaundria Monteria Milloy
Malik Alexander Rodgers
Seffon Monterall Savage
Yolanda Dennis Shepherd
Jessica Yarteley Turner
Bhagyasagar Vavilala
Jabreel Elizabeth Walker
Vanteska Kantese Williams
Alissia Monique Winborn
Wendy Winston-Brister

Degrees With Honors

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Designated by Gold Cords

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.80 - 4.0

Nyirah Nicole Barnes
Zehlin Alton Cornett
Kaitlyn Nicole Echols
Jaime Alexandra Edwards
Addison Olivia Gooden
Chukwuka Dominic James
Breneth Cydney Jenkins
Trolynne Rochelle LaBranch
Kennedi Mykayla Miller
Zyria Cheynee Queen
Deonta Eugene Reed
Genise Jevan Wells
Kole Donovan Williams

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 - 3.79

Charlie Kehaunani Bal
Kaitlyn Darnette Bunch
Ashlynn Erinese Clark
Jessilyn Myke'L Divinity
Kirshalyn Elinda Dunmore
Aiyana Marie-Rashae Gilliam
Tylyne Nicole Harris
Jarriah Mychell Hooker
Jordan Jones
Tiras Rajean Jones
Travis James Mason
Anthony Bradley Mitchell
Akerahs Lee'Don Newell
Lauran Rajean Page
Briyana Monique Palmer
Wayn-Kesha SherLexus Rankin
Leah Naloni Robinson
Isaac Kenneth Santitto
Brenda J. Smith
Kobe D'Jordan Jamal Towns
Imani Brielle Washington
Daniel Juwan Woods
Teona Hattia Woods

CUM LAUDE

Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.20 - 3.49

Delesha Allaina Banks
Rayven Cymone Bell
Demario F. Benson
Morrisa Keira Bias
DeAndre Antuan Sabin Brown
Tyesha L. Cole
Torrance Mikhael Corbin
Courtney Larece Crippen
Gerrie Gelise Daniels
Asia Esters
Cindavia Dacia Farr
Ca'Niya Nykel Ferguson
Azariah Ezmondareal Gillum Jr.
HeavenLee DeVine Goldsberry
Taylor Azariah Grady
Narkeshia L. Green
Mercedez JahDiamond Love Greene
Delesia Hamlin
Qunna Marie Hatfield
Jordan Christopher Holt
Amittai Merari Hurt
Jalyh La'Na Roslyn Jackson
Runelda O. Jackson
Gino Martelli Johnson
Jekilriya Keonna Lee
Taylor Danyelle Leflore
Asianna Ccirah McCoy
Destiny Sierra McCoy
Robert McDaniel
Jada Monae Moman
Kelsie Nichelle Nettles
Raylin Amari Prater
Alana Aprie Rayford-Mason
Zakaria Deshae Ross
Vershantis Vershay Sago
Shania Dwayne' Townsend
Blair Effe Walker
Alex Vernell Weathers III
Rayne Theresa Williams
Diamond Alexia Wright
Cyiana Elyssa Wynn

Honor Societies

LAMBDA PI ETA

Charlie Kehaunani Bal
D'Marius Fatrell Jones

MORTAR BOARD

Jessilyn Myke'L Divinity

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS

Jamie McKee Allen
Erica Atchison
Nyirah Nicole Barnes
Darrin Stephon Clark
Zehlin Alton Cornett
Jessilyn Myke'L Divinity
Kirshalyn Elinda Dunmore
Alisa Dora Evans
Ca'Niya Nykel Ferguson
Azariah Ezmondareal Gillum Jr.
Narkeshia Lashelle Green
Mercedes JahDiamond Greene
Alyssa Greer
Qunna Marie Hatfield
Carolyn Jackson
Chukwuka Dominic James
Breneth Cydney Jenkins
Troy'Lynne LaBranch
Delicia Lewis
Desirea Lindsey
Destiny Sierra McCoy
Nakiya Renae McFarland
Kennedi Mykayla Miller
Akerahs Lee'Don Newell
Raylin Amari Prater
Zyria Cheynee Queen
LaTiscal Robinson
Leah Naloni Robinson
Makayla K. Rollins
Zakaria Deshae Ross
Brenda J. Smith
Alex Weathers

GAMMA MU

Javier Hines
Akerahs Lee'Don Newell
Makayla K. Rollins

PI KAPPA LAMBDA

Jekilriya Keonna Lee

PSI CHI

Kaitlyn Darnette Bunch
Jaime Alexandra Edwards
Elantra Boyc'sa Grayson
Kelsie Nichelle Nettles
Ashley LaSha Oliphant
Ashley Shante Scott
Zakeya Lynise Smiley
Jae Sutherland
Genise Jevan Wells
Diamond Alexia Wright

Graduate Degree Candidates

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

James Jaimon Cook
Riviera Beach, FL

Dominic Elizabeth Foxworth
Tylertown, MS

AGRONOMY

Dana Dorteshia Gaines
Hollandale, MS

Chandris Helen Lowe
Union Church, MS

Margeria Angeletha Smith
Lorman, MS

Derryin Ninaye'Dejanala Stampley
Lorman, MS

AGRONOMY PROFESSIONAL

Erica Paige Atchison
Hattiesburg, MS

Christopher Michael Jennings
Evansville, IN

Keirra JaNae Meadious
Foxworth, MS

Charmaine Danialle Payton
Fayette, MS

Diamond Don'Starledranna Smith
Union Church, MS

Darius Malik Smith
Louisville, MS

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Melina Rebecca Johnson
Fayette, MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND NETWORK TECHNOLOGY

Daniel Ferguson Adjaye
Vicksburg, MS

Sudha Dasari
Suwanee, GA

ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Joe Cephus Smith Jr.
Jackson, MS

HOMELAND SECURITY

Jessica Yarteley Turner
Waynesville, MO

RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SCIENCE

Bernice Selase Akuana
Vakpo, Ghana

Jordan Wendell Hamilton
Natchez, MS

Breanna Mechelle Lynch
Vicksburg, MS

Graduate Degree Candidates

Christina Bates Smith

Natchez, MS

Raquel Brown Irving

Natchez, MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN WORKFORCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Annie Cassidy

Lexington, MS

Velvet Cal Graham

Olive Branch, MS

Carolyn Berry-Jackson

Port Gibson, MS

Karla Denice Linston

Port Gibson, MS

Yvette Annette Linston

Port Gibson, MS

Keesa Wavette McGruder

Natchez, MS

Amber Danielle Turner

Woodville, MS

Jabreel Elizabeth Walker

Duncanville, TX

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Johnnie Ray Edwards

Vicksburg, MS

Kerrie Deonna Huff

Natchez, MS

Lakeshia White Johnson

Lake Charles, LA

MASS COMMUNICATION

Keandria Monteria Milloy

Mount Olive, MS

Ryan Madison Sayles

Jackson, MS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Shayla LeShel Shannon

Fayette, MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

Logan LaBelle Beverly

Vicksburg, MS

Santa Fe Arnette Bunch

Vicksburg, MS

Tynika Kierre Neshay Conner

Natchez, MS

Urlexus Danielle Louvenia Davis

Madison, MS

Daniel Thomas Faucett

Lincoln, AL

Madison Benee Danielle Gray

Watertown, NY

Dayna Renee Lynch

Pearl River, NY

Ashley Rene Milton

Dallas, TX

Graduate Degree Candidates

Gabreena Cheyeene Ruff

Olive Branch, MS

Steffon Monterall Savage

Brookhaven, MS

Jonae Marie Skinner

Chalmette, LA

Aaron Jamal Tatum

Clinton, MS

Destiny Amir Walker

Vicksburg, MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Naga Sai Avinash Adapa

Gudivada, India

Anil Daramoni

Hyderabad, India

Prashanth Daramoni

Hyderabad, India

Yuzhong Huang

Hefei, China

D'Munntearrious JaVaughn Jackson

Port Gibson, MS

Manoj Bolugallu Padmayya

Karnataka, India

Bhagyasagar Vavilala

Telangana, India

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

GAMING MANAGEMENT

Chandra Michell Cole

Dallas, TX

GENERAL BUSINESS

DeMarcus Keisler Grant

Lorman, MS

Malik Alexander Rodgers

Pearland, TX

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Deborah Laphaithe King

Brookhaven, MS

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Eckwanise Butler

Natchez, MS

Ti'Andria Lynee' Coleman

Roxie, MS

Graduate Degree Candidates

Ashley Dawn Ellis
Natchez, MS

Chestina LoRita Mackey
Hermanville, MS

Florine Moncrief
Taylorsville, MS

Yolanda Dennis Shepherd
Sibley, MS

Joshua David Sterling
Vicksburg, MS

Alexis Kiara Thompson
Fayette, MS

Danielle Lakim White
Baton Rouge, LA

Yolanda Wyatt White
Port Gibson, MS

Alissia Monique Winborn
State Line, MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Kaitlin Walters Blansett
Columbia, MS

Lauren Lee Jacobs
Chatom, AL

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION AND COACHING (NON-TEACHING)

Kasey Alexander Fillingame
Pearl, MS

Javeon LeQuez Howard
Columbia, MS

Jasmine Le’Kera Ivory
Natchez, MS

Kiara Symone Magee
Goodlettsville, TN

Cameron Zachary Nabers
Hahira, GA

Melissa Andrea Robinson
Tallahassee, FL

Daphne Scott
McComb, MS

Angela Wynn
Vicksburg, MS

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Emmarie Flagg Anderson
Vicksburg, MS

Ekaterina Vasilyevna Neveykina
Lipetsk, Russia

Amber La’Carol Woods
Vicksburg, MS

Graduate Degree Candidates

NCAA COMPLIANCE AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORTING (NON-TEACHING)

Amari Janae Ramsey
Gulfport, MS

Vanteska Kantese Williams
Lorman, MS

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Darylmekia Shaunte' Anderson
Centreville, MS

Yashica Deshae Brown
Vicksburg, MS

SCHOOL OF NURSING

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Yolanda Antoinette Edwards
Gulfport, MS

Precious Diamond Parks
Brandon, MS

POST MASTER OPTION

Lauren Kiah Godley
Waterproof, LA

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Torrance Mikhael Corbin
Metcalf, MS

Kyra Keauna Day
Fayette, MS

Tamaya Tashawn Hooker
Prentiss, MS

Tiras Jacoby Jones
St. Louis, MO

Zyria Cheynee Queen
Fayette, MS

Imani Brielle Washington
Baton Rouge, LA

Timothy Yarbrough
Louisville, MS

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Jalen DeMarco Council
Fayette, MS

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Darrin Le'Shea Adams
Woodville, MS

Ashlynn Erinese Clark
Fayette, MS

Woodrow Wilson Clark
Southaven, MS

Timothy JahQuae Conner
Macon, MS

Alisa Dora Evans
Accokeek, MD

Addison Olivia Gooden
Clarksdale, MS

Kevin Dewanye Kelly
Port Gibson, MS

Vershantis Vershay Sago
Tchula, MS

Deshundrick Cartel Winston
Union Church, MS

Rodney Matyas Walker
Camden, MS

APPLIED SCIENCE

Zehlin Alton Cornett
Natchez, MS

Kirshalyn Elinda Dunmore
Newellton, LA

Ca'Niya Nykel Ferguson
Jackson, LA

Jarriah Mychell Hooker
Vacherie, LA

Chukwuka Dominic James
Jonesboro, GA

Ryan Nicholas Martin
Fayette, MS

Keshawna A'Bria Nelson
Newton, MS

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

Dekedran M. Thorn
Houston, TX

Cameron Briyun Washington
Hollandale, MS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Venisha Lashay Noble
Natchez, MS

Markeisha Shirleasha Latrice Tucker
East St Louis, IL

COMPUTER NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jonathan O. Estes
Greenville, MS

Joshua Jefferson
Tchula, MS

Delicia T. Lewis
Jackson, MS

Nia Alyse McCalphia
Indianola, MS

Trelon Marquise McMorris
Jackson, MS

Joshua LaShean Perkins
Byram, MS

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE

Makya Shanell Griffin
Jackson, MS

Zakaria Deshae Ross
Indianola, MS

Raniqua Deriona Watson
Port Gibson, MS

FOOD NUTRITION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Gerrie Gelyce Daniels
Pass Christian, MS

Aiyana Marie-Rashae Gilliam
Yazoo City, MS

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The Alcorn Ode

Beneath the shade of giant trees,
Fanned by a balmy southern breeze
Thy classic walls have dared to stand
A giant thou art in learning's band;
O, Alcorn dear, our mother, hear
Thy name, we praise, thy name we sing.

Thy name thy sons have honored far;
A crown of gems thy daughters are;
When country called her flag to bear,
The Gold and Purple answered, "Here"
O, Alcorn dear, our mother, hear
Thy name, we praise, thy name we sing.

Far as our race thy clan shall need-
So far to progress they shalt lead
Thy sons with clashing arms of trade;
In useful arts full garbed thy maids;
O, Alcorn dear, we proudly bear
Thy standard on to victory.

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