

# Commencement Exercises of the Forty-Fourth Academic Year

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 • 10 A.M. & 5 P.M.



# GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

## The GSU Story

Governors State University, a comprehensive public institution, was created to be a model of innovation. After 45 years as an upper-division university, in the Fall of 2014, GSU, while reaffirming its commitment to returning adult students, admitted its first freshman class, opened its first living-learning residence hall, and launched an athletic program. This transformation was based on rigorous research and an unwavering commitment to inclusive excellence.

To drive its transformation, GSU reallocated resources to provide first-year students with a strong foundation for academic achievement. Freshmen are taught by full-time, fully committed faculty members – no grad assistants. Composition classes are limited to 18, and other first-year classes do not exceed 30. Planning for the freshman experience led to full-scale educational reform, encompassing academic majors framed by cornerstone and capstone courses with writing, ethics, citizenship, and critical and innovative thinking integrated across the curriculum.

GSU's bold commitment to innovation is further exemplified by the Dual Degree Program. This partnership with 17 Chicagoland community colleges, launched with Kresge Foundation support, is fast becoming a national model for a seamless pathway from Associate degree to Bachelor's degree.

GSU's five doctoral programs emphasize research-based practice in physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, counseling, and leadership.

These major systemic changes were accomplished through strategic planning, comprehensive engagement, and a thoughtful business plan. The American Council on Education (ACE) recently presented GSU the 2015 ACE/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation. This national award, presented to GSU among all the small universities in the nation (under 5,000 full-time equivalent students) confirms GSU's innovation, resourcefulness, and responsiveness.

Committed to student success, GSU continues to model academic excellence, innovation, diversity, and responsible citizenship.

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## Order of Exercises

Saturday, May 16, 2015, 10 a.m.

College of Business and Public Administration

College of Health and Human Services

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon  
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PRELUDE .....	Encore Concert Band Jessica Moffia, <i>Conductor</i>
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS .....	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
PROCESSIONAL.....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Stephen Wagner and Dr. Dale Schuit, <i>Excellence Award Recipients</i> “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar .....Encore Concert Band
CALL TO ORDER .....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Grand Marshal</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Katrina Love, <i>2015 Graduate</i> <i>Please join in singing the National Anthem</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....	Brian D. Mitchell, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY .....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Faculty Senate President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....	State Representative Will Davis, <i>Alumni Representative</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER .....	Jeremy Joyce, <i>Student Trustee</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS .....	Dorian Joseph Harris, <i>2015 Graduate</i>
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS .....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE .....	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i> Conferring of Degree..... Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i> Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters..... Nikki Giovanni
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i> College of Business and Public Administration..... Dr. David Green, <i>Chair</i> College of Health and Human Services..... Dr. Elizabeth A. Cada, <i>Dean</i> Name Readers .....CBPA - Nick Battaglia, CHHS - Dr. Rebecca Wojcik
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Stephen Wagner and Dr. Dale Schuit, <i>Excellence Award Recipients</i> “Crown Imperial,” by William Walton.....Encore Concert Band
FANFARE SELECTION .....	Encore Concert Band

*Sign language interpretation provided by Susan Bova.*

The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.

## Order of Exercises

Saturday, May 16, 2015, 5 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences      College of Education

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*University President  
Presiding*

PRELUDE .....	Encore Concert Band Jessica Moffia, <i>Conductor</i>
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS .....	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
PROCESSIONAL.....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Deborah James and Dr. Dale Schuit, <i>Excellence Award Recipients</i> “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar .....Encore Concert Band
CALL TO ORDER .....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Grand Marshal</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Martha Tyler, <i>2015 Graduate</i> <i>Please join in singing the National Anthem</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....	Brian D. Mitchell, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY .....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Faculty Senate President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....	Michael Hopkins, <i>Alumni Representative</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER .....	Mychael Vanarsdale, <i>Student Senate President</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS .....	Jason Vignone, <i>2015 Graduate</i>
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS .....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE .....	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i> Conferring of Degree..... Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i> Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters.....Elizabeth Brackett
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i> College of Arts and Sciences .....Dr. Reinhold Hill, <i>Dean</i> College of Education.....Dr. Shannon Dermer, <i>Chair</i> Name Readers ..... CAS - Dr. Deborah James, COE - Dr. Colleen Sexton
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	Dr. Rashidah J. Muhammad, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Deborah James, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i> Dr. Dale Schuit, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i> “Crown Imperial,” by William Walton..... Encore Concert Band
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## **Honorary Degree Candidate**

### **Elizabeth Brackett**

Elizabeth Brackett is a Peabody Award winner and two-time Midwest Emmy Award-winning journalist. She has spent her career covering topics as varied and noteworthy as presidential, mayoral, and gubernatorial races, the Chicago financial exchanges, the Chicago Bulls, and local environmental and genetic research stories.

As a correspondent and substitute host for WTTW-11's flagship nightly public affairs program, "Chicago Tonight," Ms. Brackett is a trusted and respected professional charged with informing Midwest viewers with the important issues of the day.

As local correspondent for the PBS program "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" since 1984, Ms. Brackett covered national and international stories in-depth; reporting, writing, producing, and presenting the news to keep Americans abreast of the issues that affect their lives.

With politics and urban issues as her areas of expertise, Ms. Brackett has covered stories of importance to every American, including Democratic and Republican presidential campaigns, the shuttle disasters, Chicago school reform, the Public Housing Crisis, and many others.

Nationally-recognized for her journalistic excellence, Ms. Brackett won a Peabody Award for her television reporting from the 1988 presidential campaign. Among her many other accolades, Ms. Brackett is also a two-time winner of the Peter Lisagor Award for Business Journalism.

Prior to joining WTTW, Ms. Brackett was a general assignment reporter for WLS-TV, WGN-TV and Radio, and WBBM-TV. As a dedicated and contributing participant in her community, Ms. Brackett has been a coordinator for the Adolescent Alternative Placement Program of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and a community organizer for the Uptown YMCA.

Her interest in politics began early, serving as Illinois Issues Coordinator for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign and as fundraising director and advance director for William Singer's mayoral campaign.

In the spring of 2009, Ms. Brackett became a first-time author with her book "Pay to Play: How Rod Blagojevich Turned Political Corruption into a National Sideshow." She is also a four-time world champion triathlete, winning the ITU World Championship in her age group in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. She came in second in the world in 2013 and 2014.

## **Honorary Degree Candidate**

### **Nikki Giovanni**

Nikki Giovanni, University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech, is one of the world's most revered poets. Her work articulates the struggles and celebrations of Black Americans. Her poetry and nonfiction essays cover topics ranging from race and social justice to wisdom and guidance for our nation's youth.

Her honors include an unprecedented seven NAACP Image Awards for her works: "Love Poems;" "Blues: For All the Changes;" "Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea;" "Acolytes;" "Hip Hop Speaks to Children;" "100 Best African American Poems;" and "Bicycles."

Ms. Giovanni was awarded the Langston Hughes Medal, given annually to recognize an influential and engaging African American writer, and has been nominated for a Grammy Award for her "Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection." Additionally, she was named as one of Oprah Winfrey's 25 "Living Legends."

Her literary endeavors have earned Ms. Giovanni the American Book Award, the Caldecott Honor Book Award, the Carl Sandburg Literary Award, and the Moonbeam Children's Book Award. She has also been a finalist for the National Book Award and has authored three New York Times and Los Angeles Times Best Sellers. All of her more than 20 books are still in print.

Ms. Giovanni is a leading figure in American culture and a major voice in helping people understand the contributions of African Americans to this nation. She has been named Woman of the Year by Mademoiselle, Ladies' Home Journal, and Ebony magazines. She was the first recipient of The Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award. Earlier this year, Ms. Giovanni was named one of the Library of Virginia's "Virginia Women in History" for her contributions to poetry, education, and society.

Ms. Giovanni has had keys to more than two dozen American cities bestowed upon her, including New York, Miami, Los Angeles, and New Orleans. Ms. Giovanni graduated with honors from Fisk University and attended the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the U.S.

## ***Student Speakers***

### **Dorian Joseph Harris**

Dorian Harris is a New Orleans native whose passion for education and helping people was formed at an early age and continues to this day. Dorian's dream of a higher education has led to earning his graduate degree in Communication Disorders from Governors State University.

Dorian began his collegiate career at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, where he studied Communication Science. In 2005, Dorian's education and career was placed on hold after he was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Despite the challenges stemming from this event, Dorian persevered. He earned a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge in 2010.

Since joining the graduate studies program at GSU in 2010, Dorian has supported the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood, dedicating many hours to educating male domestic violence offenders on ways to live nonviolently. Dorian has also been able to apply his philanthropy work to his speech pathology studies through his research into the correlation of domestic violence and selective mutism, particularly in children.

Dorian currently serves as the Assistant Residence Hall Director for University Housing where he has the opportunity to work, mentor, and influence the lives of students who live in Prairie Place. He takes clinical rotations at three different sites: Jefferson Elementary in Joliet, Elim Christian Center in Palos Heights, and Miller Rehab Center in Kankakee. Dorian is joined in celebration with many members of his family who are in attendance.

### **Jason Vignone**

Jason Vignone has wanted to make a difference in the lives of those around him since his youth in Calumet City. Working in higher education for the last 12 years, primarily with students from lower income urban areas, Jason has been making a difference. Not having his bachelor's degree, however, was something Jason felt he needed to accomplish; both as a career objective and as an example to the students he mentors.

Jason began his collegiate studies in the 1990s at South Suburban College, and then Eastern Illinois University, but a job offer postponed the completion of his degree. Jason took a position at Career Education Corp., eventually rising to the position of Registrar at Sanford Brown College in Tinley Park. It was there that Jason found that in order to achieve his career goals, he needed to return to college for a bachelor's degree.

Jason turned to Governors State, where he enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor of Arts Program centering his studies on History, Cultural Anthropology and Global Politics. To further his understanding of other people and cultures, Jason and his family spent six months in Serbia where Jason tutored English in the Department of Philology (Language Studies) at the University of Belgrade.

Now, with a bachelor's degree in hand, Jason can advance his career and fulfill his goal of making a difference in people's lives through academic advising or student services. He is also considering an advanced degree. Today, as Jason reaches this milestone, his wife and children are here to celebrate with him.



## College of Arts and Sciences

### Bachelor of Arts

Rachel Abbott	Stephania Burks	Johelen Golden	Pamela Jones ***
Yasin Abuzir	Yvette Burnside	Justin Gomez	Gina Jurewicz *
Ty Acosta	Nancy Button ***	Waldemar Gorczyca	Ashley Kash
Shahenaz Ahmad	Veronica Bynum	Donna Gordon	Lutfia Kassem
Ahmed Akel	Latonya Carey	Alyssa Grata	Kennise Keaton
Liliana Alamillo	Kyle Carlson *	Kenisha Green	James Kehoe
Mahmoud Alawadi	Hillary Carroll ***	Gwendolyn Griffith	Latecia Kilgore-Thomas
Ahmad Al-Hamdan	Ericka Carter	Karolyn Grissom **	Rhonda Kimbrough
Adan Alvarado ***	Lonnie Cavitt	John Gudac	Collice King
Caitlin Amescua	Mark Chatlosh	Edward Hadnott	Sherry Kisielius
Latonia Ames-Sheared	Antonio Claiborne	Ahmed Hajhassan	Peggy Klutcharch
Brittani Anderson	Stacy Clam	Tracy Hall ***	Karl Koch ***
Matthew Andre	Valerie Collins	Duchess Hardy	Denise Koehne
Sandra Arriaga	Larhonda Cooper	Barbara Harley	Aukse Koliuskaite
LaJule Arrington	Austin Copley	Christopher Harper *	Jennifer Konopka
Mohammed Ashour	Justine Cormier	Cole Harper	Damian Kozak
Melinda Avelar	Gerard Creamer	Brenda Harris	Spencer Krohn
Ammanuel Melaku Ayalew	Amy Cwiklinski	Cordarro Harris	Kyra Kuk ***
Eduardo Bahena, Jr.	Deanna Dahla	Kendra Harris	Yves Lafontant
Fahad Baig	Robert Dahlberg **	LaTina Harris	Lauren Langland
LaCarl Baker ***	Brian Daly	Mark Harris, Jr.	Gary Laster, Jr. **
Kaitlyn Balamut	Anessa Davenport	Rena Harriston	Thomas Latham
Pamela Banks	Catherine Davis	Sharon Hart	Karolina Latocha **
Irma Barajas	Denise Davis	Renee Hawthorne	Natalie Latona *
Jeanta Barnes	James Davis	Kevin Heath	Jeffrey Lea ***
Kimberly Barnes	Nathaniel Davis **§	Chelsey Heft	Gregory Lee
Trisha Barnes **	Latanya Dennis	Natalie Helberg ***	Sammantha Leski
Melissa Baron ***	Patrick Dillard	Megan Helgeson	Chaquita Lewis
Anthony Barracca	Nicole Dizon	Marshira Henderson	Chantel Liggett
Joseph Bartnik *	Samuel Dobbs	Zachary Hendrick	Katie Lindsey-McCoy
Bridgette Battle	Suzanne Doggett **	Chanette Henry	Frank Lisula
Nadege Beauduy	Latonya Donaldson-Wilson *	David Henzler *	Rachel Lockett
Jamila Becton	Alicia Dumas	Luis Hernandez	Ashley Lopez
Nate Benard	Zakarri Dowd	Chanel Hill	David Love
Elizabeth Bennett ***	Beverly Dudley	Ralpheal Hill	Brittany Luna
Marina Berryhill	Jamel Dunbar	Brandy Hilliard	Steven Lund **
Kenneth Binion	Frank Dziadosz	Anita Hines	Ariel Mack
Kourtney Blackmon	Adam Ebert *	Ronald Hopkins, Jr.	Timothy Manning **
Timothy Blair	Chrystal Edwards	Alexandrea Horton	Jerry Martin, Jr. ***
Brian Bock ***	Darrell Edwards	Lauren Hubbard	Danielle Martinez
Shivaun Bolden *	Keshia Ellis	Ruba Ibrahim	Estephania Martinez *
Tanisha Bond	Jesus Espinoza *	Ashley Jackson	Stephanie Matos
Sarissa Boudreau	Philip Espinoza	Shawnquala Jackson	Sherrise Maxwell
Ewenece Boyd	Charles Evans *	Sean Jacobi	Bianca McArthur
Tashia Boyd	Ryan Farquharson	Janinemarie Jacoby **	Louise McClure
James Bragg	Scott Finlay	Kayle James	Marc McClure
Steven Brandenburger *	Heather Fitzmaurice	Arkia Jenkins	Jennifer McCorkle
Amy Brickner	Patrice Fitzpatrick	Matthew Jennings	Sharon McCullum
Holly Britton *	Denise Flores	Daniel Johnson *	Davetia McGrew
Vanessa Brooks **	Christopher Foster	Deborah Johnson	Courtney McGuire
Danielle Brown	Kenesha Franklin	Denice Johnson *	Susan McMullen *
Mathew Brown ***	Latiana Franklin ***	Pamela Johnson	Dionne Mhoon
Roushella Brown	Sheila Gabriel	Veronica Johnson	Susan Milke
Sheana Bryant	Nicholas Galgano	Monique Jones **	
Dabney Buchanan	Annamarie Gavin **		
Janet Bullaro ***	Cinthia Ghanayem		
	Rocco Giannelli		
	Kevin Godinez ***		

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## College of Arts and Sciences

### Bachelor of Arts (cont.)

Carrie Miller  
Margaret Miller  
Soretta Miller  
Kyle Minett  
Joana Miranda  
Darrel Mitchell  
Denise Mitchell  
Omar Mohammad \*\*\*  
David Monroy-Valencia  
Lizbeth Montes  
Belinda Moore  
Terry Moore  
Timothy Moore  
Mia Morales \*  
Takina Morris \*  
Jeanene Mosley  
Neil Moss  
Ronald Mudiappa  
Dana Muersch \*\*  
Robert Mulac \*\*\*  
Tamara Nafe  
Roy Nelson \*\*\*  
Leah Nettle  
Patrick Nnadi  
Illona Nykaza \*\*\*  
Margaret O'Brien  
Shelly Oliver  
Kerri O'Neill \*  
Elizabeth Ortiz  
Liliana Ortiz  
Crystal Outten-Valentine  
Seja Parikh  
Markeeta Parker \*\*\*  
Lora Paulson \*\*\*  
Daniel Perez  
Raven Phillips  
Tarcianikki Pillows  
Brandy Pitts  
Robert Platos \*\*\*  
Karen Plunkett  
Oscar Porter  
Shenay Porter  
Cody Potocki  
Ramona Pozek \*  
Aleshia Rabideau  
Szymon Radecki \*  
Kaitlyn Raich \*  
Teena Rajan  
Kamese Ray  
Charles Reed  
Joshua Reinhardt  
Nicole Reyes \*\*  
Jeanine Rivers  
Kelly Roberts \*\*  
Tanjaneek Roberts  
Derrick Robinson \*\*

Olga Rodriguez  
Neal Rooney \*\*\*  
Ricardo Ruiz  
Brianna Ryan  
Jonathan Ryan  
Andrew Salata \*\*  
Juan Salgado \*\*  
Christopher Sanchez  
Lorie Sanders  
Gwyn Sanderson  
Daniel Scanlan  
Thomas Scannell  
Samantha Schmidt \*\*\*  
Jeff Schouten  
Doria Scott  
Navarra Scott \*  
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Erin Stadtler  
James Starks  
Colleen Steeves  
Adam Stewart  
Steven Stiers  
Crystal Stokes \*\*\*  
Samantha Stone  
Sheri Strba  
Daniel Studer  
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Christina Summerlin \*  
Jessica Svoboda \*\*  
Michael Szwabowski \*\*  
Michelle Tamayo \*  
Lysa Taylor  
Yevgen Tefledzhuk  
Kevin Theiss  
Crystal Thomas  
Jessica Thomas  
Jazmen Domyinique Thompson  
Lakendrick Thompson  
Tommy Thompson \*\*\*  
Amanda Thrasher  
Jihong Tian \*\*\*  
Abbey Tishka \*  
Regina Todd  
Michele Torbik  
Crystal Torres  
Christine Toth

Christine Trksak  
Kara Trojan \*\*  
LaJuene Tucker  
Emily Valentine  
Angela VanBoven  
Kiril Vassev  
Nicole Vazquez \*\*\*  
Julie Vercellotti \*  
Marko Vesin  
Jason Vignone \*\*\*  
Gloria Vivanco  
Jonathan Viverette  
Christie Voltattorni  
Veronica Wade  
Oumou Wague  
Janette Waksmanski  
Vincent Wallace  
Daniel Waller \*\*\*  
Michelle Weishaar  
David Westerhausen \*\*\*  
Corey White  
Brittany Whitehead \*  
Lukasz Wierzbicki  
Nicole Wilk  
Richard Wilk \*\*  
Chanelle Williams  
Derek Williams  
Sterling Williams  
Deborah Wilson  
Walter Witzke  
Sonja Woods  
Stacey Woods  
Tabitha Wordlaw  
Gabrielle Wright  
William Wright \*  
Lasis Yusuf  
Alaa Zayed

### Bachelor of Fine Arts

Jeanetta Brown \*\*\*  
Marcelina Jara  
Verana Stark \*\*\*

### Bachelor of Science

Mario Alcala  
Salvador Alcantar  
Reena Alexander  
Jose Arroyo \*\*\*  
Lauren Baldacci \*  
Courtney Barrios \*\*  
Lauren Bernard  
Anthony Betancourt

Michael Bezener \*  
Briana Bienkowski \*  
Erin Biggane  
Enrique Camacho, Jr.  
Fabian Cambron \*\*\*  
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Amanda Cobb  
Ryan Cobden  
Rubye Coleman  
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Cory Hughes  
Dana Hussein \*\*  
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Noura Abdallah  
Lujain Abufarha  
Maha Abufarha  
Erica Adams  
Alexander Amponsah  
Lyne'ya Anderson  
Antonio Artis  
Thomas Ashe  
Charles Barwegen, Jr.  
Caryn Becker  
Robert Bonds, III  
Roselyn Brazelton  
Daniel Brown  
Michael Brown  
Paris Brown  
Andrielle Cap  
Karla Castellanos  
Latara Chaney  
David Colander  
Sharon Colbert  
Nicholas Coleman  
Thomas Cronin  
Jeffrey Cuccio  
Michael Cuela  
Susan D'Alberty  
Meghan Danaher  
Judy Ferneau  
Ann Geraci  
John Gildroy  
Kelly Glynn  
Willie Gordon  
Gloria Gray  
Nikki Guterz  
Sajid Haidari  
Angela Hayward  
Erica Hennings  
Jorge Hernandez  
Scherrye Horton  
Kaneda Irvin  
Candace Jennings-Coe  
Nikesha Jernigan-Childress  
Kristoffer Jett  
William Joyce  
Earl King  
Jasmine King  
Angela Knox  
Tammy Kordik  
William Leen  
David Luecht  
Michael Lusk  
Ryan Mahoney  
Christopher Mannino  
Alison McCarthy-Weglewski  
Anthony McCray  
Angela McDowell-Richards

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Paulette McKinnis  
Thomas McNeela  
Dale Mitchell  
Allen Moore  
Anthony Mortley  
Rosemary Nowicki  
Mable O'Neil-Weatherby  
Rasmieh Odeh  
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Kasmer Quinn  
Maria Ramirez  
Jerry Resudek  
Sanovia Reynolds-Parks  
Iris Rodgers  
Jose Rodriguez  
Danny Romeo  
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Suzette Shepherd  
Daniel Shine  
Jory Simmons  
Deliliah Stidwell  
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Donald Weimar  
Rajah Welcome-Neely  
Lorese Wesley  
Steffinie Winfrey

### Master of Fine Arts

Timothy Arroyo  
Adriene Farmer  
Judith Hanacek  
Diana Muhammad  
Kristine O'Reilly

### Master of Science

Asamah Abdallah  
Ramu Anthati  
Chaitanya Arava  
Ramesh Avula  
Sudharshan Bandaru  
Marlon Berry  
Preethi Reddy Boyapally  
Nicholas Brown  
Mekeda Carr  
Heather Conte  
Genice Cox  
Venkata Rao Daggubati  
Krishna Chaitanya  
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Gaddam  
Sofia Galarza  
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Tim Gsell – Full Professor

Michael Hart – University Lecturer

Elizabeth Johnson – Associate Professor

Larry Levinson – Full Professor

Kerri K. Morris – Associate Professor

### **College of Business and Public Administration**

Carlos Ferran – Associate Professor

Gökçe Sargut – Assistant Professor

John Simon – Associate Professor

Rob Sinclair – Assistant Professor

Jeff Slovak – Deputy Vice President for Administration and Finance

Michael Williams – Assistant Professor

### **College of Education**

Sasha Cervantes – Assistant Professor

Cyrus M. Ellis – Associate Professor

Tywanda Jiles – Associate Professor

Megan McCaffrey – Assistant Professor

Vickie Person – Assistant Professor

Ellen Silver-Horrel – University Lecturer

Byron Waller – Associate Professor

### **College of Health and Human Services**

Joseph Day – Assistant Professor

Lorri Glass – Associate Professor

Nicole Koonce – Assistant Professor

Zo Ramamonjiarivelo – Assistant Professor

Caren Rossow – University Lecturer

Joyce Sligar – Senior University Lecturer

Robin Washington – Associate Professor

## Governors State University (GSU) Honors Cords, Medallions, and Stoles for Commencement

Some graduates wear medals signifying their completion of the honors program. Other graduates wear long cords or stoles around their necks; these symbolize the academic honors they have achieved.

**GSU Honors Program** – for undergraduates who completed the Honors Program.

By completing this rigorous program, these graduates develop greater depth within their academic major by completing advanced work within their program, attending interdisciplinary seminars, and producing a final honors project.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Color</b>
GSU Honors Program	Medallion	Gold

### GSU University Honors – for undergraduates only

<b>Honors</b>	<b>Cord or Stole</b>	<b>Color</b>
Cum Laude	Cord	White
Magna Cum Laude	Cord	Silver
Summa Cum Laude	Cord	Gold

### GSU Honors Societies – for students who are members of these Honors Societies

<b>Society</b>	<b>Cord or Stole</b>	<b>Color</b>
Alpha Eta Society (Allied Health)	Cord	Green
Alpha Iota Sigma	Cord	Blue and White
Alpha Sigma Lambda (Adult Learners)	Cord	Burgundy and Antique Gold
Chi Sigma Iota (Counselors)	Stole	Blue and White
Delta Mu Delta (Business)	Cord	Purple and Gold
Lambda Alpha Epsilon (Criminal Justice)	Cord	Reflex Blue and Gold
Lambda Pi Eta (Communications)	Cord	Crimson and Cream
Phi Alpha (Social Work)	Stole	Blue and Gold
Phi Theta Epsilon (Occupational Therapy)	Cord	Navy and Gold
Psi Chi (Psychology)	Cord	Blue and Gray
SALUTE Veterans	Cord	Red, White, and Blue
Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)	Cord	Purple
Tau Sigma (Transfer)	Cord	Burgundy and Gold
Student Senate (Student Governance)	Stole	Black and White
Upsilon Phi Delta (Computing)	Cord	Blue and Red

### Dual-Degree Program (DDP) cords – for GSU graduates who entered GSU through the DDP

<b>GSU-DDP (Dual Degree Program)</b>	<b>Cord or Stole</b>	<b>Color</b>
City Colleges of Chicago	Cord	Light Blue and Black and White
College of DuPage	Cord	Green and Black and White
Harper College	Cord	Blue and Black and White
Joliet Junior College	Cord	Purple and Black and White
Kankakee Community College	Cord	Red and Black and White
Moraine Valley Community College	Cord	Dark Green and Black and White
Morton College	Cord	Light Blue and Black and White
Prairie State College	Cord	Green and Black and White
South Suburban College	Cord	Blue and Black and White
Triton College	Cord	Maroon and Black and White
Waubensee Community College	Cord	Maroon and Black and White

## Academic Regalia

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers' degrees, colleges/universities, and fields of study.

### The Cap

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

### The Gown

Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition: gold signifies high honors; white signifies honors. The master's gown has sleeves, with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctoral gown is an elaborate costume, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

### The Hood

The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. The trim colors for doctoral and master's hoods are as follows:

<b>Degree Programs.....</b>	<b>Color</b>
Accounting .....	Drab
Addictions Studies.....	Salmon Pink
Analytical Chemistry .....	Golden Yellow
Art .....	Brown
Business Administration.....	Drab
Communication Disorders.....	Salmon Pink
Communication and Training .....	White
Computer Science .....	Golden Yellow
Counseling.....	Light Blue
Counselor Education and Supervision .....	Light Blue
Criminal Justice .....	Navy
Early Childhood Education.....	Light Blue
Education .....	Light Blue
Educational Administration.....	Light Blue
English.....	White
Environmental Biology .....	Golden Yellow
Independent Film and Digital Imaging.....	Brown
Interdisciplinary Leadership.....	Light Blue
Health Administration .....	Salmon Pink
Management Information Systems.....	Golden Yellow
Mathematics.....	Bright Gold
Multicategorical Special Education .....	Light Blue
Nursing .....	Apricot
Occupational Therapy .....	Slate Blue
Physical Therapy .....	Teal
Political and Justice Studies.....	White
Psychology.....	Light Blue
Public Administration .....	Peacock Blue
Social Work.....	Citric

## **Dual Degree Program Graduates**

Dual Degree Program graduates received distinctive cords for their academic regalia that intertwine GSU's colors—black and white—with the colors of the student's community college. Braiding these colors together symbolizes the partnership and shared goal of the community college and GSU; working together to help these students achieve academic success.

Governor State University's nationally recognized Dual Degree Program is a partnership with 17 area community colleges that establishes a seamless pathway for students to complete their associate degrees at a Chicagoland partner community college and continue their education at GSU to attain their bachelor's degrees.

## **The 2015 Class Gift**

The value of educational opportunity is celebrated by each graduating class with a legacy gift to Governors State University. The amount of each gift reflects the year of the student's commencement. This year's gift is \$20.15, although many graduates choose to donate more. The total Class of 2015 gift supports the GSU Promise exemplifying the graduates' commitment to educational opportunity. Additional contributions to the class gift also provide graduates with the opportunity to express gratitude in the form of a dedicated donation to those who encouraged their achievement.

The GSU Promise is a million dollar scholarship endowment that the university has built to enable high-achieving, qualified community college transfer students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program to obtain bachelor's degrees without burdensome debt.

## **GSU Alumni Association**

The Alumni Association connects graduates with each other, as well as to volunteer opportunities, community outreach activities, educational workshops and seminars, and cultural, recreational, and professional events.

GSU graduates serve as ambassadors of the university. They advocate for GSU in their personal networks, and encourage high school, community college, veterans, and other students to attend GSU. They also return to campus, share their success stories, mentor current students, and donate to promote educational opportunity.

The Alumni Association and the generations of GSU alumni are proud to welcome the Class of 2015 to its ranks.



## The Mace

The governor's mace, carried by the marshal who leads the academic procession, is a symbol of the authority of the university as a degree-granting institution. The legal authority of the university is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty who follow in the procession.

In antiquity, the mace was a weapon used to establish the "authority" of the physically strong. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to and a reminder of the civilizing force of a university's teaching, research and community service functions.

Engraved on the four side-panels of the governor's mace are the seal of the State of Illinois; a cardinal, the state bird; the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and an inscription which reads "The governor's mace, a symbol of tradition and authority of Governors State University, dedicated to the search for excellence in the pursuit of truth, knowledge and the love of learning. Presented by Peter Levin, friend of the university, June 2, 1979."

Atop the mace is a silver rendition of the university logo. The three sides of the "triangle" symbolize the university's teaching, research and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket; reminding us both that the university was founded within days of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university's outreach into the region, state and nation, and its commitment to teaching, research and community service.

