



**2021** *GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY*  
*COMMENCEMENT*  
College of Arts and Sciences



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## **A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Dear Graduates,

Today, we celebrate your achievements at Governors State University's first-ever virtual Commencement ceremony.

As the university's sixth president, I joined Governors State last summer in the midst of the pandemic. Throughout this academic year, I have seen you adapt to unique and challenging circumstances in remarkable ways. While many students finished their experience entirely online, others donned masks to finish their courses in labs and studios.

Perseverance, grit, and tenacity – these characteristics are the hallmark of almost every college experience, but even more so for you, the graduates of 2021.

On behalf of the Governors State University Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff, I congratulate you and wish you all the best as you take the next steps of your career or academic journey.

And to those who are joining us today – parents, spouses, relatives, and children – I thank you for your support of our graduates.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl Green  
President of Governors State University

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### **GSU'S ROOTS**

Governors State always was and still is a model of innovation. Founded in 1969 as an upper-division regional public university, GSU served as the premier institution for a highly motivated student population of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students. Located in Chicago's Southland, where the prairie meets the city, GSU's competency-based curriculum was ahead of its time. Transparency, intellectual curiosity, and diversity were hallmarks of its institutional identity.

That founding spirit of innovation and creativity still guides the institution today, now a four-year comprehensive university.

### **JAGUAR GEMS**

From our accredited academic programs to our rankings for diversity and least student debt by U.S. News and World Report, Governors State University is a gem in the Chicago Southland. Our students, alumni, faculty, and staff are a source of great pride, and we honor their achievements.

Read more: [govst.edu/jaguargems](http://govst.edu/jaguargems).

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Governors State University is a hub for learning, culture, and innovation within the region. The university partners with community organizations, state and local governments, entrepreneurs, small businesses, major corporations, and economic development organizations to tackle societal challenges and advance economic growth in the region. Community and business collaborative efforts focus on realizing a shared vision for healthier and more engaged citizens, thriving economies, and a better tomorrow.



## *The Mace*

The governor's mace, traditionally carried by the Faculty Senate President 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.

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# *Order of Exercises*

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Saturday, May 22, 2021 • 10 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Cheryl Green, *University President*, Presiding

CALL TO ORDER..... Dr. David Golland, *Faculty Senate President*  
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS ..... Tony Labriola, *Master of Ceremonies*  
NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Sessily Gianakos, *2021 Graduate*  
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....Lisa M. Harrell, *Chair*  
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY..... Dr. David Golland, *Faculty Senate President*  
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ..... Kayla Siam, J.D.  
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS.....Jeanine Latrice Koger, *2021 Graduate*  
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ..... Dr. Cheryl Green, *President*  
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE.....Dr. Elizabeth A. Cada, *Provost*  
CONFERRING OF DEGREE ..... Dr. Cheryl Green, *President*  
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT, DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS ..... Jill Wine-Banks  
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .....Dr. Elizabeth A. Cada, *Provost*  
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN .....Dr. Andrae Marak, *Dean*  
CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... Dr. Cheryl Green, *President*  
CLOSING REMARKS..... Tony Labriola, *Master of Ceremonies*

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## *Honorary Degree Recipients*

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### *Jill Wine-Banks*

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa*

Before the term ‘shattering glass ceilings’ existed in the national lexicon, Jill Wine-Banks made it fashionable, leaving a trail of broken shards as evidence of her female existence.

A special prosecutor in Richard Nixon’s historic Watergate case, Wine-Banks advanced gender equality as the only woman on the team seeking criminal charges against the most powerful man in the world. In her fierce pursuit of justice and representation in a male-dominated legal world, Wine-Banks fought to overcome the sexism and gender discrimination women faced, including being described as “a girl,” “a lady lawyer,” and “the mini-skirted lawyer.” Now she sees those labels as emblematic of the obstacles of the era and – winking at that patriarchal system – titled her 2020 book “The Watergate Girl.”

After the Nixon trial, Wine-Banks continued blazing trails. In President Jimmy Carter’s Pentagon, Wine-Banks served as General Counsel of the Army where she helped integrate women into the ranks and introduced them to the exclusive club West Point. Back in her home state of Illinois, Wine-Banks stepped into the Deputy Attorney General role as the first woman to do so and then took the reins of the American Bar Association as the first female Chief Operating Officer.

Outside the world of plaintiffs and prosecutors, Wine-Banks’ brilliance shone as a corporate executive at two Fortune 500 companies. In the public and nonprofit sectors, she created Chicago’s first early college program as a Chief Officer of Chicago Public Schools and continues to work with public and private boards to advocate for their missions.

With a unique perspective on two Republican presidents who faced impeachment charges, Wine-Banks now offers legal analysis, most notably to MSNBC viewers seeking a rare and informed glimpse of the intersection of politics, history, and media.

For a lifetime of breaking barriers in the pursuit of justice for all – regardless of race, religion and gender – and for her continued demonstration of a commitment to Governors State University’s ideals of diversity and inclusion as well as to social justice for all students, the Board of Trustees is honored to award Jill Wine-Banks – legal scholar, author and analyst – the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa. We welcome her into our community of inspirational scholars, artists, and educators.

### *J. Latrice Koger*

J. Latrice Koger served her country for more than a decade as a member of the U.S. Army, and then used that training to serve faculty, staff, and students at Governors State University.

With determination and drive, Latrice has performed strategically in a series of ascending roles beginning with Treasurer for the Black Student Union, President of the Psychology Club and Vice President of Psi Chi International Honors Society. Latrice was a student representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Board of Trustees before being named to Governors State University’s Board of Trustees in 2020.

The same year, the Lincoln Academy of Illinois recognized Latrice’s overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities with the Student Lincoln Laureate honor. The award is given to one senior from each of the state’s four-year colleges for their contributions to “the betterment of humanity.”

In 2019, Latrice transferred to Governors State after earning her associate degree at Prairie State College as part of the university’s Dual Degree Program, a partnership with community colleges that provides students with a pathway to earn both an associate and bachelor’s degree in just four years.

At Prairie State, Latrice received awards —including the President’s Award — for her commitment, including stints as president of two honor societies, Psi Beta National Honor Society for Psychology and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs.

Now, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Governors State with a perfect GPA, Latrice said she plans to pursue a Master of Arts in Counseling because the community needs her.

# College of Arts and Sciences

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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 Tiffany Chantelle Julia Davis  
 Unique Miracle Davis  
 Wade Davis  
 Ernest Jerome Dawson II  
 Daniel Alejandro DeLeon  
 Keely Danielle Deloache  
 Katesha Shauna Demus  
 Mac James Difoggio  
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 Ananasia Ivory  
 Lynette Sheree Jackson  
 Qiana Jackson  
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Kyle Turner  
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Brandon Michael Dobson \*  
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Jimmy Quincy Ellis  
Logan Enright \*  
Sayeeda Rakiah Fatima  
Maritza Gallegos  
Johmil Gaudiano  
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Naheda Hammad  
Sonia Handa  
Madison Herlan \*\*  
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Tera Ivy  
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Kanasha Jackson  
Sushila E. Jackson \*\*\*  
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Olufolajimi Lawal  
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Ricardo R. Ruiz  
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Eswar Ravi Kiran Bitragunta  
Sumanth Boda  
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Tharuni Chintapalli  
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Jacob J. Hunt  
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Vyshnavi Kasu  
Virosha Reddy Kasula  
Akshith Reddy Katkuri  
Jahnvi Reddy Katta  
Akheel Khan  
Mohammed Shah Nawaz Khan  
Salman Khan  
Srinivas Kommalapati  
Joseph Ravali Kommareddy  
Sai Likhith Konduru  
Jaswanth Rai Kotni  
Akhil Reddy Kovvuri  
Amruthraj Kukka  
Cedelle D. Kupfer-Escobedo  
Shiva Manchika  
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Akram Khan Mohammed  
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Basheer Ahmed Mohammed  
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Pranahit Peddi  
Naveen Kumar Penmetsa  
Pittala Mythri  
Venkat Naveen Kumar Ponnaganti  
Devavrath Rao Ponugoti  
Mokshith Anand Punjala  
Anusha Putty  
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Jayanth Teegala  
Nikhil Reddy Thipparthi  
Srinavya Thirumalagiri  
Sai Kumar Reddy Tumma  
Reema Shravani Tummalapalli  
Rajya Lakshmi Upendram  
Jishnu Purna Vallabhaneni  
Monica Sathya Vallabhaneni  
Yoshitha Varre  
Lauren Wallace  
Jacquelyn F. Wolski  
Sai Krishna Reddy Yarram Reddy  
Diana Maribel Acosta  
Axel David Rutter

# ← *Honors Cords, Medallions, and Stoles for Commencement* →

The medals worn by some graduates symbolize their completion of the GSU Honors Program.  
The stoles or cords worn by some graduates symbolize their membership in an honor society or the Dual Degree Program.

## **Honors Program – for undergraduates only**

Honors Program graduates complete a rigorous academic curriculum including an honors capstone with the goal of promoting leadership and personal development for the betterment of the students, the university, and the local and global community.

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

## **University Honors – for undergraduates only**

<b>Honor .....</b>	<b>Recognition .....</b>	<b>Color</b>
Cum Laude.....	Cord .....	White
Magna Cum Laude .....	Cord .....	Silver
Summa Cum Laude.....	Cord .....	Gold
Lincoln Laureate.....	Medallion .....	Gold

## **Honor Societies – for students who are members of these Honor Societies**

<b>Society .....</b>	<b>Recognition .....</b>	<b>Color(s)</b>
Alpha Eta Society (Allied Health) .....	Cord.....	Green
Alpha IOTA Sigma (Interdisciplinary) .....	Cord.....	Blue and White
Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice).....	Cord.....	Royal Blue and Gold
Alpha Sigma Lambda (Adult Learners) .....	Cord.....	Burgundy and Antique Gold
Beta Gamma Sigma (Business).....	Cord.....	Royal Blue and Gold
Chi Sigma IOTA (Counselors).....	Stole.....	Blue and White
Kappa Delta Pi (Education) .....	Cord.....	Green and Purple
Lambda Pi Eta (Communication) .....	Cord.....	Crimson and Cream
Phi Alpha (Social Work) .....	Stole.....	Blue and Gold
Phi Theta Epsilon (Occupational Therapy).....	Cord.....	Navy and Gold
Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration).....	Stole.....	Light Blue and Gold
Psi Chi International (Psychology) .....	Cord/Stole.....	Dark Blue and Platinum/Platinum
SALUTE Veterans.....	Cord.....	Red, White, and Blue
Sigma Tau Delta (English) .....	Cord.....	Red and Black
Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing).....	Cord.....	Purple
Tau Sigma (Transfer).....	Cord.....	Burgundy and Gold
Student Senate (Student Governance) .....	Stole.....	Black and White
Upsilon Phi Delta (Healthcare).....	Cord.....	Blue and Red
Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computer Science) .....	Cord.....	Maroon and White

## **Dual Degree Program – for undergraduates who entered GSU through the Dual Degree Program**

<b>Dual Degree Program Partner .....</b>	<b>Recognition .....</b>	<b>Color(s)</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 .....	Green and Black and White
Morton College .....	Cord .....	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

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# Academic Regalia

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

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## The Cap

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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.

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## The Gown

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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. The master's and specialist's gowns have 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 and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

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## The Hood

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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. While each program of study has a specific color, some programs display the same color. The repetitive color reflects the college (ex. Addictions Studies and Communication Disorders graduates earn a Master of Health Science for which the hood color is Salmon Pink). 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
Reading.....	Light Blue
School Psychology.....	Light Blue
Social Work.....	Citron

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## *Dual Degree Program Graduates*

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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. These students have participated in the Dual Degree Program throughout their associate and bachelor's degree programs. 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.

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## *Investing In You*

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Now one of Governors State University's alumni, you represent the best of GSU. The GSU Foundation wishes you success in the next chapter of your life and personal and professional gratification in your future. Your story is GSU's identity. Your achievements reflect GSU's triumph, and our success enhances your accomplishments.

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The Alumni Association connects graduates with each other, as well as to professional development, networking, and social and volunteer opportunities. As a graduate of GSU, the Alumni Association is your organization. Your engagement in the association can help make it what you need it to be for your success, both personally and professionally.

As GSU alumni, you represent the very best the university has to offer. Please advocate for GSU in your personal and professional networks, and encourage others to investigate opportunities to attend and/or support your alma mater. We welcome your return to campus and encourage you to volunteer as a mentor, leader, or lifelong learner, and join one of our growing alumni clubs.

The Alumni Association and generations of GSU alumni are proud to welcome the Class of 2021 to its ranks.

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## *Stay Connected*

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The memories you have made as a Jaguar will not only last you a lifetime—they will add to the collective story of the university's alumni.

Use the social media hashtag #GovStateGrad to share the culmination of the journey to your degree on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok and Twitter.

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Join us on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, as Governors State University commemorates 52 years of excellence and innovation with an evening of family, music, and revelry at our annual Day of Giving Celebration\*.

The entire community will come together for a free “family reunion” in Park Forest for *Main Street Nights* – a free concert featuring Kaben Kafö – Djembe Drum Ensemble and Mucca Pazza. The July 14 celebration is an event that marks the founding of GSU with a Day of Giving to continue a legacy of education. This year also celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the university’s Center for Performing Arts.

Conceived as a bold, new model to transform lives through education in Chicago’s south suburbs, GSU opened the same week the U.S. sent Apollo 11 to the moon. Today, GSU is a full-service, four-year university celebrating 52 years of education, service, and commitment to its mission to be an “intellectually stimulating public square.”

We advance our mission through high quality programs supported by best practices, made possible in part by the generous the support of our donors.

In honor of GSU’s 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday, please join us on Wednesday, July 14. And please consider donating \$52 or more to commemorate the university’s anniversary and to support future GSU students.

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