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‘WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY’

# *Fall Commencement*

DECEMBER 15, 2023 • FREDRICK C. HOBODY ASSEMBLY CENTER

*Grambling State University*

*Commencement Ceremony*

**Friday, December Fifteenth  
Two Thousand Twenty-Three**

**Ten o'clock in the morning**

**Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center  
Grambling, Louisiana**

The Grambling State University Television Center will be recording the entire commencement ceremony. No additional recording will be allowed without prior approval from the Office of Strategic Communications and Marketing.



*Order of Exercises*  
**President Richard J. Gallot, Jr., JD**  
*Presiding*

PROCESSIONAL..... “March of the Heralds”  
Composed by Harry Sosnick  
The University Marching Band  
Dr. Nikole Roebuck, Director

*(The audience is requested to remain standing until after the invocation.)*

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER” ..... The University Marching Band  
Dr. Nikole Roebuck, Director  
Lyrics by Francis Scott Key  
Arranged by Steve Smith

“LIFT EV’RY VOICE AND SING” ..... The University Choir  
Dr. Cordara Harper, Director  
Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson  
Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

*(The audience may be seated after the first verse.)*

INVOCATION ..... Rev. Dr. Bernard Johnson  
Lewis Temple CME Church  
Grambling, Louisiana

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... President Gallot

VALEDICTORY STATEMENT ..... Dortavia Barnes  
Highest Ranking Graduate  
2023 Fall Graduating Class

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE ..... President Gallot

*Mr. Eric Kelly*  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER..... President Gallot

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Mr. Eric Kelly  
Chairman and CEO, Overland Tandberg



“HALLELUJAH (FROM CHRIST ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES)” ..... The University Choir  
Dr. Cordara Harper, Director  
Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven

CONFERRING OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREE..... President Gallot

*Ms. Glencie Q. Metz*  
*Bachelor of Science*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES & AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS ..... President Gallot

PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEANS..... Dr. Connie Walton  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

GRADUATE STUDIES ..... Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Jr.  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ..... Dr. Debbie Thomas  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ..... Dr. Derrick Warren  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ..... Dr. Stacey Duhon  
COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES ..... Dr. Carolyn Hester

AWARDING OF ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONS..... Lt. Col. Mason Moore  
Professor of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP AWARD ..... President Gallot

ALUMNI PLEDGE ..... Dr. Tammy Richardson  
GUNAA President

REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... President Gallot

ALMA MATER ..... The University Marching Band  
Dr. Nikole Roebuck, Director

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Dr. Johnson

RECESSIONAL ..... War March of the Priests, from "Athalie"  
Composed by Felix Mendelssohn  
Dr. Eldred Marshall, Organist

*All graduates, their relatives, and friends are invited to attend a reception  
in McCall Dining Hall immediately following the exercise*



# *Academic Honors*

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree who maintain high scholarship are graduated with honors. Graduation with honors is based on earning a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours at Grambling State University and maintaining a cumulative 3.50 grade point average or higher for all work completed prior to the awarding of the degree. Candidates graduating with honors wear cords during the Commencement Ceremony. The average necessary for earning graduation honors for all bachelor's and associate degrees are listed below.

## *Honor Codes for Baccalaureate Degrees*

***	Summa Cum Laude	3.90 - 4.00
**	Magna Cum Laude	3.70 - 3.89
*	Cum Laude	3.50 - 3.69
!	Earl Lester Cole Honors College	

Due to the requirement to furnish the final list of graduate names to the printer approximately one week prior to commencement, it is possible that one or more candidates listed may have been unable to complete all the requirements for the degree. Inability to remove a name at the last moment does not commit the University to grant the diploma to a person listed in error.



# *Profile of Highest Ranking Graduate*

## **Dortavia Barnes**

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**Gpa:** 3.84

**Hometown:** Tallulah, Louisiana

**Name Of Parents:** Angelia Blair and Willie Blair, Jr.

**Awards And Honors:** President's List each semester at Grambling State University (GSU)

**Greatest Achievement:** My greatest achievement is showing everyone that someone from a small town can attend college, do their best, and inspire others.

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to attend law school and become a criminal defense attorney to protect the rights of clients and ensure they are given a fair trial.

**A memorable moment at GSU:** A memorable moment at GSU was Welcome Week during my first semester. The togetherness and love that I felt made me feel at home.

**How will you give back to GSU, the community, etc. once you graduate?** I will give back to Grambling State University and the community by mentoring and guiding high school students as they transition from high school to college. I also plan to use the knowledge that I have obtained over the years at GSU to bring awareness to the importance of education and how it can impact your life.



# Honorary Degree Recipient

## **Eric Kelly**

*High-Performing, Senior Executive and Thought Leader*

Mr. Eric Kelly is a high-performing, senior executive with a 40 plus year career of growing and turning around technology companies ranging from pre-public startups to Fortune 100 organizations. He has achieved consistent success with overseeing companies in his roles as chief executive officer, president, and chief operating officer. Mr. Kelly has served on boards of public companies trading on the U.S. and Canada stock exchanges, private companies, universities, and foundations for the past 20 years. His specific areas of expertise include cybersecurity, complex M&A strategy/execution, international corporate finance, government affairs, business transformations, and leading the strategic visions and product development of software, SAAS, cloud, and artificial intelligence technology companies. Of significant further value in today's environment, Mr. Kelly is a thought leader in developing the culture of the companies and senior management in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I).

In Mr. Kelly's current position as Chairman and CEO, he oversees a portfolio of technology companies comprised of Overland Tandberg, a global hybrid cloud software and infrastructure enterprise where he led the public to private company acquisition; Bridge 2 Technologies, a next-generation SAAS software enterprise; OT Global Technologies, a global IT solution provider; and OT Global Protection, a healthcare technology company. The companies manufacture, develop, service, and operate in over 100 countries.

Mr. Kelly is currently the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Board of the San Francisco Federal Reserve, San Jose State University Tower Foundation, Silicon Valley Technology Partners, Overland Tandberg, and Bridge 2 Technologies. He also served as the U.S. advisor for Nomura Securities Venture Group, a leading global investment bank with over \$360 billion in assets. President Obama appointed Mr. Kelly to the Executive Office of President of The United States Council of Advisors on Science, Technology, and Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Steering Committee. The United States Secretary of Commerce Pritzker appointed Mr. Kelly to the U.S. Department of Commerce Advanced Manufacturing Council as Vice Chairman of the workforce sub-committee.

Mr. Kelly received an MBA from San Francisco State University and a B.S. in Business Management from San Jose State University.



# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## *Graduate Studies*

Presented by  
Obadiah Simmons, Jr., Ph.D.  
Acting Executive Director of Graduate Studies

### POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Lekicia Michel Loyd, Ruston  
M.A. – University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2011  
Major: Educational Administration

Tyra B. Muhammad, Ruston  
M.S. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: Developmental Education

### MASTER OF ARTS

Jamekia R. Graham, Athens  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Social Work

LXandra Giovanni Mason, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Kinesiology

Latina S. Johnson, Grambling  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2003  
Major: Criminal Justice

Deandrea T. Roberson, Arcadia  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Social Work

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

La’Necia D. Clinton, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Criminal Justice

Marian Jeaniece Thomas, Ruston  
B.S. – Louisiana Tech University, 2020  
Major: Kinesiology & Health Sciences

Jameskia J. Henry, Shreveport  
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: General Studies

Jaquayia Arielle Washington, Monroe  
B.G.S. – University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2017  
Major: General Studies

Miya D. Robinson, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2015  
Major: Leisure Studies

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

Keyara L’Trice Bowser, Lake Charles  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019  
Major: Elementary Education, Grades 1-5



## **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Jimya Regail Boston, Arcadia  
B.S. – Louisiana Tech University, 2015  
Major: Health Informatics and Information Management

Mary J. Johnson, Monroe  
B.G.S. – University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2019  
Major: General Studies

Roniquea S. Cockerham, Arcadia  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2016  
Major: Management

Sharifah Lyndrina Loderick, Dallas, TX  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Computer Information System

Nathan Jones Ismael  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Management and Economics

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Mercedes M. Alexander, Mansfield  
B.S.W – Grambling State University, 2021  
Major: Social Work

Kimberly Rayson Evans, Keithville  
B.G.S. – Louisiana Tech University, 2014  
Major: General Studies

D'Corey R. Baines, La Verne, CA  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2017  
Major: Leisure Studies

Ronald Ezra Findley, Ruston  
B.S. – Troy University, 2012  
Major: Criminal Justice

Alisha Bradley, Coushatta  
B.G.S. – University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2020  
Major: General Studies

Yusupha Jerome Foster, Charlotte, NC  
B.A. – University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2018  
Major: Communication Studies

Christopher Lamar Brown, Baton Rouge  
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: General Studies

Sacoria Nichelle Gates, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2021  
Major: Criminal Justice

Albert Dean Cain, Rialto, CA  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2021  
Major: Criminal Justice

Gabrielle Anqwenette Gipson, Arcadia  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Social Work

Darrell DeWayne Comanche, Sr., Monroe  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Criminal Justice

Cherimeka Hillesha Gray, Amite  
B.A. – Southeastern Louisiana University, 2019  
Major: Criminal Justice

LaTonya Leche' Crane, Arcadia  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2016  
Major: Criminal Justice

Jasmine A. Gray, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2016  
Major: Criminal Justice

Ashley Micole English, Houston, TX  
B.S. – Bacone College, 2015  
Major: Criminal Justice

Keiland A. Harris, Shreveport  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2016  
Major: Criminal Justice

Arian Kertrial Hester, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2008  
Major: Kinesiology

Rachael Rashun Hill, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Criminal Justice

Erica Rena Holland, West Monroe  
B.S. – University of Phoenix, 2015  
Major: Family & Child Services

Alisha R. Hooper, Ferriday  
B.S. – Louisiana College, 2019  
Major: Criminal Justice

Jimmy Iles, Airport West, Victoria, Australia  
B.S. – RMIT University-Australia, 2020  
Major: Accounting

Kaydeen Adonna Shanell Jack, Trinidad & Tobago  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: Kinesiology

Aaliyah S. Jones, Elk Grove, CA  
B.S. - Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Psychology

Kristy K. Jones, Farmerville  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2017  
Major: Social Work

Jalen B. Livingston, Ruston  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2016  
Major: Social Work

Kemberlin Locks, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2021  
Major: Management

Ricky W. Marzett, Rayville  
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2019  
Major: General Studies

Floyd Christopher McElroy, Monroe  
B.A. – Northwestern State University, 2015  
Major: Criminal Justice

Patricia Millbrooks, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Criminal Justice

Rayvin Alexandria Miller, Shreveport  
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2021  
Major: Psychology

Quincy Deshawn Mitchell, Jr., Baton Rouge  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Kinesiology

LaDerricka J. Morris, Bogalusa  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2017  
Major: Kinesiology

Alicia Lee'trice Murphy, Garland, TX  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2015  
Major: Leisure Studies

Davonte J. Nelson, Monroe  
B.S. - Grambling State University, 2017  
Major: Criminal Justice

Luz Divina Nunez Sierra, Santo Domingo, D.R.  
B.A. – Hofstra University, 2021  
Major: Fine Arts

Wilma Carollette Outley, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019  
Major: Criminal Justice

Mariah Dominique Peyton, Oklahoma City, OK #  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019  
Major: Leisure Studies

Lamonica Denise Plater, Shreveport  
B.S. – Xavier University, 2022  
Major: Psychological Science

Joshua Colby Quiett, Baton Rouge  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: Kinesiology

Jerry LaTroy Quinney, Jr., Ruston  
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: Accounting

Jannard Douglas Rainey, II, Atlanta, GA  
B.S. – Louisiana State University, 2022  
Major: Sports Administration

Lyndon A. Rash, Jr., Baton Rouge, LA  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: Management

Desiree N. Richard, Riverview, MI  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2013  
Major: Psychology

Jarvis L. Roberts, Alexandria  
B.S. – Louisiana State University-Alexandria, 2014  
Major: PBC/Health and Physical Education

Miracle Saxon, Ruston  
B.A. – California State University, 2022  
Major: Communication

Christopher Shelton, Grambling  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2021  
Major: Criminal Justice

Demetria D. Shelton, Grambling  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Criminal Justice

Dereginald M. Spivey, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019  
Major: Kinesiology

Terrance T. Taylor, White Castle, LA  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Kinesiology

Alexis Taylor-Green, Brinkley, AR  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Kinesiology

Jaylon Dekari Terrell, Dallas, TX  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Criminal Justice

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B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020  
Major: Leisure Studies

Jennifer M. Thompson, Houston, TX  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2007  
Major: Criminal Justice

Nekebra K. Tibbs, Arcadia  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2017  
Major: Leisure Studies

Jontae Walchak-Cook, Port Arthur, TX  
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Psychology

Erin Nicole Walker, Ruston  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2018  
Major: Child Development & Early Literacy

Reginald Earnest Walker, Calhoun  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019  
Major: Computer Information Systems

Deshannon N. Walton, Monroe  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2001  
Major: Paralegal Studies

Victor L. Yates, Pittsburg, PA  
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2022  
Major: Kinesiology

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Kenneth Jerrell Berry, West Monroe  
B.S.N - Grambling State University, 2012  
Major: Nursing

Ashley McDonald Holland, Monroe  
B.S.N. - Grambling State University, 2012  
Major: Nursing

Cassandra D. Williams, Monroe  
B.S.N. - University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2008  
Major: Nursing

# *College of Education*

Presented by  
Debbie G. Thomas, Ph.D.  
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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

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Leroy Fields, Jr., West Monroe  
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Ashley Theresa Hamilton, Addis #  
Michael L. Hines, Jr., Pineville  
Kahlil Tre'Von Jackson, Lake Providence  
Dallas K. James, Broussard  
Walter Lavelle Jenkins, II, Monroe  
Jemaury Jelian Johnson-Cole, Columbus, OH  
Natalee Denise Jones, Shreveport #  
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Jaz'Myn Theresa Lewis, Luling \*  
Rakia D. Lewis, Houston. TX

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Rayven Angelique McKenzie, Missouri City, TX  
Julian Murphy, Phoenix \*  
Stephen Myers, Jersey City, NJ  
Kierra Nashay Palmer, Houston, TX \*  
Jaylin Beatrice Charmaine Potter, Collinston  
Jailah Ayana Reed, Oklahoma City, OK  
Ke'Erica D. Richardson, Winnsboro \*  
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Laila Michelle Sims, Farmerville  
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Marielle Cinisha Vault, Jonesville  
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Chase Kylan Williams, Shreveport #\*  
Maliyah Se'Mone Woodard, Ruston

# *College of Business*

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Dean of the College of Business

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Jaquel L. Brooks, Shreveport !  
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Kiera Simone Buggs, Homer

Lawanda Gale Buggs, Ruston  
Coqueshia Burns, Jonesboro  
Courtney Lorraine Byrd-Griffin, Ruston  
Joreck A. Ceaser, Franklin  
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Jonia T. Como, Homer #

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 Chase Patrick Alexander Cosey, Northville, MI  
 Arriqua Elizabeth Crump, Bossier City  
 Tirion J. Dudley, Tallulah #  
 Kash Kareem Foley, La Place #  
 Jared E'Shun Ford, Lillie \*\*  
 Michael W. Granson, Jr., Missouri City, TX #  
 Alandis Charmonique Green, Cedar Hill, TX  
 Justin Devon Grundy, Atlanta  
 Ke'Nyja Hayes, Simsboro #  
 Steven Darnell Henderson, II, Racine, WI #  
 Casey Morgan Henry, Grambling \*  
 Tytus Marshawn Henry, Jr., South Holland, IL  
 Gershondra LaTonyia Denise Hester, Richwood #  
 Tina Renee Hill, Monroe  
 Kemmerly Brice Holyfield, Arcadia  
 Ty'Von Marquel Howard, Baton Rouge  
 Alesia Lynn Jackson, Amite \*\*!  
 Jaylan U. Jackson, Gibsland #  
 Katelyn T. Jackson, Ruston  
 Arianna Sanaa Johnson, Bradenton, FL  
 Keara Julia Joseph, Houston, TX \*\*  
 Christopher Ladarius King, Shreveport  
 Star Gabbrella Lewis, Jackson \*\*  
 Janaejah Logan, Lake Charles  
 Ricky D. Magee, Jr., Harvey

Keyana Ja'Rae McNeill, Irving, TX  
 Michaela Janiver Morris, New Orleans \*\*  
 Kayla Mackenzie Mosby, Atlanta, GA  
 Ja'Kasia K. Newton, Monroe  
 Jalani Alixander Patterson, Mesquite, TX \*  
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 Ameena Halimah Pearson, Missouri City, TX  
 Kimoni Etoy Perkins, Ruston  
 Sydni Daun Rachel. Shreveport  
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 Jamil Maurice Rashad, Oak Point, TX  
 Sabriah Rendo, Minneapolis, MN \*  
 Darian Isaiah Robinson, Louisville, KY #  
 Michael Rodgers, Chicago, IL  
 Antia Vallecás Rodriguez, Monforte de Lemos, Spain #\*  
 Gregory M. Smith, Sr., Monroe  
 Jaylan Elexandria Smith, Baton Rouge  
 Mason Blake Sparks, Heflin  
 Jalen Shawn Stanford, Chicago, IL  
 Divine Jewel Stewart, Compton, LA  
 Taylor Ni'Chelle Swift, Lake Providence  
 Keona Malae Times, Forney, TX  
 Sharayn Creshun Tucker, Ruston  
 Michael Matthew Urbina, Fort Worth, TX \*  
 Tashania Shernel Valmond, Katy, TX  
 Asata Imare Wright, Minneapolis, MN

# *College of Arts and Sciences*

Presented by  
 Stacey Duhon, Ph.D.  
 Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Hoxyana Latoria Brown, Reserve  
 Faith Kelly Carr, Minden  
 Darielle Janae Clark, West Bloomfield, MI  
 Jackson Elliott Featherstone, Round Rock, TX  
 Candace Jacquelin Hawthorne, Grand Prairie, TX  
 Jakyshaih Naysimone Hicks, West Monroe  
 Asia Marie Horton, Shreveport  
 Chrishianna Mone' Hudson, Plainfield, IL  
 Faith Monet' Johnson, West Monroe  
 Kennedy N. Jones, Nashville, TN  
 Shelby Delaine Luellen, Minneapolis, MN

Marvin M. Moore, Jr., Bastrop #  
 Amelie Le'det Rousseve, Slidell  
 Erik James Scott, Jr., Dallas, TX #  
 Ja'Keem Deonte Smith, Ruston  
 Kobe Ty-Daniel Sutton, Bastrop  
 Carlin J. Tate, Shreveport #  
 Rodney DaWayne Terrell, Jr., Lancaster, TX  
 Mina K. Walsh, Memphis, TN  
 Shamar Trahon White, Ruston  
 Miracle Starr Wright-Lindo, Reseda, CA

## BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Takesha L. Andrews, Bernice #  
Caleb Javon Benson, Farmerville  
Kimberly Bowden-Moore, Ringgold #  
Kataja Navaeh Epting Canales, Forney, TX  
Arreyal Sade' Cooper, Monroe  
Amani Jeremiah Gilmore, Amite  
James J. Griffin, III, Ruston  
Phyllis Hadnot, Houston, TX  
Bruneshia Deboney Hall, Shreveport  
Felicia LaShay Hawkins, Waco, TX  
Natalie Smith Hicks, Monroe #

Yolanda Charmaine Hollins, Shreveport #  
Ndia Monayah Jackson, Springfield, IL  
Deanna Hawkins Jennings, Baton Rouge  
Jquandla Jones, Monroe #  
Felisha Lynette Lee, Oakland, CA  
Jennifer Sinnie Mamon, Ruston  
Malcolm L. Melton, Bastrop #  
Tyshanique Tatiana Mitchell, New Orleans  
Reece Mackenzie Scott, Kitchener, ON #  
Christopher Deshon Snowden, Jr., Charenton  
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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jakala V. Abraham, Alexandria  
Torrence Garland George Banks, II, Spring, TX  
Jasmine Monique Beaner, Shreveport  
Dayshia Mijoy Bell, Shreveport  
Cristian Ellis Berry, Mansfield  
Austin Samual Bristo, Shreveport  
Robert R. Brown, Jr., Shreveport  
Tyrah Dionne Cole, Monroe  
Ivyonna Franshae Coleman, Monroe  
Brenae Mia-Nicole Criss, Desoto, TX  
Shimeka Marie Dade, West Monroe  
Jamaya Denise Dandridge, Little Rock, AR  
Randarrius Jay'Heim Dickson, Denham Springs  
Daeja Dewanna Douglas, Shreveport  
Jeremiah Anthony Dykes, Ferriday  
Khaliah Elliott, Monroe  
Jasmine Nicole Fudge, Bastrop  
Moneesha Sharnae Gay, Maywood, IL \*\*  
Latoya Darshea Givens, Bastrop #  
Evelyn Deshay Green, Shreveport  
Yohan Garvin Gregoire, Roseau, Dominica  
Anishayah Olivia Hampton, Georgetown, TX  
Candace Jacquelin Hawthorne, Grand Prairie, TX #  
Tyson Darnell Hives, Baton Rouge  
Morgan Omega Holcomb, Oakland, CA  
Ma'Kaylann Breon Howard, Ruston,  
Myles Leroy James, Renton, WA  
Ashley Makenna Johnson Blakes, Shreveport  
LaDorothy Jones Dean, Calhoun

Amayah Nicole Joseph, Minden \*\*!  
Aleah Kay Ledet, New Iberia \*  
Zenobia Zenae' Leonard, Quitman  
Jacob Dwayne Lewis, Jr., Kenner  
Cuban LJean Luma, Grambling #  
Dylan Alexander Lyons, Cedar Hill, TX  
Cameron Jojuan Manuel, Homer  
Zashiana J. Martin, Vallejo, CA \*  
Faith Lee-Anne Matthew, Portsmouth, Dominica \*\*  
Tomorie Deshaun McGrough, Katy, TX  
Ajaya Renee Miller, Shreveport  
Ashari Lane Morris, Beaumont, TX  
Nia Jonet Myles, Grambling  
Tylor K. Neal, Monroe  
Lungile Ntuli, Johannesburg, South Africa  
Chukwusomaga Obidike, Enugu, Nigeria  
A'Mond Jade O'Steen, Jonesville  
Joseph Lee Papillion, Jr., Lawtell  
Tealiyah LaJoi Pierce, Munford, TN \*\*!  
Teresa Lou-Ellen Reed, North Little Rock, AR  
Tytianna Nicole Robinson, Pineville  
Zakiyah Triana Rucker, Bastrop  
J'Hada Unique Satterfield, Lewisville, TX  
Ariel Catilin Scott, Monroe \*!  
Acacia Achsah Seaman, Portsmouth, Dominica  
Karsyn Money Sharp, Stockbridge, GA  
Wilford Lee Shaw, III, Monroe  
Paige Alexandria Stanford, Maricopa, AZ !  
Cynthia LaCrease Starr, Monroe

Tanner Jarrell Staten, Monroe \*!  
Dayna Lauracyndae Sterling, Baton Rouge  
Ariann Thomas, Grambling  
Dawn Ashley Thomas, Opelousas  
Isaiah Thomas, Ruston  
Vanderbilt Lawrence Thompson, II, Maricopa, AZ  
Sha'Nikqua R. Ward, Monroe  
India Malaysia Wells, McRae, GA  
Kolby A. Wells, Winnfield

Xavier K. White, Broussard  
Cheyenne Dezirae Williams, Sacramento, CA  
Yasmin Rochelle Williams, New Orleans  
Tasia Lynn Wilson, New Orleans  
Alonah L. Withers, Little Rock, AR #  
Jamia A. Woods, Chicago, IL  
Andreanna Marie Wright, Madison, WI \*\*!  
Keanteria Sharnae Wright, Ruston

# *College of Professional Studies*

Presented by  
Carolyn Hester, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College of Professional Studies

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Taye Larenz Abraham, Baldwin \*!  
Camille Renee Adams, Hayward, CA  
Lakendrick Katron Banks, Monroe  
Tiara S. Brooks, Bastrop  
Setayah Daigle, Opelousas  
Tessa Marilyn Didier, Bossier City !  
Kenadi Markell Duncan, Baton Rouge \*  
Alexis Michel Early, Fremont, CA  
Jalien E. Edwards, Pine Bluff, AR  
Cornelius Antonio Forrest, Jr., Jacksonville, FL  
Lindsey C. Hardaway, Homer

Frederick G. Harrell Jr., Los Angeles, CA  
Taniyah Holmes, Homestead, FL  
Tarshundria Janae Jones, Ruston  
Georgina K Kemilembe Kaindoah, Edmond, OK  
Nazir Lloyd Kebe, Ruston  
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Amayah Joseph  
J'Hada Satterfield

**#Summer Completer**



# Academic Attire

The robes and hoods worn by academics in commencements and convocations generally convey information about the degrees, the subjects in which degrees were earned, and the universities that conferred the degrees. The doctoral robe, which is most often black, is sometimes worn in the colors of the university that conferred the degree. Doctoral recipients from Harvard University wear a maroon robe, while those from Columbia University wear a light blue robe.

The doctor's robe is a full gown with two velvet panels down the front. It has long, bell shaped sleeves with three velvet stripes. The master's robe is generally not as full as the doctor's robe. It has open sleeves which usually require that a suit coat be worn under the robe. The bachelor's robe with its long, pointed sleeves is without distinction.

The doctoral hood offers information about the university that conferred the degree and the field in which the degree was earned. The colors found inside the hood identify the university that awarded the degree. The color found on the velvet border around the hood represents the subject in which the doctorate was earned. Colors for some subjects are:

Business	Olive
Divinity/Theology	Red
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	Brown
Humanities Law	White
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Blue
Science	Yellow
Social Work	Citron

The master's hood is a smaller version of the doctoral hood. The holder of a bachelor's degree will often not wear a hood; however, when it is worn it usually reflects only the institution that awarded the degree.



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## **The President's Medallion**

The medallion worn today by President Richard J. Gallot was selected for this occasion and is a symbol of his office. It is a bronze medallion which bears on two sides the official seal of the University, which is also the official seal of the state of Louisiana. The medallion is a legacy symbol of the Office and is to be worn only by the President of Grambling State University.

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## **The Alumni Pledge**

I (state your name), a proud graduate of Grambling State University, promise to advance the good name of my institution. I promise to be loyal and committed to Grambling's core values. I promise to stay in touch with the university and offer my time and support to create higher educational opportunities for other students.

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## **The University Mace**

The University Mace is a special symbolic ceremonial staff of the University that is commonly emboldened with historical facts and significant dates in the life of the University and/or education and learning in general. Its presence denotes that a faculty-sanctioned assembly is in session. The mace is always found at the head of the academic procession.

The University Mace is usually carried by the University Marshal, Dr. Connie Walton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Today, the mace is being carried by Dr. Carolyn Marshall-Jackson, the Arlynn Lake Cheers Endowed Professor in Education, Associate Professor in the Department of Developmental and Higher Education Studies and Chair of the Institutional Review Board at Grambling State University. Dr. Marshall-Jackson was selected as an Honorary Marshal because of her outstanding accomplishments in teaching, research, and service. She earned the Bachelor of General Studies in Natural Sciences/Teacher Education from Northeast Louisiana University, the Master of Education in Administration and Supervision plus 30 and the Master of Science in Counseling-Clinical Mental Health from the University of Louisiana at Monroe as well as the Doctor of Education in Developmental Education from Grambling State University.



# The Alma Mater

Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee, dear ole Grambling.  
We're loyal to thee, our dear ole School,  
We'll fight for thee for evermore.  
And when life's game is fought and won,  
the hills will ring with victory's song.  
Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee, dear ole Grambling.

Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee, dear ole Grambling.  
Long may thee stand 'til all the land  
Has felt the worth of thy great hand.  
And when thy sons to battle go,  
The hills will ring from short top shore.  
Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee, dear ole Grambling.

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## Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing

*by James Weldon Johnson*

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

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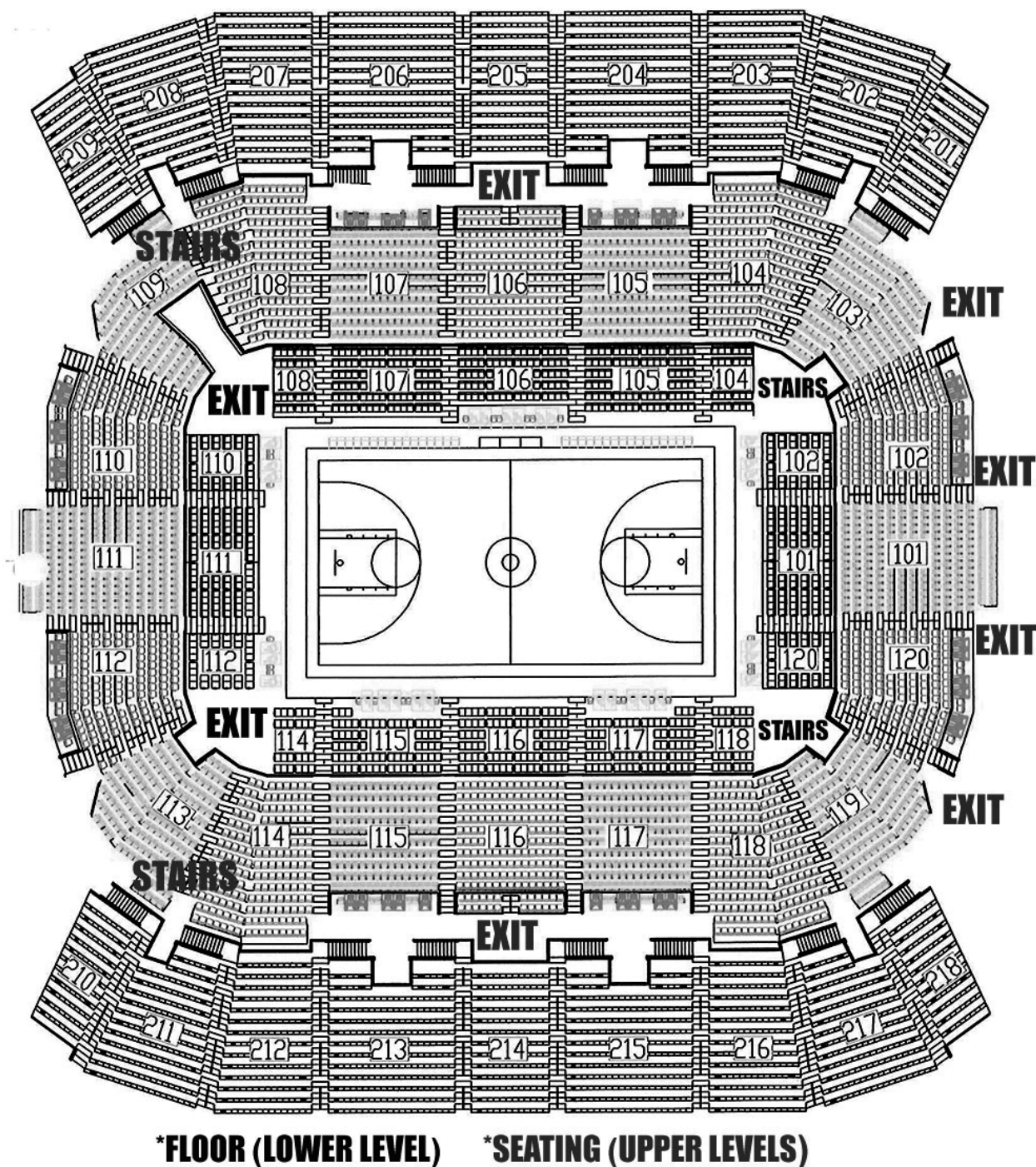
## The Star-Spangled Banner

*by Francis Scott Key*

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



# GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY FREDRICK C. HOBDY ASSEMBLY CENTER



IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:\*

1. PLEASE REMAIN CALM AND PROCEED TO THE NEAREST EXIT.
2. DO **NOT** USE THE ELEVATORS.
3. **STAIRS** ARE LOCATED ON THE **FLOOR LEVEL (LOWER LEVEL)** BEHIND SECTIONS 103 & 119 AND ON THE **UPPER LEVELS** BEHIND SECTIONS 113 & 114 AND 108 & 109 ,
4. PERSONS ON THE **FLOOR LEVEL (LOWER LEVEL)**, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH SECTIONS 109 OR 113.
5. PERSONS ON THE **UPPER LEVELS (SEATING)**, PLEASE EXIT NEAR SECTIONS 103, 102, 101, 120 AND 119.
6. WHEELCHAIR RAMPS ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF BUILDING AT EACH EXIT.
7. PLEASE GET AS FAR AWAY FROM THE BUILDING AS POSSIBLE.