



GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

FALL COMMENCEMENT

Where Everybody is Somebody



DECEMBER 13, 2024 | FREDRICK C. HOBDY ASSEMBLY CENTER



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, December Thirteenth
Two Thousand Twenty-Four



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 Martin Lemelle, Jr., D.B.A.
Presiding

PROCESSIONAL *“March of the Herald’s”*
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

INVOCATION Pastor Cedric L. Bridges
Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church
Ruston, Louisiana

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS President Lemelle

PRESENTATION OF HIGHEST-RANKING GRADUATE President Lemelle

VALEDICTORY STATEMENT NaToria Tarrant
Highest Ranking Graduate
2024 Fall Graduating Class

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Mr. David J. Aubrey
At-Large Member, Louisiana Board of Regents
President, AT&T Louisiana
GSU Alumnus, Class of 1995

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dr. Percy “Master P” Miller Hip-Hop Mogul, Actor, Producer, Entrepreneur & Philanthropist
“T’LL STAND”	The University Choir Dr. Cordara Harper, Director Arranged by Raymond Wise
CONFERRING OF DEGREES & AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	President Lemelle
PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEANS	Dr. Connie Walton Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
GRADUATE STUDIES.....	Dr. Carolyn Marshall-Jackson
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Jr.
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Dr. Derrick Warren
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.....	Dr. Stacey Duhon
COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES.....	Dr. Carolyn Hester
ALUMNI PLEDGE	Dr. Tammy Richardson GUNAA President
REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	President Lemelle
ALMA MATER.....	The University Marching Band Dr. Nikole Roebuck, Director
BENEDICTION.....	Pastor Bridges
RECESSIONAL.....	“ <i>Wedding Day at Troldhaugen</i> ” Composed by Edvard Grieg Dr. Daniel Huey, Pianist

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

Academic 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 averages necessary for earning graduation honors for all bachelor 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

Because of circumstances which require that the list of graduate names be furnished to the printer in final form 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.

Highest-Ranking Graduate

NaToria Tarrant

Major: Management

GPA: 3.88

Hometown: Lancaster, TX

Name of Parents: Lisa and Randy Tarrant

Organizations and Affiliations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Grambling State University Cheerleaders; Earl Lester Cole Honors College; Beta Gamma Sigma: The International Business Honor Society

Awards and Honors: I have been fortunate to be a consistent scholarship recipient throughout my academic career.

Future Plans: I plan on pursuing a career in government and creating my own business.

A memorable moment at GSU: Becoming a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a Grambling State University Cheerleader.

How will you give back to GSU, the community, etc. once you graduate? I will contribute as a proud alumna to many initiatives at Grambling State University.

Commencement Speaker
Dr. Percy “Master P” Miller

Percy “Master P” Miller is an iconic businessman, serial entrepreneur, music mogul, entertainer, producer, best-selling author, speaker, philanthropist, and mental health advocate who champions ownership as the foundation of success. Miller has a proven track record of creating successful products and brands, inspiring individuals to take control of their careers and financial futures. Miller is an advocate for real diversity for minority owned businesses and bridging the wealth gap. Although his entrepreneurial ventures are vast, his deepest passion lies in philanthropy, where he focuses on educating and empowering the next generation.

As the founder of the Nola Walk of Fame, Chairman of Team Hope Foundation, CEO of P. Miller Enterprises and No Limit Records, an independent label that sold over 100 million units worldwide, creating international fan frenzy superstar artist careers like Snoop Dogg, Mia X, Silkk the Shocker, TRU and more. Miller cemented his legacy as a visionary entrepreneur. He is also the driving force behind Miller Family Foods, a family-owned business committed to strengthening families and communities by promoting active, healthy lifestyles. However, his business portfolio extends far beyond the food industry, with investments spanning diverse sectors, including apparel, shoes, high-end luxury luggage, restaurant franchises, production in film and television. Adding to his multifaceted career, Miller played in the NBA for the Charlotte Hornets and the Toronto Raptors.

Despite numerous awards and accolades, Miller finds his greatest fulfillment in giving back. He is dedicated to helping others and inspiring them to uplift their communities. His most significant contributions come through his philanthropic efforts. As Chairman of the Team Hope Foundation™, he is deeply committed to improving the lives of youth and the elderly through programs designed to enhance their quality of life. Additionally, as a mental health advocate, Miller serves as an ambassador for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), where he promotes mental health awareness and support.

As an ambassador for entertainment in the city of New Orleans, Miller has received widespread recognition for his contributions in bridging the wealth gap and uplifting the New Orleans culture. He was appointed Youth Ambassador for the NAACP, dedicating time and resources to support the Joel John Scholastic Academy in Los Angeles. His accolades include two NAACP Awards for Community Service, the Social Justice Entertainer of the Year Award in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Certificates of Appreciation from the California State Assembly for his advocacy in civil, social, and economic rights. Additionally, Miller holds honorary doctorates from Lincoln University and has received the Keys to the Cities of Memphis, Los Angeles, Louisville, Charlotte, Jackson, Houston, Gulfport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans.

Candidates for Graduation

Graduate Studies

Presented by
Carolyn Jackson, Ed.D.
Interim Executive Director

**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE
*DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION***

MONICA ALISIA ILES, Cypress, TX
B.S. – Grambling State University, 1989
M.E.D. – University of Houston, 2003

Dissertation Title: *The Influence of Learning Community Support, Demographic Factors, and Academic Factors on Developmental Math and Science Courses of First-Year Developmental Students*

Major Professor: Cheyrl Mansfield Ensley, Ed.D.

MARJORIE LAJOYCE NEWMAN, Ruston, LA
B.A. – Howard University, 1990
M.S. – Roosevelt University, 1994

Dissertation Title: *Exploring HBCU Faculty Perceptions of Qualifications, Training, and Professional Development for College Teaching of Freshmen Courses: A Narrative Approach*

Major Professor: Olatunde Ogunyemi, Ed.D.

SHERI YOREKA WILSON, Shreveport, LA
B.S.N. – Grambling State University, 2005
M.S. – University of Phoenix, 2011

Dissertation Title: *Student Evaluations of Teaching: Perceptions of Faculty Based on Race, Age, Institution, Gender, and Stigma*

Major Professor: Olatunde Ogunyemi, Ed.D.

TIFFANY P. WINZER, Homer, LA
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2006
M.B.A. – University of Phoenix, 2015

Dissertation Title: *Teacher Shortages and Issues That Can Prevent Student Success in A Teacher Preparation Program at an Historically Black College and University*

Major Professor: Daphne Williams, Ed.D.

MASTER OF ARTS

Sierra S. Calahan, Jonesboro
B.S.W. – Grambling State University, 2014
Major: Social Work

Kaci Chairs, New Orleans
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2022
Major: Mass Communication

Deshandlyn Sherneik Chambers, Ruston
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2008
Major: Social Work

Brandon Kelmekdrec Clark, Houston, TX
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2016
Major: Psychology

Tiara Freeman, Mansfield
B.A. – Texas State University, 2021
Major: Studio Art

Carolyn A. Green, Ruston
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: Criminal Justice

Chanda Lorraine Harrell, Grambling
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2022
Major: General Studies

Stefon Jackson, Bastrop
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2017
Major: Child Development

A'Lexus Lucas, Moreno Valley, CA
B.S. - Grambling State University, 2018
Major: Marketing

Tanishea Lynn, Ruston
B.A. - Grambling State University, 2023
Major: Mass Communications

Jakyrannee Phillips, Monroe
B.A. – Tougaloo College, 2020
Major: Journalism

Jarrod Latrail Ramsey, Farmerville
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2021
Major: Criminal Justice

Savanna N. Wiggins, Baton Rouge
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2021
Major: Criminal Justice

Brianna Williams, Ruston
B.A. Grambling State University, 2021
Major: Mass Communication

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Shamika Lasha Bezart, Gibsland
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2004
Major: Marketing

Shakira C. Brule', Monroe #
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: Child Development & Early Lit: Pre–PK3

Brandon Crew, Arcadia
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: General Studies

Marshal D. Monroe, Arcadia #
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2003
Major: Management

Pamela Ann Robertson-Johnson, New Iberia #
B.B.A. – Stayer University, 2021
Major: Health Services

Kristin Nicole Willis, Arcadia
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: General Studies

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Dominique Danielle Blunt, Monroe
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2022
Major: Elementary Education

Nicholas Alexander Cobb, Monroe
B.S. – Louisiana Tech University, 2022

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Brittany D. Durant, Pineville #
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020
Major: Leisure Studies

Annes Newton, Grambling
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2022
Major: Psychology

O'Deia S. F. Dyer, Bronx, NY
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2022
Major: Criminal Justice

Jennifer Thurman, Desoto, TX #
B.G.S. – Grambling State University, 2021
Major: General Studies

Prenna G. Jackson, Farmerville
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2017
Major: Management

Kyle Joseph West, Baton Rouge
B. S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: Sociology

Jasmine Datria King, Winnfield
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: Leisure Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Rainey Cameron Anderson, Atlanta, GA
B.S. – Texas Christian University, 2022
Major: Sociology

Auset Asantewa Champion, Bossier
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2019
Major: Criminal Justice

Dequin L. Andrews, Farmerville
B.S. – Delta State University, 2018
Major: Health, Phys Ed & Rec.

Darius Lamel Christopher, Texarkana, AR
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2020
Major: Criminal Justice

Stephen-Michael Andrew Bates, Shreveport
B.A. – Grambling State University, 2022
Major: Engineering Technology

Brianna Lashae Guy, West Helena, AR
B.S. – University of Arkansas–Pine Bluff, 2023
Major: Health & Physical Education

Fabian Chanson Carter-Randle, Grambling
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Major: Criminal Justice

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Major: Child Development

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Major: Criminal Justice

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

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Major: Kinesiology

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Major: Leisure Studies

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B.S. – Grambling State University, 2014
Major: Criminal Justice

Amillion Marguerite Johnson, Raytown, MO
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2021
Major: Criminal Justice

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B.S. – Alcorn State University, 2023
Major: Sports Management

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Major: Social Work

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Major: English

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B.A. – Grambling State University, 2017
Major: History

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Major: Criminal Justice

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Major: Chemistry

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Major: Computer Information Systems

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Major: Mass Communications

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Major: Criminal Justice

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Major: Criminal Justice

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B.S. – University of Arkansas– Pine Bluff, 1999
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Major: Kinesiology

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B.S. – Grambling State University, 2012
Major: Leisure Studies

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Major: Chemistry

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Major: Kinesiology

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Major: Criminal Justice

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Major: Business Administration

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Major: Biology

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Major: Mass Communications

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Major: General Studies

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Major: Psychology

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B.S. – Grambling State University, 2023
Major: Leisure Studies

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B.S. – Grambling State University, 2023
Major: Management

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B.A. – University of Louisiana–Monroe, 2007
Major: Criminal Justice

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B.A. – Louisiana Tech University
Major: Sociology

Nichelle Arkimbric Worick, Youngsville
B.S. – Northwestern State University, 2021
Major: Child & Family Studies

Willie James Williams, Ruston
B.S. – Grambling State University, 2012
Major: Criminal Justice

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Shakiba Lewis Curley, Monroe
B.S.N. – University of Louisiana–Monroe, 2016
Major: Nursing

Melanie Montrice Scott, Bossier City
B.S.N. – Grambling State University, 2009
Major: Nursing

April J. Scott, Minden
B.S.N. – University of Louisiana–Monroe, 2017
Major: Nursing

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Demaia Chanel Ross, Ruston **!
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Dewayne R. Smith, Rayne
Zyonn Jenea Smith, Arlington, TX
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Damen Tolbert, Dolton, IL
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Tcoyia M. Odoms, Grambling *!
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Mekhi Sams, Fairfield, CA
Karrington Nicole Smith, Harvey
Tylar James Smith, Fort Worth, TX
Makayla Monae Spencer, Lake Providence #
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Natoria Mone Tarrant, Lancaster, TX **!
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College of Arts and Sciences

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Shavondalyn Cheniere Manning, Rowlett, TX
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Tierra Marie Roper, Dallas, TX !
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Heaven Lee Brown, Smyrna, GA
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Myles Jarvis Crawley, Lithonia, GA
Kayla N. Ford, Balch Springs, TX
Jamiah Franklin, Dubach #
Cedric D. Hobdy, Danbury, TX
Beverly Renee Johnson, Bastrop #
Janecia Autrice King, Prattville, AL
Antron Mason, Monroe #
Tanisha Mott, Lafayette

Kaleigh Janae Payne, Baton Rouge
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Zaria Toinna Robinson, Shreveport
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Aria Whitney, Austin, TX
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Dakala Falice Clark, New Iberia
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Daryahn Darriel Evans, Marrero
Jernecesia Evans, Shreveport
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Destinee Renae Moriah Harris, Sterlington
Dextrany Faith Hatfield, Monroe
Nia Imani Hatfield, Monroe
Ashlyn J. Hawkins, Ruston *!
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Wilexia Hootsell, Arlington, TX
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Breanna Alexis Hunt, Lancaster, CA
Zaria'h Mattie Alise Jarvis, Baton Rouge
Clarence R. Johnson, Arlington, TX
Brianna N. Jones, Alexandria
Jourdan Jones, Compton, CA
Maya Denise Lavergne, Opelousas
Jarvis Arneas Logan, Mer Rouge
Tye Amaria Mansion, New Orleans
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Leslie Ann Omofomah Anderson, Monroe
Kyle Maurice Parker, Brusly
Vionetre T. Petty, Milwaukee, WI #
Adrianna Marie Pratt, Kansas City, MO *
Jahlani Rashaud Reed, Oklahoma, OK #
Nyeisha Mashae Robinson, Shreveport
Takeriah Monae Robinson, Monroe *
Dejia Symone Russell, Houston, TX *!
Chances-Ciara Rayshell Rutledge, Keithville
Maia Emari Saine, Memphis, TN *!
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Alicia E. Senter, Bastrop #
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Janaiya Arianne Smith, Palmetto **!
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Omar Keshawn Taylor, New Orleans
Aniyah Fianni Thomas, Richmond, CA
Damiane Pierre Thomas, New Orleans
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Lavelle Wilson, Jr., Monroe

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Shelly-Ann Dejean, Fort Cavazos, TX

College of Professional Studies

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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 doctoral 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 doctoral 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.

Academic colors are listed below:

Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	White
Business	Drab
Criminal Justice	Purple
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Royal Blue
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering Technology.....	Orange
Mass Communication.....	Crimson
Music.....	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Bright Gold
Social Work	Citron

President's Medallion

The medallion worn today by President Martin Lemelle, Jr., D.B.A. 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.

The Alumni Pledge

I (*state you 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.

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 Arlynne 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 shore to shore.
Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,
We love thee, dear ole Grambling.

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 list'ning 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.

The Star-Spangled Banner

by Francis Scott Key

O 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 through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly, yeah, streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through 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?

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