

Commencement

GRADUATE CEREMONY

FALL 2024





elcome to Commencement at the University of West Georgia! An academic commencement is unlike any other ceremony. The importance of the occasion is underscored by the use of symbols and traditions which have their origins in the medieval academies. The academic dress, the mace, many of the words we use, and even the diplomas themselves derive from a long and distinguished academic history.

We hope you will take time to look through this program. In it, you will find explanations of some of the customs and symbols you will witness today. We hope your understanding of these academic traditions will add to your enjoyment of the commencement ceremony.

We are happy to have you with us today as we celebrate the achievements of our graduates.

Welcome!

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University of West Georgia

December 13, 2024

The Coliseum

Carrollton, Georgia



FALL SEMESTER GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jennifer Jordan
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Justin Harris
Bass-baritone

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Ashwani Monga
Interim President

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Jon A. Preston
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. André L. Fortune
Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Mike Dishman
Dean of the College of Education

Clint Samples
Interim Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Dr. Renee Butler
Interim Dean of the Dr. James 'Earl' Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences

Dr. Christopher Johnson
Dean of the Richards College of Business

Dr. Karen Owen
Dean of University College and Honors College

Dr. Oliver Duah
Interim Dean of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing

Dr. Matt Varga
Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Brad Yates
Dean of the School of Communication, Film, and Media

Anne Barnhart
Professor and Head of Outreach & Assessment for Ingram Library



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HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Dr. Jesse Brock
Limited Term Professor

Dr. Ryan Bronkema
*Interim Chair of the Department of Counseling, Higher Education and
Speech-Language Pathology*

Dr. Georgia Evans
Clinical Assistant Professor of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement

Dr. Katy Green
Professor of Special Education

Dr. Su Jara-Pazmino
Assistant Professor of Sport Management, Wellness, and Physical Education

Dr. Michele Pinellas
Clinical Assistant Professor of Counseling

Dr. Elizabeth Pope
Associate Professor of Educational Research

Dr. Natasha Ramsay-Jordan
Associate Professor of Early Childhood Through Secondary Education

Dr. Jean Ferguson Ruffin
Assistant Professor of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement

Dr. Reena Viswanath
*Assistant Professor of Counseling, Higher Education, and Speech-Language
Pathology*

Dr. Julia Whisenhunt
Professor of Counselor Education

INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Christopher Sanders
Chair of Alumni Association Board of Directors

ALMA MATER

Justin Harris

FACULTY MARSHAL

Dr. Kimberly Green
Professor of Management

MACE BEARER

Dr. Trina Wood
Assistant Department Chair and Lecturer of Special Education



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MONGA

Dear UWG Graduate,

On behalf of the University of West Georgia, it is my honor and privilege to congratulate you on this exceptional achievement! This milestone is a moment you and your loved ones can truly celebrate.

Earning your degree is a profound accomplishment, but it is also a beginning. Your time at UWG has equipped you with knowledge, skills, and experiences that will open doors to meaningful opportunities, inspire new journeys, and position you to make an indelible impact in your communities and beyond.

As a UWG graduate, you are a vital part of this university's story. You have been part of wonderful student experiences that have prepared you for the world ahead, and your journey as an alum begins here. Your continued engagement and support will strengthen the value of your degree and the experiences of those who follow in your footsteps.

The world needs your insights, your passion, and your creativity. Go forward as a proud alum of UWG and make a meaningful difference in all you pursue.

Go West and Go Wolves!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashwani Monga".

Ashwani Monga, Ph.D.
Interim President
University of West Georgia



DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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Tamika Glover Anthony
Isiah L. Arvin
Lauren Victoria Austin
Emily Ayer
Yashofana Baht El
Ashlie Lynn Blalock
Monica Blount
Aniyah Simone Borders
Hannah Bly Bullock
Khandis Isoke Butler
Charma Carroll
Kate L. Caspersen
Ronnisha Denise Clinkscales
Anthony Tyrone Criswell Jr.
Niigel Curtis
Bo Ryan Dettmering
Elaine Carlson Dorland
Joreal Vanay Eady
Daniel Scott Eason
Jeannie Marie Evans
Javan Latrice Gill
Savannah Grayson Glover
Ty Gordon
Yolanda Yvette Hale
Valerie LaShay Harvey
April Griffith Hill
Mona Hilson Lavache
Ryan Jackson
NyShawn Nycole Jenkins
Jeanie Jewell
Shelley Jordan
Lateysha M. Knight
Jontae Malik Leggett
Julie Mathews
Christopher Lee May
Shamina Lakiesha McCartney
Kalyn Elizabeth Milton
Kristeen Nash
Shakerra Dameka Neely
Rosalind Nixon
Lisa Nolton
Turoko Michelle Oliver
George Carey Patrick III
Ashley Patterson
Britney Taylor Petrosky
Keriston Renee Provost
Sydney Jordan Robinson
Ra'Kierra Tricha' Rogers

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Learie Sandy
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Marcus Wayne Skiles
Christina Carlile Smith
Emileigh Abigail Smith
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Tamesia S. Walton
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

College Student Affairs Administration

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Ashanti Genai Banks
Bonnie Baxley
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Stacy Rocquel Biggs-Barron
Bailey Mae Boswell
Maci Lynn Brannon
Kaston Elizabeth Caldwell
Mary Cameron
Alyssa Rhiannon Chandler
Rebecca Lee Clinton
Amanda Lynn Coe
Kristen Bradford Cook
Annaliese Autry Cope
Candice Emillia Dalrymple
Hannah McKenzie Dickey
Monica Danielle Doolittle
Torey Rene Duhon
Hannah McKenzie Entrekin
Angela Factor
Brittany Geithman
Garielle Hawes
Matthew Martin Haynes
Nichola Sierra Herman
Brooke Hicks
Kayla Denise Homan
Katie Hunter
Brianna Hyde
Stephanie Irving
Kendall Alexis Jackson
Evelyn Laurel Jones

Ellen Kaltenbacher
Emily Abigail Keeble
Emaleigh Madison Kish
Gabbrielle Jasmine Lackey
Rista Raquell Rogers Lannom
Kayla Lynn Laukka
Lisa Thompson Lewis
La'Teisha Mishawn Lynum
Julie Nicole Martin
Aaron Mark Mason
Talin Mason
Tiffany McKibben
Ashley Danielle Miller
Jill Marie Morrow
Macaely Grace Nix
Ixcel Ortiz
Tatyona Renae Owens
Kindell Reeves Padgett
Christen Hannah Peck
Jaime Kay Pennington
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Javonne M. Roman
Ashlyn Rene' Sewell
Madison Taylor Shadrix
Abigail Hope Smith
Stephanie Brooke Sorrells
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Lauren Deshion Stephens
Pamela Maria Timbs
Laykin Ford Toney
Yaneli Figueroa Torres
Abby Grace Townsend
Jillian Jeanette Trowell
Alexis Marie Turner
Sara Vogel
Linda Jill Walden
Molly Caitlin Welch
Eugenia Leigh Weldon
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Jessica Haelan Yun

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Kelly Amante
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Matthew Ryan Pavlak
Blake Pinto
Heather Postier
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Justice Lane
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Cariosa Joyce Powell
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Stephen Michael Lindsay
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sport Management

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Kristen Davis
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Wastell McNeil
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Amber Louise Parrish
Erica Chloe Pater
Mason Kenneth Patton
Cathyann Peng
John Michael Peterson
Ashley Marie Plante
Hannah Elizabeth Pledger
Erika Denise Porter
Stephanie Catherine Postell
Sonja Powell
Cherelle Owusu Prempeh
Heather V. Price
Julia Rachkovskiy
Amy Elizabeth Rainey
Maria Elena Ramsey
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Malarie Margaret Redding
Jacob Rich
Ashley Nicole Riner
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Dana M. Rogers
Catherine Emilie Rose
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Robin Katrina Ryan
Sanna Deen Sallah
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Lauren Elizabeth Sarnacki
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Jameyan Bernarris Smith
Cassidy Autumn Smithson
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Kaci Floyd Todd
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Sharon Tucker
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Kristin Jasona Pittman
T' Shunta Rambert
Dana Rizk
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Carol Lynn Miller Franklin
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Laney Caroline Henson
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Melissa Tucker Churchill
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Rashelle Lynn Jackson
Alycia Danielle Jenkins
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India Natee Jones
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Katherine Kurney
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Nicole Payne
Ashley Pena
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Ansley Scoggins
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Peyton Leigh Wilson
Erin Michelle Wohlfeil
Parker Copeland York
Larissa Ann Zitzmann

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Emmie Leigh Cass
Rose Colored Glasses: Inequalities In Collegiate Athletics From The Female Student-Athlete Perspective: A Qualitative Study
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Su Jara-Pazmino

Rebecca Ann Free
Charting the Course: Institutional Characteristics and Their Role in Predicting Primary Modality Enrollment at Select Community Colleges
Faculty Advisors: Dr. Reena Viswanath & Dr. Tommy Jackson

Austina McFarland Jordan
A Phenomenological Study Examining Faculty Librarian Experiences Supervising Student Assistants In Academic Libraries
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jesse Brock

Melanie Lynn Spriggs Largin
Historical Characteristics of the Learning Support Math Population at a Two-year College and Impact on Time to Graduation for STEM Students
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Dena Kniess

Ceimone Henderson Strickland
Examining the Relationship Between Academic Achievement and Accommodation Use for Students with Disabilities

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jesse Brock

Sade Lorraine Tramble
Where are all the Black females in the STEM pipeline? The essence of Black females in STEM majors at a predominantly White institution

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Natasha Ramsay-Jordan

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

School Improvement

Rebecca Christine Axelrod
Teacher Usage and Perception of Evidence-Based Resources for Working with Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Katy Green

Jody Marie Barbre
Examining The Role Self-Perception Of Reading Level Plays In Determining Reading Motivation And Habits Of Early Adolescents
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Laurie Kimbrel

Arminda Lynn Fueston
Virtual Middle School Teacher Perceptions Of Social-Emotional Learning On Student Engagement
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Pope

Taylor Brooks Nunez
After Coach Endorsement: The Continued Professional Development Needs of the Instructional Coach
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jean F. Ruffin

Stephanie Denise Reynolds
Collective Teacher Efficacy: Overcoming Socioeconomic Barriers In Title I Distinguished Schools To Increase Student Achievement
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Georgia Evans

Sarah LeDuc Sansbury
The Librarian's Role in Fostering School-Wide Positive Reading Culture in Georgia Schools

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jean F. Ruffin

Nicole Vidiri Silva
Preschool Special Education in Peril: Administrators' Perspectives on Educational Impact, Equity, and Solutions
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jean F. Ruffin

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SUPERVISION

Betsy Brafman Alpert
Factors Influencing Georgia High School Counselors' Adoption Of The Dual Enrollment Accelerated Career Diploma Program Within Their Schools
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Lindsey Rachel Fisher
The School Counselor's Role in the Implementation of Suicide Postvention Protocol
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Stella Maris Mejia
Strength In The Margins, Latinx Academic Success; Implications For School Counselors
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Julia Whisenhunt

Emma Guy Shelnutt
Stakeholder Perceptions of the Effectiveness of a Calming Space in a Georgia Secondary School
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Michele Pinellas

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Examining Secondary School Counselors' Experiences When Working With Students With Problematic Internet Behaviors
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MASTER OF MUSIC

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
PSYCHOLOGY**

Consciousness and Society

Muhammad Azam Khalid
*Making Development Developmental:
Resources From Josiah Royce And Charles
Peirce's Reading Of Evolutionary Thought*
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Lisa Osbeck

India Court MacWeeney
*Beyond Description: Writing The Mind
Undone*

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Digital and Social Media Communication
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UWG began awarding the Doctor of Humane Letters in 1996, and recipients of this honor include:

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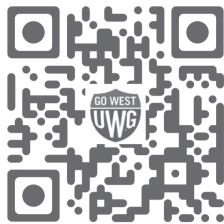
Congratulations on your graduation from the University of West Georgia, and welcome to the Alumni Association! You have joined a distinguished group of people who have graduated from or attended UWG. We represent a group with a variety of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, vocations, ages, and opinions, but one thing we resoundingly share is our dedication to the University of West Georgia.

Every graduate of the University of West Georgia is a member of the UWG Alumni Association. We strive to keep you connected to your alma mater long after you graduate and support you along your journey through life and your career. You belong at UWG as a student and as a graduate. We invite you to engage with the Alumni Association through **joining an alumni network** in your area, **attending events** on campus or virtually, **following us** on social media, and **keeping in touch** with us. Remain an active member of the UWG community as you **participate in UWG traditions** like Homecoming and A Day, UWG's annual day of giving.

You'll also have opportunities to invest in UWG as you **volunteer your time** to speak to a class, **mentor a student**, and **make career connections**. You can show your UWG pride as you celebrate UWG with your networks and on social media or cheer on the Wolves at an athletic event. Your opportunities to continue your connection to UWG are almost endless.

We will reach out to you soon. **You can also learn more at westga.edu/alumni** and keep up-to-date with the latest alumni and university news. We look forward to your involvement with your Alumni Association and to seeing you again soon!

Mr. Christopher Sanders '03
*Chair of Alumni Association
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

The University of West Georgia has been a beacon for learning since 1906. Originally founded as an agricultural and mechanical school, the institution became a two-year college and charter member of the University System of Georgia in 1933. In 1957, it expanded to a four-year institution and received university status in 1996. Today, UWG is a leading residential, doctoral comprehensive university that offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum based on a liberal arts foundation.

With an enrollment of nearly 14,400 during the fall 2024 semester, UWG currently offers 106 programs of study, including two two-year degrees, 46 at the bachelor's degree level, 25 at the master's level, six at the specialist level, five at the doctoral level, and 12 post-baccalaureate, six undergraduate, and four post-master's certificates. The university prides itself on a diverse student body, as students come from most counties in Georgia, as well as from 31 other states and 62 other countries.

UWG has many ways for students to become involved on campus. The university hosts more than 170 registered organizations in addition to many intramural and recreational sports. Effective July 1, 2024, UWG elevated to compete in NCAA Division I Athletics

as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. The university fields eight women's and five men's intercollegiate athletics teams, as well as co-ed and all-female cheerleading squads. Service-learning is also a basic tenet of the institution, as it has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for its institutional commitment to community engagement through teaching, research, and public service.

Over the past five years, the campus has improved and expanded facilities that enhance opportunities for students to thrive and succeed, such as renovation to the Biology Building and new construction for the Student Health Center and Roy Richards Sr. Hall, home of the Richards College of Business. The university recently renovated the Humanities Building, home to programs in art, English, film studies, history, language, performing arts, and philosophy. UWG Newnan has also expanded its location at the historic Newnan Hospital.

Visit westga.edu for further information on the university or call 678-839-4000 to schedule a tour.



TRADITIONS OF COMMENCEMENT

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn by today's participants dates back to the Middle Ages. The clergy were the literate class, so early academic costumes were clerical. The monk's habit and cowl worn over the head were predecessors of the modern black gowns. Hoods and capes were also necessary during European winters because the buildings where scholars lived and studied were cold.

Over time, gown styles became standardized for the three types of degrees. Those holding the bachelor's degree wear a gown distinguished by long, pointed sleeves. Master's and specialist degree candidates wear the traditional black gown with full-length square sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The greatest symbolism is shown by the hood. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a three-inch band of velvet. The master's and specialist hood is three-and-one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch band of velvet. The doctor's hood is four feet long, faced with a five-inch band of velvet. The color of the velvet band on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted, and the hood is lined with the color of the university granting the degree.

THE MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was a weapon used in battle, but as newer and more powerful military arms developed, it was adopted by academia as a symbol of the power of ideas, truth, and wisdom. In modern times, the mace is carried to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace is constructed of cherry wood, black walnut, hand-turned walnut, and walnut burl. The institution's seal adorns the head of the mace and complements the presidential medallion.

Alma Mater

Felton Dunn

Bruce Borton



In the west-ern pines of Georgia stand-ing strong and true,



Our wise Al - ma Ma - ter beck-ons to the Red and Blue,



Though you be in learn-ing found-ed youth-ful yet you be,



While thus guid-ed by tra-di-tion yet you still breathe free,



Dear West Geor- gia Dear West Geor - gia stand-ing strong and



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