

Commencement

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONIES

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 14, 2024

The Coliseum

Carrollton, Georgia



FALL SEMESTER UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 14, 2024 | THE COLISEUM

10 a.m.

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

Richards College of Business
College of Education
School of Communication, Film, and Media
University College

2 p.m.

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Dr. James 'Earl' Perry College of Mathematics,
Computing, and Sciences
Tanner Health System School of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Jennifer Jordan
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM 10 a.m.

Matthew Mersereau
Tenor

2 p.m.

Charles Tré Gregory
Baritone

SGA WELCOME

Chase Williams
President, Student Government Association

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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INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION		Christopher Sanders <i>Chair of Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
ALMA MATER	10 a.m.	Matthew Mersereau
	2 p.m.	Charles Tré Gregory
FACULTY MARSHAL	10 a.m.	Dr. A. Rebekah Teal <i>Lecturer of Management</i>
	2 p.m.	Dr. Tanya Naguszewski <i>Assistant Professor of Nursing</i>
MACE BEARER	10 a.m.	Dr. Timothy Schroer <i>Chair of the Department of General Education and Professor of History</i>
	2 p.m.	Dr. Gregory Fraser



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

Δ also Accounting | ≈ also Anthropology | √ also Biology | € also Criminology | ≠ also Data Intelligence and Business Analytics | ¶ also English | Ω also Finance
£ also Foreign Languages & Literatures | Σ also Geology | Β also Management | ¥ also Marketing | ∂ also Psychology | † also Sociology

College of Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health and Community Wellness

- Skylar Elise Beamon
- Brandon Brown
- James Caleb Brown
- ★ Madeline Ann Dixson
- Jared Mark Emory
- ★ Holly Ann Foster
- Alina Elaine Harris
- Chase Emanuel Dwight Hughes
- Thomas Petr Isakovich
- Miles A. Jordan
- ❖ Olivia Kilpatrick
- ★ Sarah E. Klinck
- Devin Lamone Martin
- Dayjha Monique Miller
- ★ Sydney Nicole Mullins
- ❖ Tah'Kia Ja' Nahi Parham
- Katie Belle Shinholster
- Darrius J. Smith
- ▲ George Smith
- Alexandra Nicole Stewart
- ▲ Lillian Wilson
- Sport Management**
- ★ Christian J. Beale
- Luke Michael Brumm
- Carson William Crossley

- Keniya DeShawn Cureton
- Darian Jamal Dorsey
- Benjamin Milton Fortson
- ★ Michael Terrell Griffin
- ❖ Arasia Ishana Grosvenor
- ★ Elijah Jeremi Holt
- Bryan Anthony Leggett
- ▲ Daniel Keegan Moore
- Leroy R. Naza
- Jaden LePrince Powell
- ★ Eric Preston Jr.
- ❖ Rockman Ali Rivers Jr.
- Jacob Richard Stubbs
- Mykel Tubbs
- Nicholas Derwin Virgle
- Xavier Rashad Wynn

- ★ Emma Grace Fordham
- Keina Lamae Fore
- ❖ Rachael Olivia Galen
- ▲ Anna E. Garren
- ★ Reneice Sabrina Graham
- Starr Christina Henry
- ▲ Emma B. Hollenbeck
- ★ Zandra Ishell Hubbard
- ▲ Kailee Tanner Jeong
- ▲ Audrey M. Johnson
- ★ Brooklyn Alissa Kierbow
- ▲ Jenna Carol Langley
- ★ Melissa Lucas Velásquez
- ▲ Victoria Skye Miles
- ★ Kayla Amayrani Perez De Leon
- ★ Savannah Loren Pittman
- ▲ Madison Grace Sellers
- ▲ Sydney Paige Stover
- Promise Joy Taplin
- Raven Darvette Turner
- ❖ Jodi E. Tuxbury
- Katherine Miller Williamson

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Elementary Education

- ❖ Charleigh McGee Adair
- Heather R. Beck
- ▲ Natalie Marie Burch
- ▲ Seth Joseph Carter
- ▲ Gracie Elizabeth Conn
- ★ Margaret Abigail Ellis
- ★ Rachel Elizabeth Fielden

Physical Education

- ★ Camron Malik McKinney

Speech-Language Pathology

- Alexis Marie Greco
- Carlee Savannah Shumake
- ★ Hilaria Tello

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art

- Isaiah Thomas Benton
- G`ovanni D. Boatwright
- ★ Sydney Elisabeth Graham
- ★ Hannah Frances Jones
- Nicholas Adam McIntire

English

- Andrea Symone Allen
- ❖ Adeline Monroe Auclair
- Whitney Kathryn Blanton
- Bryce Steven Calain
- Kaitlyn Nicole Chambers
- ❖ Megan M. Conley
- ★ Elisabeth Victoria Cooper

Meredith Orion Mask

- Emily McGuire
- Tatum Charles Mowen
- Steven Lewis Price
- Haley Beth Roach

Foreign Languages and Literatures

- ★ Abigail Wynne Timbol

Foreign Languages and Literatures

- ★ Lamine Banda Lo
- Emma Grace Moody
- ▲ Madison Renardel de Lavalette

History

- Jacob W. Armstrong
- Michael Clayton Ballenger
- ★ Carlee Jane Cooper

▲ Andrew S. Dyer

- Hunter Mack Grizzard
- Tyler Blake Peugh
- Bailey Morgan Smith
- ★ Clark David Tucker

Philosophy

- Dajarae Nanyamka George

Theatre

- Garrett Chase Carpenter

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Art

- ❖ Katherine Marie Arp
- ▲ Abigail Elizabeth Boylen
- Maranda Dreshaun Calhoun

★ cum laude

❖ magna cum laude

▲ summa cum laude



- ▲ Sarah Grace Gailey
- ★ Joseph Christopher Godley
- ▲ Mackenzie Raye Heath
- ❖ Grace Ingrid Jorek
- ▲ Roze Alyah Langley
- ❖ Hannah Mae Suzanne Lyle
- ★ Christian A. Mitchell
- ❖ Karen Natalie Moreno-Piedra
- Sundria Kenise Morgan
- Olufunmilola Omowunmi Oniyide
- ★ Angel Blessin Ponder
- Gretel Rivera
- ▲ McKenna Patrice Schmidt
- Lauren Emelyn Sibley
- ★ Alaundra Simone Williams

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

- Lee Wyatt Chestnut
- Hannah Gail Royals
- Keion Cristofer Veal

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Anthropology

- Talia Alexander
- ❖ Ella Sinclair Griffith

Psychology

- Jacquelyn Jeanne Akers
- Kathleen Alonso
- Bilal A. Anderson
- Iyanu Shalom Awomolo
- Aleyna Ayhopa
- Jasmine Simone' Baptiste
- ❖ Wendi S. Bouma
- ❖ Alexis Ariana Boykin
- Denver Kaylee Brooks
- Jessica Lynn Brown
- Taren MonShann Brown
- ★ Jade Maureen Butcher
- ▲ Charlee Beth Causey
- Mariah Alexandria Chambers
- Mya F. Collier
- Celeste Mattisyn Corbitt
- ❖ ≈ Daemion Dalton
- ★ Hannah McCay Davenport

- ★ Alessia Hayes Davis
- Maegan Elonn Davis
- Olivia Ashley Degbou
- Anthony Joseph DeGennaro
- Macari DeValia-Lawson
- Kennedy Taylor Donaldson
- Calvinesha L. Dowdell
- Amber Nicole Downing
- Cayla Durr
- Lavonte Eaddy
- ★ Emma Jane Flynn
- Aaliyah Janelle Foster
- ▲ Nicole Christe'l Frazer
- ▲ Eva Sophia Fuhrey
- ▲ Jessica Grant
- ▲ Chalee Campbell Hill
- Shenya Davionna Hutchins
- Shakira Jené Jackson
- Fashione Marie Jones
- ❖ Leah Marie Jones
- ▲ Susan Alexandra Kerce
- Breoni Sabree Langford
- Marissa Ruth Langford
- Kayla Amanda Lawrence
- India Nicole Leaks
- Emanuel Lopez
- Erin I. Mabry
- Macy Nichole Maxwell
- Aiyanna Tamia Mccall
- Laelah Elfriede McEntire
- ★ Jamyiah Makayla Mcgill
- Shanel Monje McReynolds
- ❖ Bailey Alyssa Moore
- ❖ Lydia Elizabeth Morrison
- Ciarra M. Morse
- Kierra Leporshay Moss
- Grason Elizabeth Nally
- Eliza Leigh Naugle
- Deauntae R. Nelson
- Seraiah J. Owens
- ❖ Amber Marie Payne
- ★ John Robert Perrin
- Albert Worthy Nortei Quaynor Jr.
- ▲ Addyson M. Rainwater
- ▲ Abria Michelle Reyes

- ▲ Nichole Marie Richards
 - Kaydee Lynn Richardson
 - Khaila Janai Roberson
 - Iyona Cierra Ross
 - Mya Briana Sago
 - Victor Emanuel Santos
 - ❖ ≈ Jennifer Lynn Scott
 - Jailyn Latrice Shaw
 - Madelyn E. Smith
 - Taylor Skye Spears
 - ★ Fridos Tchontchoko
 - ★ Faith Kaitlyn-Grace Theus
 - ❖ Joycelyn Bianca Tifrea
 - Gladys Chidinma Uluocha
 - Lacy Villar
 - Aliyah Krissean Walton
 - Elizabeth Leona Ware
 - ★ Hattie Carson Yarbrough
- Social and Behavioral Health**
- Lizbeth Guadalupe Arriola
 - ★ Tasia S. Crowder
 - Makala Deanna Glenn
 - Miracle Amberalle Hall
 - ★ Isabella Jean Hurtado
 - ★ Cami Elizabeth Kelly
 - Shelby Kate Owens
 - Aniya E. Scruggs
 - Jucajha A. Smith
 - Nacodie Churuin Williams Jr.

Sociology

- Joshua Arnold
- Zoe Chyanne Arnold
- Kenneth R. Bolds
- Jamyia Tysha Florence
- Mckenzie Elyse Gates
- ★ Kimberley S. Howell
- Yazmin Shante'L Little
- ★ Rachel Mae Locey
- ▲ Michelle Shaniya Minor
- BreAnna C. Moses
- Taqwila Meshawn Mullins
- Elizabeth Kristen Patterson
- Jamari M. Thomas
- ★ Kaniesha Jonitra Williams

Dr. James 'Earl' Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTING

- Daniel Lucas Buckner
- Laquinton Denkeith Chunn
- William Jackson Clark
- ▲ Jack Patrick Harney
- ★ Terrance Deontay Hayes

- Joshua Lee Hendrix
- ★ Jonathan J. Johnson Jr.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Biology**
- Asia S. Akbar

- Erica Nicola Akinnubi
- Tyler Keith Banks
- ★ Amanda Elizabeth Basant
- Zaria Arieon Bell
- Bailey Carter Cannady
- Jonathan Heinz Jahdai Casimir

★ cum laude

❖ magna cum laude

▲ summa cum laude



- ▲ Gavin M. Cole
 - Ashley Nicole Davis
 - Mackayla Dunson
 - Madison Brooke Edwards
 - Naomi Effiong Essang
- ▲ Christiana Marie Gleissner
 - Mawueyram Yetunda Glover
- ★ Adrienne Victoria Gossett
- ❖ Rachel J. Harry
- ❖ Natalie Leeanne Henderson
 - Seth Hunter Holcomb
- ★ Ashley Kidd
 - Ashanti Monique Lane
- ★ Lamine Banda Lo
 - Ann Stewart Mcalpin
- € Kaitlyn Elizabeth McMahon
 - Myah Leigh Musick
- ▲ Douglas Mwaura
- ★ Vivian Nguyen
- ★ Jill Bharat Patel
- ∂ Heidi Marilyn Perez
- ★ Mariana Perez
 - Elijuah Jarod Render
 - Averee J. Roman

- Nickohlas Deshawn Shepard
- ▲ Nicole Dakis Sorg
 - Celine Gloria Szasz
 - Quavion Tywan Teasley
 - Rachel Camille Williams
 - KeMora Monea Wilson
- ▲ Rebekah Ann Woodall
 - Kaitlyn Belinda Nicole Wright

Chemistry

- ❖ Melody Ahuchaogu
- ★ Sameerah Ayomide Amao
 - Chioma Precious Ibuoffor
- ▲ Marissa M. Keeler
 - Jayla Marie Marcus
- ▲ Paulina Del Pilar Ramirez Fernandez
 - Katie Michelle Sticher
 - Judeah Noelle Wallace

Computer Science

- Miguel Alberto Campos
- Saul Alexis Robles

Geography

- ❖ Benjamin Bayette Allen
- Edylson Hernandez

Geology

- ❖ Ethan Errol Askin
 - Tyler Matthew Brunson
 - Lauren Elizabeth Coy
- ★ Marion Vann Plemons
 - Georgia Clarina Waddell
 - Zachary Alan West

Mathematics

- ★ Esther Madalyn Abston
 - Brenna Gabriel Barnett
- ❖ Josiah O. Jorek
- ★ Sara Kate Morris
 - Jordan M. Thomas
 - Jasmine P. Willis

Physics

- Tamar Amir
- ❖ Chiwoo Cho
 - William Jones
 - Cory Robert Thompson

NEXUS DEGREE IN COMPUTING

- Jordan Andrew Thompson

*Richards College of Business***BACHELOR OF BUSINESS****ADMINISTRATION****Accounting**

- ❖ ∂ Connor William Abernathy
 - Jesus Alberto Aguilera
 - Taylor Lee Brewton
 - Mariah Tiffany Chapman
 - Ethyn Benjamin Cole
 - Ethan Langford Copeland
- ★ Collette Jasmyne Jackson
- ★ Gunner Luke Lankford
 - Jalen Savon Miller
- ★ Kage Joshua Neuner
 - Amron Jasmine Alfruto Sagadraga
 - Jackson Collier Stembridge
- ★ Kierra Jayana Janessa Stephens
- ★ Michell A. Umana Aguilar
- ▲ Jasmine Nicole Wellborn
- ★ Justin Vincent Young

Data Intelligence and Business Analytics

- Tyler Cameron Jones

Economics

- Hanson Chase Deviney Dodson
- Princess G. Freeman
- ★ Dylan Thomas

Finance

- Ariel Alonso De La Sierra
- Sophia Amir
- Cordero Joseph Bennett
- ❖ Jackson Rian Carroll
- ★ Brandon N. Cheek
- ★ Jake S. Davis
 - Tyler David Fincher
 - Jasmine Courtney Harrison
 - Matthew J. Jackson
 - Bryson Cole King
 - Brantly Cale Robinson
 - Colin Joseph Schmits
- ★ Aliyah C. Taylor
 - Macy Nicole Thompson
 - Drew A. Tomlinson
- ▲ Cameron Whitfield

Management

- Jared Scott Allen
- ▲ Damaris Sarai Avelданes-Veliz
 - Arther Zachariah Ball
 - Cody Lee Ballard Jr.
 - Whitney Gabrielle Beaver
 - Juan Jesus Benitez
 - Mary Alison Bennett
- ★ Anthony R. Burner

Caison Byars

- ★ Robert Taylor Cantrell
 - Jasmine L. Chester
 - Hansol Choi
- ★ Cole Jordan Cook
 - Warren Scott Cunningham II
 - Christopher Steven Davis II
 - Omar Kadwin Edwards
 - Gedmyr Leika Etienne
 - Lorraine Foster
 - Sarah Rebecca Freeman
- ★ Ivy Elizabeth Gosdin
- Ω Keelan Michael Eric Grooms
- ★ Tanner Davis Hall
- ★ Noah Chase Haney
 - Gregory Allen Hawk Jr.
 - Margaret Elizabeth Hayes
- ▲ Caitlyn A. Heath
- ¥ Jasmine Nicole Henderson
 - Bryson J. Higdon
 - Katelyn Elizabeth Hinesley
 - Luke Nicholas Hoegger
 - Hannah Hunter
 - Solomon P. Jacobson
 - Dejah Kierra Jones
 - Sandra Kofowo

★ *cum laude*❖ *magna cum laude*▲ *summa cum laude*



Matthew Alan Lucas
 Brandon Amir Matthews
 Tyler J. Meersman
 Mark Andrew Mikeal
 Jalon Donquez Miller
 Lucas Jackson Millians
 Oluwanifemi Olaogun
 Mary Elizabeth Parker
 Ashley Elizabeth Reid
 Laylanni Rivera
 Rreanna L. Schultz
 Connor David Smith-McCrum

❖ Alex Joseph Spitzer
 Lilly Renee Thompson
 Wyatt Matthew Underwood
 ▲ Larry Woodrow Voyles III
 ★ Larry Kyrk Walker
 Amani J. Williams
 ❖ Christopher Keith Williams

Management Information Systems

Devin Christopher Alder
 Isatou Dibory Bah
 ▲ = Tara Lynn Brock
 ¥ Derell Reneal Butler
 ▲ Maria Domingo-Jones

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 Jaylin Cecelia Gamble
 ★ Jasmine Nichelle Norris
 Amelia Grace Orr
 ★ Daniel Lyndon Powell
 Zachary Burton Shaw
 Jack Snyder
 Christian Devon Tyler
 Destiny Wade
 Sabrina Atlento Warner
 Fredrick Wyndell Williams Jr.

Marketing

Abby Faith Allen
 Jordyn Carlie Allen
 Tehya Amira Allen
 Sarah Elizabeth Anderson
 Sofia Estelle Anthony
 Diamond Monique Atchison
 ★ Jalen C. Billings
 ★ Tamaya M. Boddie
 ▲ Jasmine Camille Brown
 Addison Marie Camp
 ★ Tyson Cooper Cartwright
 Emily Elizabeth Cavalcante
 Maxwell Evans Colston

⊗ Kadrise Regina Ann Cottle-Jones
 Jordyn Marie Crumbley
 Ty Donnen Davis
 Emily Angellica Douglas
 ★ Sadie Claire Edwards
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 Seth A. Hodges
 Piper Ridglea Horne
 Mason Aaron Huntley
 Eric Lyndell Jackson Jr.
 Emily Caroline Kupfer
 Tyrin Lawery
 Maggie Grace Miles
 Alison Rose Rawlings
 Keyana Andrea Shears
 Javon Trenton Edward Stevenson
 Matthew Howell Sutton
 Matthew James Tittle
 Keondre Williams
 Bree Cameron Worthy
 ⊗ Mallory Lynn Wright

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Economics

Turner Fre Bynum

School of Communication, Film, and Media

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Film and Video Production

★ Michael Elias Andrews
 ▲ Abigail Lillian Josephine Carter
 Adam Tucker Corley
 Logan Skot Garrick
 Jervej Romeyo Gathers
 ★ Noah T. Humphrey
 Ansley Nicole Roberson

Mass Communications

▲ Brandon David Jake Adams

▲ Courtney S. Bixby
 Carrington Eugene Bothwell
 Emma Marie Brackett
 ❖ Rachael Marie Brown
 Trinity Moriah Campbell
 Alexander Javier Ducoulombier
 ★ Alan August Fehn
 Tyler Alexander Gates
 Regginald Bernard Holloway
 Micah Lawrence Johnson
 Ananda L. Jones
 Jelen Corlandas Lee

★ Daesha Yvonne Wade Love
 Joshua Ryan Maddox
 E' Shawn D. Mayes
 Sarah Paye
 Galilea Rodriguez
 Anderson J. Rowland
 Matthew O' Neal Scoby
 Rayis Smith
 ❖ Emma Laura Swales
 ★ Trayjon Jake Turner
 Nayeli Vazquez
 Tyland Omarian Willingham

Tanner Health System School of Nursing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

★ Olubunmi Beatrice Akerele
 ❖ Misae Kimber Armijo
 ★ Taylor Anne Arrington
 Britanna Shea Barkley
 ★ Elizabeth Grace Boatright
 ★ Kailee Marie Bozeman
 Valerie Nichole Byrd
 Jadan Lavel Clark

★ Christopher A. Clay
 ★ Cielle L. Crawford
 Kaella Olivia Daly
 ❖ Tai Renee Diggs
 ▲ Madison Danielle Doughty
 ★ Whitney Adwoa Fernandes
 ★ Makayla N. Ford
 ▲ Kayla Gabbard
 Shaquira Shaquor Harvey

★ Emma Grace Heatherly
 ★ Gisalle Janet Hernandez Fuentes
 ▲ Autumn Marie Hicks
 Lauren Michele Hoffman
 Jessalyn Hutchins
 ❖ Jessica Logan Ingram
 Jayla Jackson
 McKenna Trenee Johnson
 ❖ Sade Johnson

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- ★ Lindsey René Jones
- ★ Karaline S. LaBar
- ★ Jennifer E. Lee
- ★ Landree Ashton Livermore
Sha`kiya Areionna Lockett
- ★ Madison Emma Luster
- ▲ Erin Elizabeth Marquez
- ★ Baileigh Madison Massengale
Shannon Ryley McCourt
- ★ Whitley Wingo Miller
Darrel Mxolisi Mkandla Mlotshwa
- ★ Rhian Elaine Moore
Myia Danielle Morgan
Kayla Murray
- ★ Emilie Claire Thuman Musgrove
- ▲ Debra Marie Myers
Diamond D. Nalls

- Victory Ifesinachi Nwagidi
David Chinanu Onyekachi Nwakaeze
Chioma Karmen Ojiagbaje
- ★ Chidimma Precious Okafor
Chiamaka Blessing Okoye
Jessica Loraine Palmer
Darlene Pham
- ❖ Phillip Leite Rangel
Jocelynn F. Reed
Millisa Tiffany Reid
- ▲ Dana Belcher Ridley
- ★ Leia Faith Robinson
Amina Zapora Shah
Dejah Markaila Shipman
Macie Merida Shrewsberry
- ▲ Andrew Lee Smith
Grayson N. Smith

- ★ Madison Speck
- ★ Chloé Aleece Spruill
- ★ Jonathan Douglas Sturbaum
- ❖ Yari Tlapa-Apolonio
- ❖ Guerjine Tranquille
- ★ Emily Rose Traylor
- ★ Kylee Morgan Veitch
- ▲ Alexandria Denise Walker
ShayQuann Nyree Washington
- ★ Rishae Ne-Cole Wheeler
- ❖ Madison R. Whited
- ★ Natalea N. Whitley
- ★ Dejah D. Williams
- ★ Mallory Faith Williams
David Norman Woods III
Alexis J. Young
- ★ Abby Gayle Zelczak

University College

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ★ Isaac Richard Christopher
LaWanda Sherrail Crowder

BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

- Sydney Michelle Allen
- Abigail A. Appiah
- Kandace Barr
- ▲ Dalton Garrett Blue
Caelei Alexis Brown
Katelyn Nicole Brown
- ▲ Elizabeth Cali
Greg Paul Camp
Jason Tyler Cruce
- ▲ Ansley Grace Dennis
Noah Quayzandreux Dotson
Nicklaus Hammond
Jessica Lauren Hutchins
Brendan Edward Parks
Lane Winfield Pearson
Raney Jo Walker

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Criminology

- Diego Alfonso Olivo

- Morgan Nicole Austin
Sumer Aujanae Blige
Robert James Boney
T`Asia Jaleea Bradshaw
Michael Anthony Brooks Sr.
- ▲ Mary Katelyn Brownlee
- ❖ Britny Nicole Butler
- ★ Cameran Alice Daniel
Darian Michael Daniels
Taylor Leigh Elrod
- ★ Isaac Pierce Epps
- ▲ Jazmin Carin Gauthier
- ★ Mary Grace Gilbert
Anthony Weldon Henderson Jr.
Elizabeth Latham Hunt
- ▲ Kaitlin Breanna Huntsberry
Kayla Marie Kinsey
Jared A. Mapp
Antonio LaShawn Martin
Jada Antoninette McCurdy
Savannah Martha Moore
- ★ Crystal Nicole Narvaez
- ★ Bryan Austin Rice
Sara Nicole Scallan
Kysten Malik Smith
Susan Stegall
Jeana Densie Thompson

- Michael Lamar Thornton
Elizabeth Louise Traylor

Organizational Leadership

- Tannessa Bates
Hayley Morgan Brady
- ❖ Winifred Garrett
Branden Allen Goins
Tatiana Nicole Gonzalez
- ★ Mark Ryan Hollingsworth
- ★ Erica Iler
- ▲ Raina Nicole Jenkins
Martisha T. Leacock McLean
- ▲ Stacy L. Long
Wanda V. Smith

Political Science

- Aylexys Tahlyse Mary Butts
Joshua Jamal Carmichael
Angel Artisha Hodo
Virginia Halley Jackson
- ▲ Autumn Grace Keaton
Mabel Louise Kelly
Faith Marie Mitchell
- ★ Jordan Cassidy Stewart
Rebecca Elise Taylor
Alexis C. Wentz
- ð Keona Tamar Worthen



Honors College Graduates

The Honors College curriculum is the most academically rigorous curriculum offered at this university. To graduate with Honors College distinction, students must: (1) complete all of the requirements for their degrees in their majors; (2) earn credit for 25% or more of their course work in Honors College courses, including at least two seminars at the junior or senior level; (3) complete a research project; and (4) maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 in Honors College courses and in all other academic work. Completion of this distinctive curriculum is a mark of scholarly excellence and is recognized on all official University of West Georgia transcripts and diplomas.

Abigail Elizabeth Boylen
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

Charlee B. Causey
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Hansol Choi
Bachelor of Business Administration in Management

Maria Domingo-Jones
Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems

Eva Sophia Fuhrey
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Sydney Elisabeth Graham
Bachelor of Arts in Art

Ella Sinclair Griffith
Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

Georgia Clarina Waddell
Bachelor of Science in Geology

International Graduates

Sameerah Ayomide Amao
Nigeria
Bachelor of Science Chemistry

Jade Maureen Butcher
United Kingdom
Bachelor of Science Psychology

Chiwoo Cho
South Korea
Bachelor of Science Physics

Hansol Choi
South Korea
Bachelor of Business Administration Management

Naomi Effiong Essang
Nigeria
Bachelor of Science Biology

Celine Gloria Szasz
The Bahamas
Bachelor of Science Biology

Honorary Degrees

University System of Georgia senior institutions are allowed to recommend to the Board of Regents honorary degree recipients for each academic year. UWG's basic criteria for an honorary degree recipient are notable achievements in an academic field, the arts and letters, the professions, or public service. Nominations are solicited from the college community and are reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee, which makes nominations to the president. The president then submits a candidate's name to the University System staff for final consideration by the Board of Regents. The chancellor then makes a recommendation to the Board of Regents.

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

Roy Richards Jr., 1996
Dr. Julian Stanley, 1997
Howard "Bo" Callaway, 1998
Millard Dean Fuller, 1999
Dr. Nikki Giovanni, 2000
Dr. Richard Neal Zare, 2001
Alice H. Richards, 2002

Dan T. Cathy, 2004
Richard H. Glanton, 2005
Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, 2006
Dr. J. Willis Hurst, 2009
Robert J. Stone, 2012
A. Paul Cadenhead, 2012
Phillip E. Kauffman, 2013

Stephan Lyall Penley, 2014
Melissa P. "Missy" Dugan, 2016
Steve R. Adams, 2017
Nellie Duke, 2018
Laura Richards, 2018
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WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

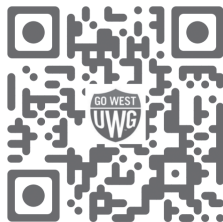
Congratulations on your graduation from the University of West Georgia, and welcome to the Alumni Association! You have joined a distinguished group of people who have graduated from or attended UWG. We represent a group with a variety of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, vocations, ages, and opinions,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



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