

## Fall Semester 2013 Graduate Hooding Ceremony

### Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

**Oluwatimilehin Omotayo Adepoju:** Being a part of the Clayton State University MALS program has been a true learning experience. I have been challenged, have learned more about myself and have grown both intellectually and personally.

**Patrick Andrew Coleman:** I cannot thank the history faculty at Clayton State enough for their support and patience. It has been a wonderful experience and dreams are made real at this institution.

**Sandra Jeneane Pisen:** Being a graduate student at Clayton State University meant experiencing a challenging, yet rewarding curriculum and working closely with dedicated professionals that guide students to their fullest potential.

Richard E. Thompson

**Angela Renea West-Brown:** The Clayton State University Graduate program has allowed me to grow personally and professionally in so many ways. I discovered strengths and capabilities I never knew existed within me. I am ready to lead and inspire.

### Master of Archival Studies

**Paul K. Gjenvick:** Woody Allen said that 80 percent of life is showing up. Maybe so. I believe it's what you do with the other 20 percent that really makes life worth living! After a 30 year career in accounting, finance and IT, I finally get to do what I want. Being an archivist is a fulfillment of a lifelong dream. The MAS degree certainly made this possible.

**Cea Janay Beasley:** Graduation for me means a lifetime of opportunity and distinction. My family has sacrificed countless times, and this day and this hour, I make generations proud! Let this be the beginning of a new culture.

Daniel G. Holland

**Lynette S. Redding:** The graduate program for the Master of Archival Studies has given me the opportunity to discover a profession that was previously unknown to me and has also prepared me to make a much needed career change.

**Delrease Williams Smith:** The MAS graduate degree program has been a wonderful experience. It has made me work very hard in achieving my goals and the degree will help me pursue a successful career as a digital archivist.

Amber LeAnn Smith

### Master of Arts in Teaching English

**Kelley Nicole Gladden:** At CSU, I learned how to be a great teacher, but more importantly, I learned how to critically think about our world. Now, I'm teaching at CSU, so my dreams were definitely "made real"!

## **Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics**

Kenneth Gerard Green

James Frederick Kirksey

## **Master of Business Administration**

**Syed Kamal Uddin Ashraf:** I feel the power of my degree when I talk to corporate America. MBA really opened the door ways for me. It is Clayton State where all this became reality.

**Queenyona Regina Boyd:** As an undergraduate of Clayton State and now MBA graduate, I have learned how to maneuver in the business world. The MBA program gave me my first experience to travel out of the country. I have made long-lasting friendships and I am proud to be a Laker!

**Laverne Y. Crowder:** Entering into the Graduate Program at Clayton State University has been the best decision I ever made. The teachers were awesome and I have become a better employee, student and person since this experience.

Frank P. Davenport IV

**Horace Hiram Derricotte:** My experience during the pursuit of my MBA at Clayton State was quite remarkable and challenging. The support from everyone was unbelievable; and the faculty's dedicated commitment was motivating and truly inspirational. Thanks to all.

**Regina Vanessa Emerson:** Being a part of the Clayton State University MBA program has been a remarkable experience. The program has nurtured, challenged, and equipped me with the tools to become a successful professional in the business world.

Julie Ann Ferguson

**Ta'Kara Ciara Johnson:** Earning an M.B.A. degree from Clayton State University has been a huge milestone. I am proud to have completed this program and welcome all new possible career opportunities. I learned to do research and how to face obstacles that often come with teamwork, but most importantly I learned to be detail-oriented and patient. These attributes play a huge part in my life and it was my honor to complete this program.

Dennis E. Knight, Jr.

Admir Krvavac

**Fatima Aisha Lybrand:** The graduate program at CSU has been challenging and competitive while as it equipped me with the tools to accelerate the advancement of my career and the opportunity to build a strong network of good friends.

**James Guy Lowry:** I enrolled in the MBA program to meet a long standing goal. What I found was a very enjoyable and challenging experience where we made new friends and learned very valuable skills.

**Michelle Mayfield-Rogers:** Being a part of Clayton State University MBA program has been a wonderful experience. With its competitive curriculum and accessible professors, the program has provided me with the relevant leadership and problem solving skills to be successful in today's world of global management.

**Sonya Plummer Myricks:** Being in the graduate degree program at Clayton State University has taught me a valuable lesson of how important it is to be able to work in a group while still maintaining my individualism. It has increased my potential for better managerial skills, establishing new business and networking connections. Also, an MBA makes career advancement more likely and as a business owner, it has given me an opportunity to develop business expertise and become more business savvy.

Nii-Mensah Chikplornu Jabalani BeblekuwaseKu Kukudabi Lohwengwa Seth Nartey

Rashelle R. Nugent-Smith

Giazelle Lafay Owens

**Lloyd Romans:** Completing my MBA program at Clayton State University was and remains one of the most exciting and fulfilling events of my academic and professional life. This is an excellent graduate program, and I highly recommend it to all potential MBA students.

Ullaine Elease Sanders

**Felicia Lashon Shy:** Completing the MBA program was one of the most difficult accomplishments of my life. It was extremely challenging and rewarding. I gained many personal and professional skills. I am a proud MBA graduate from CSU!

**Angela Christine Stevens:** The CSU graduate program has been an extraordinary experience, which has prepared me with the knowledge and confidence necessary to reach any goal. God bless my family for their unwavering patience and support!!

Owie Ekpen Theophilus

**Nguyen DiemTrang Thi:** I am grateful to be a graduate student in the MBA program with concentration in International Business at Clayton State University. The program had offered me the opportunity to build relationships with my colleagues through group projects, Panama study abroad trip, and in-class discussions. The knowledge that I gained from the MBA program and from all of my experienced Professors has helped me to gain an insight understanding of the business environment and improve my problem solving skills. It was truly a great time of my life!!! I am very appreciative and thank you all.

**Valerie Vance-Mackall:** Being given the opportunity to earn my MBA at Clayton State University, means that a parent's dreams for their child to be formally educated, no matter the age, can become a reality. The degree experience and program at Clayton State University has meant that I have learned among and from the best in the industry. The knowledge that gained can't be matched.

**Rammohan Venkataraman:** Coming from an engineering background I joined the MBA program at Clayton State University to learn about business. The program not only helped me learn about business but also taught me many other valuable skills. I am looking forward to using these to further my career.

**Jessica Jayne Vickson:** The CSU MBA program has taught me the skills needed to be successful. Also, the student opportunities and my relationships with instructors and peers has led to self-discovery and inspired me to be a stronger leader.

**Malissia Monique Victor:** Obtaining my MBA has been one of the most rewarding accomplishments of my life. The program completely challenged me as a student, and made me a more confident business owner. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity.

**Jazma De'Aungilaé Wise:** Bigmama, this is for you. I hope that you're proud of me.

## **Master of Health Administration**

Ahmed Abdullah AlHussain

Jason Kalani Blair

**Wykeila Nicole Carter:** Someone once told me that the only reason for an education is to have more options. Being a part of Clayton State University graduate degree program means just that. And for that, I say Thank You!

Brittney Laveonne Cook

**Ateela Latrice Denise Duffy:** There are no secrets to success. It's the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure" -Colin Powell. I am well prepared; I worked hard and learned from my failures. Rip Mar (4/12/13). This is for you. Jackie, Gabriel, Corey

**Lekeshia Diann Finley:** I remember when this institution was called Clayton College and State University. We have grown together. Receiving a graduate degree from this school, that is dear to my heart, is a privilege and an honor.

**Faith Lymon Ford:** I would like to thank Jesus Christ and my family for giving me the mindset and strength to accomplish my goals. The MHA Program and all of the professors have given me a phenomenal experience.

Steven Curtis Higgs

**Suvidha Khatri:** Being part of the graduate degree program at CSU meant to me an experience of American education system and culture. MHA program helped me learn about the US health care system and develop leadership skills.

**Sherona Denisha Mumphery:** By earning my MHA at CSU I have developed the needed skills to be a well-rounded, effective healthcare leader. Thanks to this program I have gained numerous opportunities that I had only dreamt of.

**Lorna O'Connell:** Graduating from Clayton State for me, was a far more comprehensive experience than an education in health care law or strategic management. The extension of this spans from life as a student-athlete to a charming introduction to southern culture, to the concept of professionalism and building a career. I learned the value of will and discipline and the importance of thinking for yourself when striving to fulfill your greatest potential.

**Laoise O'Driscoll:** I came to Clayton State on a soccer scholarship, thinking that was going to be my only priority. However it turned out that soccer would be a stepping stone. Because of soccer I got the opportunity to work with and learn from some amazing individuals. As I go forward with my career I know I am equipped with all I need to succeed.

**Trulaine Greene Pollard:** The MHA program at CSU has meant walking out the manifestation of something considered. The mind is a powerful tool and once CSU MHA professors indelibly mark it, you're a standout primed for success.

**Bridget R. Scott:** This journey was very providential. I send out heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to God, my family, my professors, and all who've helped me along the way. May I take this knowledge and bless the world.

**Steven Suarez:** The health administration has been a dawning experience to me over the past two years. The wonderful faculty have helped me captivate the ongoing changes that are currently happening and what will be happening in the future broadening my understanding of the healthcare industry beyond my clinical experiences. For that I thank them.

**Leilani Christina Thomas:** Being able to study under some of the brightest and experienced intellects was an honor for me as graduate student in the healthcare administration program at CSU. I learned a great deal and look forward to applying my knowledge in my future endeavors.

**Deepa George Varghese:** I want to thank God for giving me the courage to withstand the hard work that entitles garnering a master's degree. A journey I cannot call my own for many have had a hand in my success. I thank Clayton State University's MHA faculty for bestowing a wealth of knowledge that will help me in attaining my future goals. I thank my family for their love and support. Finally, I wish all my peers the best of luck in obtaining their future goals.

Janice Richelle Wallar

**Tiffany Monik White:** Graduating from Clayton State University with my Master's in Healthcare Administration is a major milestone for me. When I started my journey of completing my education five years ago, I never anticipated this feeling of overwhelming emotion of pure joy. Thank you to my family, friends, and mentors who supported me every step of the way.

Trimanda Nicole Williams

**Horace Wright:** My experience at Clayton State has been extremely rewarding. My professors in particular have been very gracious and have all been accommodating in addressing my concerns and have truly inspired me in not only becoming a better student but also a better person.

## **Master of Science in Psychology**

**Eris Karlette Adams:** Being a part of the CSU graduate degree program was extremely challenging; however, the psychology department faculty contributed tremendously to my success in the program by constantly going above and beyond to ensure access to necessary resources.

**LaKeisha Renee Baptiste:** The master of psychology program at Clayton State University was a demanding, challenging, and ultimately rewarding experience for me. The program has allowed me to not

only learn and gain practical experience which will contribute to my professional success, but also grow as an individual.

**Charles Bryan Burgess:** Being a student in a graduate program has been one of the most challenging, frustrating, eye-opening, and rewarding experiences of my life. I learned from each experience that I had and it has helped me to grow, both personally and professionally.

**TrangKing Vu Chau:** The ADP program was my second family for the past 2 years with professors that have hearts of gold because they went the extra miles to scaffold me and made sure I had the optimal learning experience. Moreover, the individuals in my cohort were just phenomenal! ADP ROCKS!!!

Kecia L. Ellick

Stephanie Brianna Jackson

Mindy Anne James

**Nickolas Reed Langley:** Mahtab Narsimhan said that “a good education is the greatest gift you can give yourself or anyone else.” This incredible gift would not have been possible without the dedicated faculty and staff at Clayton State University and my fellow classmates in the ADP program. I am also eternally grateful for the patience and support of my family and friends, especially my father (Tim), little brother (Colby), and the love of my life (Joy Kafrouni). This degree is dedicated to my mother, Lora, who for 23 years encouraged and supported me in all of my dreams, ambitions, and endeavors. I love you Mom.

**Lisa M. Loving:** I am grateful for my experience at Clayton State University. The psychology faculty and my cohort were a great support system for me. This experience has made me grow into a better person. The psychology professors demonstrated a level of proficiency that has made me feel confident and proud that I can provide a positive contribution to humanity. I will treasure this experience always.

**Jennifer Nicole Merrifield:** Clayton State offered me a place of professional growth and personal development. The faculty challenged me to always critically think and to continue advancing research. They ultimately shaped me into a multiculturally competent professional in my field.