

Hoarding Statements from the Fall 2010 Graduate Hoarding Ceremony

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Barbara James

“What Being a Clayton State University Graduate Student Has Meant to Me”

by Barbara Gaskins James

Completing the requirements for this degree has proven to me that I am what I encourage my own students to become: a lifelong learner. My professors here have made me feel that I am a scholar engaged in the ongoing scholarly dialogue of my discipline-history-and that I have something to add to that conversation.

Malika Pen

Being in the MALS program has been a challenging yet rewarding and mind-expanding experience. I have managed to persevere through challenges such as juggling school and a full-time job. The classroom knowledge I have gained has been valuable, but the friendships I have made and the greater self-awareness of the world around me I have gained from different perspectives shared by both my professors and classmates have been priceless.

Master of Arts in Teaching English

Jenny Lynne Curlee

I feel honored and privileged to be one of the first graduates in Clayton State University’s new Master’s of Arts in Teaching program. The graduate faculty here at Clayton State are supportive of and dedicated to the program and its students. I believe I have learned many skills and gained many insights from my classes, instructors, mentors, peers, and students that will enable me to be a more caring, committed, and qualified teacher.

Makeisha L. M. Hinds

I want to thank God for seeing me through this process and blessing me with incredible parents and good friends. My parents, Lloyd and Marelva Hinds are extremely proud of this and all my accomplishments. I also want to thank my friends, Malika, for encouraging me through my thesis and Jay for being there for me when I needed him most. Coming from Sint Maarten, I always hoped to pursue academics and use my acquired knowledge, skills, and connections to spread information about the Caribbean to others. Getting my Masters allowed me to research, write, and discuss my passion of the Caribbean. I’m grateful, proud, and pleased with my academic career and hope to always be able to pursue my dreams of changing the world or at

least one person in it.

Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics

Matthew Steven Smith

“I would like to thank my numerous professors for preparing me for my first full-time teaching position and also encouraging me to not only know and teach mathematics well, but to love it and share that love with my students. I would also like to thank my family, whose financial and moral support made my success possible. Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to thank God for the opportunities and abilities He gave me.”

Master of Business Administration

Courtney O. Powell

Irvin Erskine Scott

“It has been a wonderful experience studying here at Clayton State University in the MBA program. I now feel I have the skills, professional refinement, and confidence needed to make a substantial impact at my employer, Solvay Advanced Polymers LLC. I would also like to give special thanks to my dearest aunt Mrs. Daisy Mae Scott, my girlfriend Dr. Latoya Epps, my Scott Family, and my fellow employees for their unwavering support throughout this journey.”

Justin Ryan Sheffield

My time in the MBA program at Clayton State has been a remarkable experience. The knowledge I gained will be very useful in my career, and I will always cherish the friendships I made while I was here. I'd like to thank my family and friends for their support while I was a student. In particular, I would like to thank my wife for her love, support, and understanding. Finally, I would like to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His blessing, guidance, and provision.

Andrea Turner Stallworth

The degree program at Clayton State has meant more to me than words can express. Most importantly it has meant sacrifice and has expounded the value of commitment, dedication, hard work, knowledge, friendships and family support. Achieving my MBA has been one of the most challenging endeavors I've ever undertaken. I would thank God, my wonderful husband Kenny, my son, and other family here for their patience and support while seeing me through and the faculty at Clayton State University.

Master of Health Administration

Kathy Lynn Abbott Brown

The experience gained while attending Clayton State University has been invaluable. During my time spent at CSU, I have acquired new knowledge and been able to take this information back to the workplace and apply in some manner on a daily basis. The MHA program has provided me a strong foundation already and will allow me an opportunity to advance my career in a variety of directions in the future.

Florence Cochran

Tracie M. Garcia

My experience in MHA program at Clayton State has been one of enrichment. I have met many knowledgeable people along the way and have learned a great deal from them. The challenge of balancing the priorities of everyday life along with the graduate program was very interesting at times. I thank my family for their ongoing encouragement and for the sacrifices they have made in order for me to endure and accomplish this goal.

Stacey Denise Harris