

Clayton State University



Graduate Hooding Ceremony

May 6, 2011

5:00 P.M.

Student Activities Center

Morrow, Georgia

School of Graduate Study

Clayton State University

Mission

At Clayton State University, the mission of graduate education is to stimulate, encourage and support efforts that build national distinction and that are characterized by innovation and by increasing contribution to the social, cultural, economic, health and technological development needs of Georgia and the nation. The University is committed to excellence, innovation and collaboration in research and in the preparation of professionals for the highest levels of practice.

Goals for Graduate Education

- ◆ To ensure that all graduate students are educated by faculty who are at the forefront of teaching and research in their disciplines.
- ◆ To prepare students for leadership in a global society.
- ◆ To prepare students to communicate and apply knowledge in ways useful to society.
- ◆ To educate students to venture beyond existing boundaries of knowledge.
- ◆ To offer programs which are sensitive and responsive to the cultural diversity of the state and of the nation.
- ◆ To ensure that institutions will cooperate at all levels to ensure the quality of graduate education.
- ◆ To ensure that qualified students will have access to graduate education.
- ◆ To identify pre-college and undergraduate students with high academic potential and encourage them to pursue graduate study.

Role of the Graduate School at Clayton State University

- ◆ Articulate a vision of excellence
- ◆ Provide for quality control in graduate education
- ◆ Maintain equitable standards across disciplines
- ◆ Define what graduate education is and is not
- ◆ Bring an institution-wide perspective to post-baccalaureate education
- ◆ Provide an interdisciplinary perspective
- ◆ Enhance the intellectual community of scholars among graduate students and faculty
- ◆ Serve as an advocate for graduate education
- ◆ Emphasize the importance of adequately training future college and university teachers
- ◆ Develop ways for graduate education to contribute to an enhance undergraduate education
- ◆ Support graduate student services
- ◆ Serve as an advocate for issues and constituencies critical to the success of graduate programs

Clayton State University Graduate Hooding Ceremony Program

Processional

Dr. Michiko Otaki
Pianist

Welcome and Recognition of Guests

Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr.
President

Remarks and Presentation of Graduate Students

Dr. Micheal Crafton
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Introduction of the Deans

Dr. Thomas McIlwain
Interim Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Introduction of the Graduate Students

Dr. Anthony Giovannitti
Professor of Mathematics

Recessional

Dr. Michiko Otaki
Pianist

Refreshments in the Lobby

Please turn all cell phones and pagers to silent mode.

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Shane J. Bell

My graduate school experience has been both intellectually challenging and personally rewarding. Completing this degree has opened up new scholarly horizons and I feel challenged and prepared to build on my academic experience.

Cheryl D. Dunson

The MALS program assured me that an empty nest is not synonymous with an empty mind or an empty life.

Sara Caroline Henderson

As a student of Clayton State for the past seven years, this university has become my home. I will never forget my experience here as it has transformed me both intellectually and professionally.

Mary Marion Seedlock

As one of the initial MALS candidates in 2006, I found the program intellectually stimulating and challenging. Coupled with my M.Ed. from Georgia State University, this degree enhances my career opportunities.

Master of Arts in Teaching English

Jennifer Rebecca Ralph-Brown

Carey Marie Hall-Sission

Learning to become a teacher through the Master of Arts in Teaching English Program at Clayton State University has been one of the most challenging and rewarding endeavors of my academic career. I learned more about my approach to teaching and myself than I could have ever imagined.

Danielle C. Heliton

It has been a pleasure working with the teachers and my fellow classmates in the MAT program. I would like to thank my dear husband, Deon Heliton and my mother for their love and support.

Eric Henry Simmons

During my time in the M.A.T. English program at Clayton State University, I learned more about education than just how to teach English. I was able to experience many aspects of both teaching and learning due to the strong emphasis on diversity that the program features.

Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics

Jennifer Dale Harris

I thoroughly enjoyed the MAT program. It definitely proved to me that you can go back to college at any age. Many thanks to my professors, my loving husband and my family for their support.

Master of Business Administration

Katherine Abercrombie

My experience completing the MBA program at Clayton State has strengthened my will to succeed, increased my leadership skills and business acumen, and provided me with a competitive edge in my career.

Solomon K. Aggrey

Obtaining my MBA at Clayton State University has been a priceless experience, met wonderful people, many I admired. Would like to thank all my professors, for without their dedication I would not have realized this success.

Timothy James Barnes

The Clayton State University MBA program was a challenging experience where I gained invaluable knowledge from a dedicated faculty and where I was constantly inspired by fellow business students.

Edwin T. Bell

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." – Colin Powell. I am well prepared; I worked hard, and learned from my failures. Veni, Vidi, Vici.

Aaron Ra'Shad Binion

Receiving an MBA from Clayton State University has been a great experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I am a very proud alum of this wonderful institution.

Valincia John-Burke

CSU's MBA program was a great choice! The cohort system was a wonderful experience; it allowed me to form meaningful relationships with my classmates. This would have been unlikely in a traditional MBA setting.

Courtney L. Cameron

Being apart of CSU MBA program, Cohort 5, has been quite a journey and a tremendous learning experience. I am thankful to God, my family and friends, cohorts, and my professors.

Kellie Nicole Coffey

Completing this MBA program has brought me great pride, a wonderful feeling of accomplishment, and many hopes that my peers and I will meet many successes and achievements in our bright futures for having completed this program together.

Ericka L. Davis

From the intensity of Business Communications to the complexity of the Capstone, the CSU MBA program has opened my mind to the endless opportunities that lie ahead. Many thanks to the CSU faculty & MBA Cohort 5.

Jacqueline Eileen Ellis

The Clayton State University degree program was extremely challenging yet very fulfilling. The experience has developed my critical thinking skills and has improved my team participation skills. I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and have formed fulfilling, lifelong relationships. Thank you to my family and friends for your encouragement and motivation throughout my journey.

Tia Anastacia Regina Forbes

The MBA has allowed me to fulfill my dreams of crossing over into management at my company. I am so grateful to family and friends for supporting me through this journey. My cup runneth over.

Lauriel J. Frazier

I will cherish every moment spent in the MBA program at Clayton State University. The business strategies learned and relationships fostered have prepared me to make a difference in the global economy.

Melvin Odell Freeman

My experience at Clayton State University has validated my past accomplishments in education, enhanced my present abilities in leadership, and brightened my future prospects in business.

William Claud Furtner

My life has been enriched by the new friends I have made. My instructors provided guidance and flexibility, my teammates challenged me to excel, and my cohort set the bar high. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge my family, especially my wife, for her patience and understanding during the last two years.

Bianca Rebecca Eva Greene

Thank You to my family and friends who supported me during my MBA journey. I appreciate your words of encouragement. With Love, Bianca Greene

Master of Business Administration

Steven D. Hayden

The Clayton State MBA program has been both challenging and rewarding. I have expanded my knowledge base and business acumen through learning from my professors and peers. I appreciate the support my family has given me during this time and the sacrifice that they have made to allow me to expand my education. Thank you Lord that this is all over!!!!

Wayne Henry Knight

Receiving an MBA is rewarding, and completes another milestone in my life of personal accomplishments. I am fortunate to be able to set an example to my family that learning is a never ending process. As a husband, and parent, I am grateful to my wife and children for being supportive and encouraging over the last 18 months.

Leila Ann Greiff Lawlor

I started this degree program with a career goal in mind; it is now accomplished. I want to express my deepest gratitude to my supportive husband and children who put up with a stressed-out mom for 21 months.

Benny Denard Lee

The journey through the CSU MBA program has been wonderful. The classes were challenging and inspirational. I would like to thank all professors for their advice, direction and development. This is a top notch program.

Charmorge Chanteau Miller

To succeed, you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you. Thanks CSU, for developing a program worth holding on to. To my classmates; thanks for being a source of motivation and inspiration!

Keith Evan Miller

The business school helped, as I grew,
To teaching me great things that were new.
Because of this college,
I've increased my knowledge,
And now I'll apply it for you.

David Allen Norris

My MBA experience has helped me to develop both personally and professionally. My cohort was comprised of great individuals with a wide variety of skills and experiences that created an excellent learning environment.

LySreng Ou

"For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." (Isaiah 41:13 KJV)

Da'Rel Herbert Patterson

Today completes one of the most challenging and rewarding opportunities of my life. I treasure the relationships and knowledge that I have gained; with great honor and humility, I accept my designation of MBA.

David Howard Paulson

I would like to dedicate this degree to my grandson, Eric Wiles, Jr. May it inspire him to do great things in his life.

Vanesa Quiroz-Yanez

I reached my goal! The experience I gained through my classmates and professors was intense and prepared me for today's global business. Thanks to my husband who encouraged my journey y mi familia por comprender.

Nevzat Saritemur

Studying the MBA degree at CSU was a milestone in my career life. We have got an excellent education in a friendly atmosphere. When I think about deciding to study an MBA program at CSU, I realize it has been one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life.

Karen Gates Smith

The completion of the CSU MBA program is a fulfillment of a personal and professional goal that has broadened my knowledge and strengthened my skills in business application and decisions.

Ainsley Rae Stelling

Samuel Agehndea Botembuh Tutuwan

The opportunity to work with achieved scholars in the field and supportive fellow MBA students has been priceless. The MBA program challenges and fulfills intellectual curiosity. It opens the doors to personal and professional development.

Ahmed Vehbi Ugur

Clayton State University MBA program is a life changing experience with its various teaching techniques. This MBA program has a positive effect on me for my future business life. I am glad that I will have a graduation degree from Clayton State University. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

Master of Health Administration

Dominique Chevon Doyle

This day couldn't come sooner! My journey through this MHA program has been one of great expectation and discovery. I would like to thank everyone who has encouraged me to make this dream a reality.

Alexis Nicole Kimbrough

Being apart of the MHA program at Clayton State means I have acquired the skills to succeed as a health administrator. My MHA program experience was wonderful; earning my degree positions me one step closer to pursuing my destiny.

Francisco Martinez, Jr.

Being a Healthcare Administration graduate student from Clayton State has meant taking part in the ongoing healthcare debate that, as we all know, requires input and expertise from all facets of society in order to be successfully implemented. Having said this, as I stand here, I shed one tear for having been given the opportunity to further my education, and another for those immigrant students that are being denied this opportunity.

Nkiru Doris Okosieme

First of all, I give thanks to God for making today possible. My thanks also go to Mason Barfield for his kindness. I also want to thank my sister, Debby, Danelle and my professors who encouraged and supported me. The MHA program was quite challenging, but rewarding and I am proud of what I have accomplished today.

Britain Banks Singleton

Thank you to all, especially my daddy, for your limitless support and encouragement. My eight years of late nights, ultimate stress, hard work and extreme determination have finally paid off. Now it's time to celebrate!!!!!!!

Master of Science in Nursing

Tishon Lavone Adams

Being a part of Clayton State's graduate program has been an awesome experience. Obtaining my Masters in Nursing Education has been a challenging, laborious, but rewarding experience that has taught me patience, dedication and determination.

Vicki Johnson Green

I would like to thank God and my family for their love and support. It has been a pleasure to be a student here at Clayton State University. The professors here are vested in helping students to become successful. The leadership tools I will be taking with me are theoretical frameworks, research, and countless hours of rewrites (Thanks Dr. Charles). I will take the tools I have gained here to help me become an effective leader in my community.

Cynthia Kimble Rucker

Completing my MSN degree at CSU means more than you can ever imagine! I am now challenged to become the change I want to see. Thank you for your support: Jon, Jill, Everett and Erika!

Lynn Sheree Sanders

The graduate nursing program has elevated my professional knowledge to new heights and opened paths for new opportunities. The experience was challenging yet rewarding and has propelled me to the next level in my professional nursing career.

Graduate Faculty

Shakil Akhtar, Professor of Information Technology
Dennis Attick, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education
Augustine Ayuk, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Virginia Bonner, Associate Professor of Film and Media Studies
Nathan Borchelt, Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Mathematics
Jere A. Boudell, Associate Professor of Biology
Maria L. Bullen, Associate Professor of Accounting
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Scott Butterfield, Associate Professor of Accounting
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Ruth R. Caillouet, Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Arts for Teaching in English
and Chair of the Department of Teacher Education
Christina Camp, Assistant Professor of Psychology
John G. Campbell, Professor and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
David Carmichael, Part-Time Lecturer of Archival Studies
Deborah Carr-Warner, Associate Professor of Nursing
Jennell Charles, Associate Professor of Nursing
A. Randall Clark, Associate Professor of Journalism
Susan C. Copeland, Associate Professor of English
Joseph Andrew Corrado, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Ali Dadpay, Assistant Professor of Economics
Michael Dalmat, Part-Time Lecturer of Health Care Management
Michael Dancs, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Deborah F. Deckner, Assistant Professor and Director of the Master of Science in Psychology
Catherine Deering, Professor of Psychology
Michael H. Deis, Professor of Management
Phillip DePoy, Assistant Professor of the Theater and Director of the Theatre Program
Thomas Eaves, Professor of Education
Lisa Wright Eichelberger, Professor and Dean of the College of Health
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Gregory Flail, Assistant Professor of English
Victoria Foster, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Samantha Fowler, Assistant Professor of Biology
Ronald Fuqua, Assistant Professor of Health Care Management
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Anthony Giovannitti, Professor of Mathematics
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Gwendolyn Harold, Professor of English
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Chen-Miao Lin, Associate Professor of Finance
Cherie Long, Associate Professor of Information Technology

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Shayla L. Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Education
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