

# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## FALL 2023 COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Kimberly McLeod  
*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*  
PRESIDING



†PROCESSIONAL	<i>“Pomp &amp; Circumstance–March No. 1” - Edward Elgar</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Kimberly McLeod
†NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner” - Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	FRIDAY 3 P.M.: Daishai Johnson, <i>Bachelor of Science</i> FRIDAY 3 P.M.: Kiara Riley, <i>Master of Public Administration</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Daishai Johnson, <i>Bachelor of Science</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	FRIDAY 3 P.M.: Dr. Anthony Smith <i>Superintendent, Clayton County Public Schools</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Jeff Jacobs <i>Dean of Students, Clayton State University</i> SATURDAY NOON: Anna Roach <i>Executive Director &amp; CEO, Atlanta Regional Commission</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE HOODS	Dr. J. Celeste Walley-Jean, <i>Assistant Provost &amp; Dean, School of Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Dr. Nasser Momayezi, <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i> Dr. Jacob Chacko, <i>Dean, College of Business</i> Dr. Dwayne Hooks, <i>College of Health</i> Dr. Ebrahim Khosravi, <i>Dean, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences</i>
CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES	Dr. Georj Lewis, <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	Dr. Georj Lewis
PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS	Dr. Georj Lewis
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	FRIDAY: Roodgine Bray ‘08, <i>Alumni Association</i> SATURDAY: Joseph Echols ’06 ’11, <i>Alumni Association President</i>
ALMA MATER	<i>“Walking in Love and Strength” - Dr. Brigitte Byrd, poem Dr. Richard Bell, music</i>
†RECESSIONAL	<i>“Grand March From Aida” - Giuseppe Verdi</i>

†All those who are able, please stand. Please remain standing until the procession has withdrawn.  
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# FALL 2023 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



## **DR. ANTHONY SMITH**

### SUPERINTENDENT - CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Anthony W. Smith was appointed by the Clayton County Board of Education on June 27, 2023, to serve as the Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools. Prior to his appointment to serve as Superintendent, Dr. Smith served as Clayton County Public Schools Deputy Superintendent of Governmental Relations, Partnerships, and Operations. As Interim Superintendent, Dr. Smith leads one of the nation's top 100 largest school districts and the sixth largest school systems in the State of Georgia. Dr. Smith has several years of experience and notable accomplishments in a variety of leadership roles throughout his tenure in the school district.

Beginning his career with CCPS in 1995 as a Computer Technology teacher, he was a classroom instructor for four years before being selected to serve in a variety of administrative positions in multiple school systems. These administrative roles include Assistant Principal and Principalships at the middle and high school levels, Chief Academic Officer, Assistant Superintendent, and Deputy Superintendent. Additionally, Dr. Smith previously served eight honorable years in the United States Air Force and three years as a branch president in the financial industry.

Due to his deep roots and strong community ties throughout Clayton County, Dr. Smith is highly regarded as a dedicated leader with a transformative and innovative approach to education and those elements designed to improve the educational experience and outcomes of all students. As Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Smith was instrumental in the re-establishment of the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, which has raised millions of dollars used to support Clayton County Public Schools students by providing thousands of scholarships to graduating seniors and sponsoring numerous employee initiatives.

As a direct result of his nearly 30 years of service in the field of education and working collaboratively with numerous business, collegiate, and religious community leaders, he has received multiple recognitions including but not limited to the Outstanding Servant in Educational Leadership Award (2015 - Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County); Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Vision (2016 - Elite Scholars Charter School); Living Legend Award (2016 - Forest Park Ministers Association) and an Appreciation Award (2022 - Clayton County Office of Economic Development). Dr. Smith has also received numerous United States Armed Forces awards and decorations associated with his distinguished service in the military.

Dr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from New Hampshire College, a Master of Science in Business Education from Southern New Hampshire University, and a Master of Science in Education Leadership from Jacksonville State University. In addition, he holds an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Columbus State University and a Doctoral degree in Education with an emphasis in Educational Leadership from Georgia Southern University. Professionally, Dr. Smith has completed the Urban Superintendent Academy sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) in Washington, DC, the Aspiring Superintendents Institute sponsored by the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) in Chicago, Illinois, the Power of 100 Leadership Development, Georgia School Leadership for School Improvement (GLISI), and the Governor's School Leadership Institute. He also maintains membership in the National Association of Secondary School Principals, American Association of School Administrators, Georgia Educator Association, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, and the Clayton County Educators Association.

Additional previous roles and appointments include serving as Governing Board Council for Elite Scholars Academy and Board Member of Rainbow House Emergency Shelter for Children. Dr. Smith's civic and social activities include being a member of the Masonic Order (Prince Hall), the Stockbridge-Jonesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, and a member of New Hope Methodist Church. When not working, Dr. Smith enjoys golfing, boating, traveling in his RV, trying new restaurants, attending sporting events, going to plays and concerts, and spending time with his family and friends. He has two adult children (Chris and Briana) and two grandchildren (Asianne and Rami) whom he adores.



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**JEFF JACOBS**

**DEAN OF STUDENTS - CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Jeff Jacobs currently serves as Dean of Students at Clayton State University and is retiring as of January 2024. A 29-year veteran of the University, Mr. Jacobs has held an array of positions including Interim Vice President of Student Affairs, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Housing, Director of Student Life and Orientation, and Assistant Director of Student Activities.

Throughout his tenure at the University, Mr. Jacobs has served on a number University System of Georgia steering and advisory committees and has led numerous initiatives at Clayton State along with managing a number of units within the Division of Student Affairs.

A native of western Pennsylvania, Mr. Jacobs earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Arts degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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**ANNA ROACH**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO - ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Anna Roach is Executive Director & CEO of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) whose vision is to create One Great Region through its mission to foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments. As Executive Director & CEO, Ms. Roach manages the agency’s \$125M operating budget and leads a talented team that works with local governments and community partners to improve quality of life in the Atlanta region. In addition to developing and maintaining long-range, comprehensive, regional plans in the areas of transportation, aging, workforce development, natural resources, and urban area security, ARC deploys nearly \$3B of investments across the Atlanta region on an annual basis.

In addition to her role as CEO, Ms. Roach is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club, the International Women’s Forum Georgia, and the Women’s Transportation Seminar. She also serves on the Leadership Council of the Board for Drawdown Georgia, the Executive Committee of the Board for Learn4Life, the board of the Partnership for Inclusive Innovation, and the board of Council for Quality Growth.

Ms. Roach has been named one of the 100 most influential Georgians by Georgia Trend, one of the 500 most powerful Atlanta leaders by Atlanta Magazine, one of 22 leaders to watch in 2022 by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and is one of Engineering Georgia’s top 100 Most Influential Women in Georgia Engineering. Prior to joining ARC as its first female CEO in the 75-year history of the organization, Ms. Roach served as Chief Operating Officer for Fulton County Government. Her earlier career as an attorney included roles in both the private and public sectors.

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**KIARA RILEY**

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Kiara Riley is a 2023 candidate for the Master of Public Administration and in 2022 she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science also from Clayton State University.

As a graduate student, Ms. Riley served as a graduate teaching assistant. While earning her baccalaureate degree, she served as founding member and president of the disability social club. She is the recipient of the Marteece Lochkhart Disability Resource Center Champion Award as well as the Outstanding Achievement Award (Political Science).

Ms. Riley is pursuing a career in Disability Policy and Law in the interest of improving the lives of individuals with disabilities.

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**DAISHAI JOHNSON**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Daishai Johnson is a 2023 candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology & Human Services. Originally from Akron, Ohio, Ms. Johnson is a graduate of Southwest DeKalb High School in Decatur, GA. Ms. Johnson currently works for JP Morgan & Chase as an associate banker and is mother to a 9-year-old daughter.

Ms. Johnson also spends time volunteering with such organizations as Atlanta Victims Assistance, Habitat for Humanity, and Trees Atlanta and she is a member of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.

Ms. Johnson plans to attend law school in fall 2024, specializing in an area that would enhance the well-being of underrepresented communities.

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

### MARSHALS

#### **Faculty Marshal**

Dr. Catherine Deering

#### **Deputy Faculty Marshal**

Dr. George Nakos

#### **Student Marshal**

Jeff Jacobs

### READERS

#### **December 8th**

Dr. LaTasha Adams

#### **December 9th**

9:00 AM - Penelope Cliff

12:00 PM - Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

### ANNOUNCER

Dr. Royal Baxter

### MUSICIANS

#### **December 8th**

Dr. Michiko Otaki, DMA, keyboard

Keenan Kade, vocalist

#### **December 9th**

Clayton State University Orchestra

Kayla Hart, vocalist

### USHERS

Clayton State University  
Department of Campus Life  
provided volunteers



## CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Walking through your majestic pines,  
We embrace your simple splendor,  
Our hearts and spirits full of hope,  
Our minds wide open and ready.  
O our dear alma mater,  
You give us love and strength.

Walking by your beautiful lake,  
We find a new community  
Of people from all nations  
All joined as one in learning.  
O our dear alma mater,  
You give us love and strength.

Walking proudly among our peers,  
We wear your colors true.  
Now shaped and prepared by Clayton State,  
We are ready for our future.  
O our dear alma mater,  
You give us love and strength.

Walking through our unfolding lives,  
We take you on the path,  
Knowing that the years will change us,  
And your standard will remain.  
O our dear alma mater,  
You give us love and strength.

Poem: Dr. Brigitte Byrd  
Music: Dr. Richard Bell



## ABOUT CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

- In 1965, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia agreed to create three new junior colleges including one to serve south metropolitan Atlanta. The local community raised \$4.9 million to go along with \$3.3 million from the University System of Georgia and began construction of a campus on a farm with a few lakes and a healthy stand of trees.
- The university has changed substantially since 1969. The pace of change in the economy requires the university to continue to grow and adapt as it empowers students to seek success. Through outstanding programs, dynamic experiences, appropriate support, and an environment that reflects 21st century business and industry, Clayton State University provides students the opportunity and our region the workforce needed to complete and succeed globally. For example, in 2019, the School of Education was formed to meet the growing need for teachers in our public schools. In spring 2020, the College of Business launched a Master of Science in Supply Chain Analytics and a Master of Strategic Leadership Development program. In fall 2022, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences launched a Master of Science in Cyber Technology addressing the need for cyber security skills and talent development in the south metro Atlanta region.



## PRESIDENTS

Dr. Georj Lewis 2023

Kerry L. Heyward, Interim President 2022 – 2023

Dr. T. Ramon Stuart 2021 – 2022

Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr. 2009 – 2021

Dr. Thomas K. Harden 2000 – 2009

Michael F. Vollmer, Interim President 1999 – 2000

Dr. Richard A. Skinner 1994 – 1999

Dr. Harry S. Downs, Founding President 1969 – 1994