

# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## Morrow, Georgia



# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

# SPRING 2022 COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Jill Lane  
*Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*  
PRESIDING



†PROCESSIONAL	<i>“Pomp &amp; Circumstance–March No. 1” — Edward Elgar</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Jill Lane
†NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner” — Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music</i>
GRADUATE ADDRESS	Rachel Gaines, <i>Master of Strategic Leadership Development</i>
UNDERGRADUATE ADDRESS	Afzal Yacoob, <i>Bachelor of Science</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	FRIDAY: Laura Cansicio, <i>Vice President, Partnerships and Development for Community Organized Relief Effort</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Rose Scott, <i>Executive Producer and Host, 90.1-FM — WABE</i> SATURDAY NOON: Andrea Rivera, <i>Founder, H3 Media</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEANS	Dr. Jill Lane
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES	Dr. J. Celeste Walley-Jean <i>Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Inclusive Engagement</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	Dr. Jacob Chacko, <i>Dean, College of Business</i> Dr. William Michael Scott, <i>Interim Dean, College of Health</i> Dr. Ebrahim Khosravi, <i>Dean, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences</i> Dr. Nasser Momayezi, <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE	Kerry L. Heyward, <i>Interim President</i>
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	FRIDAY: Joseph Echols '06 '11, <i>Alumni Board Member</i> SATURDAY: Dr. Lisa Conley '02, <i>Alumni Association President</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 Please remain standing until the procession has withdrawn.  
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# SPRING 2022 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

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## LAURA CANSICIO

VICE PRESIDENT

### PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZED RELIEF EFFORT

Laura Cansicio serves as the vice president of Partnerships and Development for Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), a fearless, community-centered nonprofit on the frontlines in the battle against the global COVID-19 pandemic. CORE delivers equitable vaccine distribution, testing, contact-tracing, and resource mobilization domestically and abroad. CORE was established over 12 years ago in Haiti, where co-founders Sean Penn and Ann Lee mobilized a powerful network of doctors, emergency workers, and government officials to take immediate action to save lives and rebuild.

Laura spearheads a team responsible for major donor relations, gift-in-kind donations, cause marketing, and proposal development. Her previous experience includes working for a Member of Congress, serving as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department, and several large international non-governmental organizations. For close to two decades, Laura has worked to inspire and equip government, corporate, and foundation leaders to partner with non-profits leveraging their talent and resources to resolve issues of violence against women and basic needs gaps in the U.S. and abroad.

She is based in Atlanta, committed to serving black, indigenous, and people of color communities, and is passionate about bridging cultural complexities. Laura is originally from San Diego, California, graduated with honors from Mount Saint Mary's University, and holds a Master's in Public Administration from Columbia University. Laura also provides coaching in fundraising and is the founder of Verdant Industries, providing counsel and coaching to catapult women-led, women-centered organizations to the next level of influence, impact, and diverse revenue.

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## ROSE SCOTT

### EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND HOST 90.1 – FM – WABE

Rose Scott is an award-winning journalist and host of the midday news program “Closer Look” heard on Atlanta’s NPR, station 90.1 FM – WABE. In her role as executive producer and host, Rose has interviewed foreign heads of state, cabinet members, U.S. ambassadors, numerous consul generals, state and local elected officials as well as civic and social leaders. Closer Look has become a signature broadcast for the community and brings together viewpoints from all sectors of society.

She leads the “Closer Look” team in presenting discussions centered on affordable housing, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, immigration, and criminal justice reform. With more than two decades of reporting in Atlanta, Rose has covered education, minority health issues, Atlanta historically Black colleges and universities, gender issues, and sports.

Prior to moving into a permanent host role, Rose covered topics dealing with Georgia’s death penalty, sex trafficking of minors in Atlanta as well as the country’s biggest cheating scandal found in the Atlanta Public Schools. She often moderates panels on these topics.

Well respected in the Atlanta community for her thought-provoking reporting style, Scott has been honored with several awards including a Southeast Regional Emmy Award, an Edward R. Murrow Award, Atlanta Association of Black Journalists Award, and numerous Georgia Association of Broadcaster awards. She has also received awards from the Georgia Associated Press and is a Girls Inc. Strong, Smart & Bold Award Winner.

Rose often speaks to youth groups, mentors journalism students, and volunteers with youth empowerment initiatives.



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## **ANDREA RIVERA**

### **FOUNDER – H3 MEDIA**

Recognized in 2021 as one of the 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia, Andrea Rivera is a leader in Georgia's rapidly growing Latino community, where she serves on several boards, including as chair-elect of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. A child of immigrants, Andrea is a first-generation college graduate and business owner who is passionate about creating pathways for underserved communities, working to promote higher education and entrepreneurship in her community. Her work in these areas includes serving as executive director of the Cruz Family Foundation Scholarship Program, as a board member of Hispanic Organizations Promoting Education, and as founder and past chair of EME de Mujer, the flagship organization for Latina entrepreneurs in Georgia.

Professionally, Andrea is the founder of H3 Media, an Emmy awarded advertising agency focused on helping businesses establish and grow their online presence through branding, web design, and digital marketing. With nine years in business and over 25 years in advertising, she is a sought-after expert in her field.

Andrea has lived in Atlanta since 1992 and is the mother of three children.

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## **RACHEL GAINES**

### **MASTER OF STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Rachel Gaines is an active member of several organizations at Clayton State University and in the community. She is president of Clayton State's Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM); secretary for the Student Government Association; treasurer for The National Society of Leadership and Success, and Supply Chain Roundtable; and the Graduate Affairs Committee student representative. In addition, she holds membership in Beta Gamma Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta Graduate chapters. Besides her involvement in student organizations, Gaines works as a teaching assistant under the graduate assistantship program with Dr. Margaret Thompson.

Gaines recently earned her second master's degree from Clayton State. She also holds associate degrees in business management and network communications, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Administrative Management, and a Master of Business Administration with concentrations in human resources leadership and international business. Her dream is to pursue a doctorate in business and to inspire others.

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## **AFZAL YACOOB**

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Afzal Yacooob has earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, with honors, and minors in biology and forensic science. Throughout his time at Clayton State University, he has juggled personal challenges while working three jobs, volunteering as a peer counselor, serving as president of the Honors Student and American Medical Student Associations, as well as founder of the Gay-Straight Alliance and STEM Cell Science Clubs.

Yacooob is a recipient of the Dean's Advisory Board Award, one of Clayton State's Academic Day Honorees, a Mailchimp and HOPE scholarship recipient, and, most recently, recipient of the James Braun Excellence in Chemistry Award.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

### MARSHALS

**Faculty Marshal**

Dr. Catherine Deering

**Deputy Faculty Marshal**

Dr. George Nakos

**Student Marshal**

Jeff Jacobs

### READERS

**May 6th**

Dr. Joe Johnson

**May 7th, 9 a.m.**

Dr. Susan McFarlane-Alvarez

**May 7th, noon**

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

### MUSICIANS

**All ceremonies**

Michiko Otaki, DMA keyboard

Akosua Adwini-Poku, vocalist

### USHERS

Clayton State University

Department of Campus Life

provided volunteers

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates to the Middle Ages when people dressed in keeping with their class. The literate class, the clergy, wore the early academic costume; a heavy, dark gown seems to have been worn at all times. Hoods and caps were necessary during European winters because buildings where scholars lived, studied, and taught, were cold. The faculties of American universities wear distinguishing costumes, a tradition which began with Harvard in 1636. Typically, associate degree candidates wear gray gowns nearly to the knee; and baccalaureate degree candidates wear black gowns. The master's gown has long closed sleeves with a slit for the arm. The doctor's gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The hood shows the greatest degree of symbolism. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long and faced with a three-inch strip of velvet; the doctor's hood is four feet long and faced with a five-inch strip of velvet. The color of the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted: Science, Yellow; Arts, White; Music, Pink; Business, Drab; Nursing, Apricot; and Philosophy, Blue. Each hood is lined in silk with the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar “mortarboard.” A black tassel, or one of the colors signifying the field or specialization, hanging to the left of the face is appropriate for all degrees. Those holding a doctorate degree may wear a soft velvet cap or the mortarboard with a gold thread tassel.

**Honors**—the gold honor cord identifies graduates who have completed their degree requirements with a grade point average of at least a 3.5. Actual honor status is noted on the diploma and on the official permanent record. The Clayton State Office of the Registrar maintains the official list. Honor designations are contingent upon final grades.

*Candidates for graduation will be awarded degrees subject to satisfactory completion of all academic requirements. Because the names must be provided to the printer several days prior to commencement, the status of some candidates listed may have changed since that time. Some candidates may not have completed all degree requirements. The listing of a name in this program does not commit Clayton State University to award a degree. An asterisk (\*) denotes members of the Clayton State Honors Program.*

## 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.

As the first order of business, Clayton Junior College welcomed an inaugural class of 942 students in 1969. During the college's first 25 years, a strong foundation of courses, departments, and divisions along with the buildings to house those programs took shape within the forest. By the 1990's, this jewel of a campus community began to reflect its light beyond the forest, inviting the community and students to learn, to develop new skills, to hear internationally acclaimed musicians, to play intercollegiate sports, and to become an economic engine to the south metropolitan area.

In its 26th year, college enrollment topped 5,000. Clayton State College joined the NCAA Division II and the Peach Belt Conference, was renamed by the Board of Regents as Clayton State College & University and became a leader in the use of technology to deliver education.

The university matured in the 2000's and established a reputation as an institution that expected much of its students and whose faculty and staff worked hard to ensure those students succeeded. The college witnessed continued growth of degree programs, the organization of the university's four academic colleges, and the maturation of intercollegiate athletics as the women's basketball program won regional and national championships. In 2005, the name was changed to Clayton State University and the first graduate degree program was initiated. In 2008, the first resident hall, Laker Hall, opened.

As the university approached its 50th anniversary in 2019, Clayton State University grew to nearly 7,000 students, surpassed its first comprehensive fundraising campaign goal, and made a commitment to the community to be a model for engagement and student success. The university alumni, now 30,000 strong, demonstrate the power of a Clayton State degree, as they work for Fortune 100 companies, serve in legislatures and local governments, support non-profits, and create new businesses.

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. Coming fall 2022, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences will launch a Master of Science in Cyber Technology to address the need for cyber security skills and talent development in the south metro Atlanta region.

## ABOUT CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY (CONT.)

The deeds of Clayton State University faculty, staff, and students continues to reflect its light into the world as acknowledged by various organizations, including:

- #3 Best Value in Georgia, 2021 – James Magazine
- #10 Top Online Programs in Georgia, 2021 – James Magazine
- #20 in Top Performers on Social Mobility, U.S. News & World Report, 2021
- Top 133 Best Regional Universities in the South, U.S. News & World Report, 2020
- Top 62 Public Colleges and Universities in the South, U.S. News & World Report, 2020
- Clayton State AmeriCorps members served more than 130,000 hours of community service.



## PRESIDENTS

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

Dr. Richard A. Skinner 1994 – 1999

Michael F. Vollmer, Interim President 1999 – 2000

Dr. Thomas K. Harden 2000 – 2009

Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr. 2009 – 2021

Dr. T. Ramon Stuart 2021 – 2022

Kerry L. Heyward, Interim President 2022 –