

# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024	3:00 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024	12:00 PM

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
ATHLETICS CENTER  
MORROW, GEORGIA 30260

# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Corrie Fountain  
*Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*  
PRESIDING

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PROCESSIONAL†	<i>“Pomp &amp; Circumstance–March No. 1” - Edward Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM†	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner” - Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Corrie Fountain
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Dr. Georj Lewis, <i>President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS	Dr. Corrie Fountain
STUDENT ADDRESS	FRIDAY 3 P.M.: Marchelle Fletcher, <i>Bachelor of Science</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Zhareia Smith, <i>Masters in Strategic Leadership and Development</i> SATURDAY 12 PM: Claribel Ross, <i>Bachelor of Business Administration</i> FRIDAY 3 P.M.: Douglas Aldridge <i>Regent, University System of Georgia</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Terreta Rodgers <i>Head of Community Affairs, Atlanta Region, Amazon</i> SATURDAY 12 PM: Jon Ossoff <i>Senior U.S. Senator, State of Georgia</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	
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. Dwayne Hooks, <i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Dean, College of Health</i> Dr. Jacob Chacko, <i>Dean, College of Business</i> Dr. Ebrahim Khosravi, <i>Dean, College of Information and Mathematical Sciences</i>
CONFERRING & PRESENTATION OF DEGREES	Dr. Georj Lewis
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Joseph Echols '06 '11, <i>Alumni Association President</i>
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Dr. Georj Lewis
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 Please remain standing until the procession has withdrawn.  
**Please set all mobile devices to silent mode.**

# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

#### MASTER OF ARTS

##### LIBERAL STUDIES

Vladimir Benoit  
Sierra Blake  
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Julianne Mashburn Reynolds  
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#### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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#### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Nicole Marie Cabassa  
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Dawn I. Krieger  
Iesha Pettis  
Elizabeth Teasley  
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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

##### CLINICAL/COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Hannah R. Mitchell

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Angel Armour  
Vladimir Bellanton  
Nisha Renee Benton  
Shondra Carter  
Robbie James Christie  
Dareon Edward Collier  
Donta Comer  
Dayaneika Covington  
Jozetta Noel Dejean  
Melinda Dixon  
Markeshia Princess Dumas  
Kayla Danielle Frazier  
Hector Noel Fuentes  
Kendall Isaiah Gantt  
Nichole N. Jarrell  
Jarred Jones  
Lashaunda Diane King

Bridget Jordan Lowe  
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Barry L. Mayers  
Anthony Peter McLetchie  
Audrey D. Miller  
Bethany Morgan Miller  
Jack Mullinax  
Ruth Wanjiru Ndungu  
Auryanna Olufemi Michelle Powell  
Simone Ragbeer  
Akashia Michal Reed  
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Shalunda Nicole Smiley  
Akintunde Gerald Solar  
Makeda Fulani Terrell  
Ariana M. Thompson  
Christopher Vickers  
Cahlia Chanel Yasmine White  
Brittany Sekai Williams  
Harven Wilson III

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

##### SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYTICS

Jalen Bradley  
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Jaminie Lashea Fernandez  
Dennis Masi  
Miesha' Lekeita Swain

#### MASTER OF STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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#### MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Debra Holmes  
Kristoffer Johnson  
Jessie Lynn Merrell  
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# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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##### COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES

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Tiffany Thi Nguyen  
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Gloria Ama Dwumfuor  
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Jahlian Borden  
Willdaya Jeanae Jones

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Rhonda Gayle Wilson-Hopkins

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

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Jewel Etuaje Akhabue  
Shriya Chakraborti  
Linh Nguyen  
Noah Roy Priester  
Lona Rashay Thomas  
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### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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# CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

RECOGNITION IS GRANTED TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS WHO  
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Steven T. Dong  
Gloria Ama Dwumfuor  
Evelin Dayana Garcia  
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Jaymar E. Jaramillo  
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Jessica Thanh Nguyen  
Lieu Thi Thuy Nguyen  
Minh Hieu Nguyen  
Shakira Patterson  
Wendy Stephanie Perez-Rodrigues

Penny Qian Powell  
Joshua David Roca  
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Saad Saleemi

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### FACULTY MARSHALS, READER & SPEAKER

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**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024  
3:00 PM CEREMONY**

#### MARSHALS

**Faculty Marshal**

Dr. Eric Bridges

**Deputy Faculty Marshal**

Dr. George Nakos

**Student Marshal**

Dr. Maya Richardson-Echols

#### ANNOUNCER

Dr. Royal Baxter

#### MUSICIANS

Dr. Michiko Otaki, DMA, keyboard

Kayla Hart, vocalist

#### READER

Dr. Larry Menter

#### USHERS

Clayton State University  
Department of Campus Life  
provided volunteers.

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### DOUGLAS ALDRIDGE

REGENT, UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA



Douglas R. Aldridge Jr., CFP®, is a private wealth financial advisor and president of the Aldridge Private Wealth Management Group in the Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network. As president and lead partner of the practice, Doug is responsible for key client relationships, focusing on affluent families, foundations and institutions. He provides a broad array of wealth management and financial strategies as a certified PIM Portfolio Manager, and earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification in 2007.

Prior to starting his own firm in 2022, Doug was Managing Director – Investments at Wells Fargo Advisors from 2009-2022. He held a similar role at Morgan Stanley as a part of their investment bank's Private Wealth Management division from 2003-2009. Prior to Morgan Stanley, Doug spent time on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange working for the specialist firm Wagner Stott Bear. He also spent a year overseas working with a boutique estate planning firm, J. Sanz y Asociados.

Doug earned a B.A. in Spanish and Economics at Washington & Lee University, graduating with Honors. He also holds a MBA from Emory University's Goizueta Business School, where he earned the distinction of Beta Gamma Sigma.

Doug and his wife Grace are both Atlanta natives. They have six amazing children and live on a farm in Chattahoochee Hills, Ga.

### MARCHELLE FLETCHER

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



Marchelle Fletcher is graduating from Clayton State University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Human Services. She is a military dependent, of Jamaican descent, and the first graduate of all the grandchildren in her bloodline. Despite being an online transfer student, Fletcher made the best of her time at Clayton State having made connections in National Council of Negro Women, Clayton State Internet Radio, and the Psychology Club. Post graduation, Fletcher will be cultivating a career teaching 2nd grade for Clayton County Public Schools, and has been accepted into Georgia Southern's Masters of the Arts in Teaching program in Elementary Education.

## FACULTY MARSHALS, READER & SPEAKER

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**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024  
9:00 AM CEREMONY**

### MARSHALS

**Faculty Marshal**

Dr. Eric Bridges

**Deputy Faculty Marshal**

Dr. George Nakos

**Student Marshal**

Dr. Maya Richardson-Echols

### ANNOUNCER

Dr. Royal Baxter

### MUSICIANS

Dr. Richard Bell, conductor  
Clayton State University Orchestra  
Keenan Kade, vocalist

### READER

Ms. Penelope Cliff

### USHERS

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## TERRETA RODGERS

HEAD OF COMMITTY AFFAIRS, ATLANTA REGION, AMAZON



Terreta Rodgers is the head of Community Affairs for Amazon's Atlanta region and a member of the corporation's Public Policy Team. She oversees hyperlocal external affairs strategies in support of Amazon's efforts to be the world's most trusted business and community partner.

With more than 20 years of experience in corporate relations, brand and cause marketing, community engagement, and government affairs, Terreta has spent her career leveraging relationships with opinion leaders, elected officials, and stakeholders to support economic growth in Georgia. Terreta started her career in politics, working in the Office of the Mayor of the City of Atlanta and later serving as a press secretary for Vice President Al Gore.

Terreta is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and is chartering president of the Northwest Georgia Section of the National Council of Negro Women. She serves on the board of directors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the ATL Airport Chamber.

Terreta is an alumnus of Georgia State and Clark Atlanta Universities, having earned a Master of Public Administration degree and a B.A. degree in mass media arts. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including Women Looking Ahead Magazine's Most Powerful and Influential Woman Award, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and the Atlanta City Council Commendation for Community Service. She also was named one of Atlanta's Top 25 Women of Achievement and an Atlanta Business League Woman of Influence.

Terreta resides in Georgia with her husband.

## ZHAREIA SMITH

MASTER'S IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT



Zhareia Smith is a first-generation graduate student, receiving her second degree from Clayton State University, a Master's in Strategic Leadership and Development. Her journey at Clayton State has been marked by unwavering dedication and a profound passion for serving her community. Throughout her time at Clayton State, Zhareia has exemplified the true spirit of leadership and service. She has been actively involved in various organizations on campus, including University Housing and Residence Life, Student Government Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.. In addition to her on campus involvement, Zhareia has also served in the Army Reserves for the past 8 years, assisting her company and fellow battles as a Human Resource Specialist. Each of these organizations have played an integral role in Zhareia's life, helping to build her sense of community, selfless service, and scholarship. Her path forward includes making positive impacts by promoting professional development and economic empowerment in her community.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ...CONTINUED

FACULTY MARSHALS, READER & SPEAKER

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024  
12:00 PM CEREMONY

MARSHALS

Faculty Marshal  
Dr. Eric Bridges

Deputy Faculty Marshal

Dr. George Nakos

Student Marshal

Dr. Maya Richardson-Echols

ANNOUNCER

Dr. Royal Baxter

MUSICIANS

Dr. Annalisa Chang, conductor  
Clayton State University Orchestra  
Keenan Kade, vocalist

READER

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

USHERS

Clayton State University  
Department of Campus Life  
provided volunteers.



**JON OSSOFF**

SENIOR U.S. SENATOR, STATE OF GEORGIA

Born and raised in Georgia, Senator Jon Ossoff serves as our Senior United States Senator.

Since his election, Sen. Ossoff has brought together Republicans and Democrats in the Senate to achieve meaningful legislative results for Georgia — even in a divided Congress. In his first two years in office, Sen. Ossoff passed into law more standalone bills than any other freshman Senator.

Sen. Ossoff’s legislative achievements include laws to strengthen mental health services for Georgians and public safety; tackle the opioid epidemic; investigate unsolved lynchings and Civil Rights murders; strengthen mental health care services for veterans; and fight corruption and improve security in U.S. prisons.

Sen. Ossoff has a strong record of delivering resources to expand access to education in Georgia, delivering record Federal funding to Georgia’s institutions of higher education, including historic resources to Georgia’s HBCUs. Sen. Ossoff has also championed efforts to strengthen workforce development opportunities, helping students and families earn the qualifications and certifications needed to gain greater economic opportunity.

Focused on improving the lives of Georgia’s veterans, servicemembers, and military families, Sen. Ossoff has passed into law bipartisan legislation to expand veterans’ access to mental health care and to upgrade child development centers for military families and barracks for enlisted personnel. He also championed passage of historic legislation to strengthen VA health care for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Mentored by civil rights legend Congressman John Lewis, Sen. Ossoff previously led a small business that produced investigative journalism exposing war crimes, public corruption, human trafficking, and organized crime.

Sen. Ossoff lives with his wife, Dr. Alisha Kramer, and daughter, Eva Beth, in Atlanta.



**CLARIBEL ROSS**

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Claribel Ross is a non-traditional, first-generation student graduating from Clayton State University with a bachelor’s degree in accounting. Throughout her time at CSU, Claribel has been actively engaged in the Society of Human Resource Management organization as the President of the Organization and in the Rho Lambda chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. She became a Campus Ambassador for the National Marrow Donor Program, played an integral part in raising over \$10,000 for a Title IX school, and volunteered for the Greater Way Atlanta and in local animal shelters. She has gladly accumulated over 1000 service hours throughout her four years at CSU and will continue serving the community. Claribel Ross will embark on her professional journey in Colorado this August as an Auditor for the Defense Contract Audit Agency under the DOD. Although her time in Georgia is coming to an end, she will continue to stay engaged and be of service to Clayton State University.

## 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.

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**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.

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## PRESIDENTS

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Dr. Richard A. Skinner 1994 – 1999

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

## 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

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### 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.

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### PRESIDENT'S CABINET

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