

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2026 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THE ARENA AT SOUTHLAKE
1300 SOUTH LAKE CIRCLE | MORROW, GEORGIA

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 | 10:00 AM

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH

*COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM)*

Clayton State University welcomes you to our Spring 2026 Commencement Exercises. Dressed in Laker Blue and Georgia Clay, we celebrate 450 student graduates who will transition to alumni status. This ceremony marks the culmination of years of hard work and achievement—a milestone of our institutional commitment and mission, **Dreams. Made. Real.**

We appreciate your support in helping ensure a memorable commencement experience for all.



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SPRING 2026 COMMENCEMENT

May 9, 2026

Dr. Georj L. Lewis

President

PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL†	<i>“Pomp & Circumstance–March No. 1 in D major (op. 39, no. 1)”</i> - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
NATIONAL ANTHEM†	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner”</i> - Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music
WELCOME	Dr. Georj L. Lewis, President
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Dr. Georj L. Lewis
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS	Dr. Jill Drake, <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i> <i>for Academic Affairs</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Calvin Smith, Masters of Business Administration
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Corwin N. Harper, President of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE HOODS	Dr. J. Celeste Walley-Jean, <i>Associate Provost/Associate Vice President for</i> <i>Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Dr. Dwayne Hooks, <i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i> Dr. Jacob Chacko, <i>Dean, College of Business</i> Dr. Dwayne Hooks, <i>Dean, College of Health</i> Dr. Jere Boudell, <i>Associate Dean, College of Science, Technology,</i> <i>Engineering, and Mathematics</i>
CONFERRING & PRESENTATION OF DEGREES	Dr. Georj L. Lewis
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Joseph Echols '06 '11, <i>Alumni Association, President</i>
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS	Dr. Georj L. Lewis
ALMA MATER	<i>“Walking in Love and Strength”</i> - Dr. Brigitte Byrd, poem Dr. Richard Bell, music
RECESSIONAL†	<i>“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4 in G major (op. 39, no. 4)”</i> - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

†All those who are able, please stand. Please remain standing until the procession has concluded.

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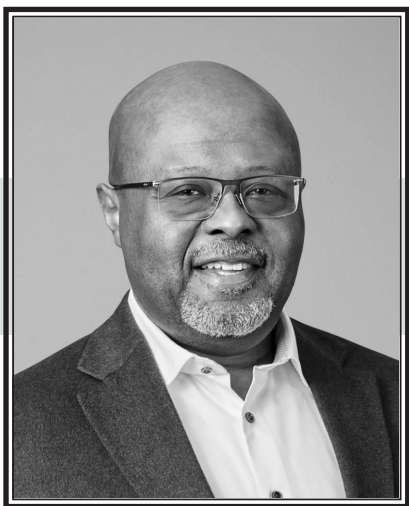
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



CORWIN N. HARPER
PRESIDENT OF KAISER FOUNDATION
HEALTH PLAN OF GEORGIA

Corwin N. Harper is the president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia.

As regional health plan president, Harper leads the organization's focus on providing integrated, high-quality health care and coverage for more than 464,000 Kaiser Permanente members in Georgia.

Harper reports to Kaiser Permanente's president of Integrated Care and Coverage, Craig T. Albanese. He collaborates closely with Nkem Chukwumerije, MD, executive medical director for The Southeast Permanente Medical Group. His deep knowledge of Kaiser Permanente's integrated care model and health plan operations is crucial in advancing Georgia's strategic and operational performance.

Harper brings 39 years of health care and hospital leadership experience to his position, including 25 years of prior success at Kaiser Permanente. He has held multiple leadership roles at Kaiser Permanente in Northern California, including senior vice president, medical group administrator, area manager, and director of hospital operations with The Permanente Medical Group.

Most recently, Harper served as CEO of Ochsner LSU Health North Louisiana, an integrated academic health system with three acute care hospitals, a behavioral health hospital, and 20 clinics with over 600 students, residents, and faculty. Earlier, as regional CEO and chief growth officer for Ochsner Health, he led the turnaround efforts of hospitals and clinics on the Northshore of Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Harper served on the University of the Pacific Board of Regents Finance Committee and currently serves on the American College of Health Care Executives Board of Governors. He is also a preceptor for the U.S. Army Baylor Residency Program. Harper holds a Master of Health Care Administration from Baylor University and a bachelor's degree in biology from The Citadel. His leadership philosophy is focused on stewardship for humanity in service to healthcare.

Harper grew up in South Carolina and has strong ties to Georgia. He met and married his wife, Terrye Moore-Harper, DNP, while they were both on active duty in the U.S. Army in Georgia. He has extended family in the state and cherished memories of going to Atlanta Braves games with his grandfather.

STUDENT SPEAKER



CALVIN SMITH
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Calvin Smith is graduating with a Master of Business Administration from Clayton State University, earning a perfect 4.0 GPA and demonstrating a strong commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and real-world application.

A dedicated and accomplished student leader, Calvin served as Vice President of the Student Government Association, where he advocated for student needs and helped enhance the campus experience. He also served as a Laker Orientation Leader and Laker Navigator, mentoring students, fostering a sense of belonging, and guiding peers as they navigated their academic journeys.

During his time at the College of Business, Calvin further distinguished himself as a member of the award-winning team that earned first place at the Broadwell Consulting Case Competition. Competing against top institutions, the team presented solutions before a panel of Deloitte executives, showcasing Calvin's ability to apply classroom knowledge to complex business challenges while demonstrating strong skills in strategy, communication, and collaboration.

Calvin's connection to Clayton State spans more than a decade, beginning with early involvement in youth programs and continuing through his undergraduate and graduate studies. His journey reflects resilience, personal growth, and a deep commitment to the Laker community.

Beyond campus, Calvin remains actively engaged in the Atlanta community through his work with Future Successors and participation in the United Way VIP program, reflecting his dedication to service.

After graduation, Calvin plans to continue his work with PNC Bank's Nonprofit Strategy & Solutions Group, supporting nonprofits and foundations in managing financial resources and expanding their impact in the community.

Through his academic achievement, leadership, and service, Calvin represents the very best of Clayton State University and its mission to develop leaders prepared to make a meaningful difference.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The tradition of academic regalia dates back to the Middle Ages, when scholars, often clergy, wore heavy gowns for warmth in unheated buildings. Today, American academic dress follows a similar tradition, first adopted by Harvard in 1636.

- **Gowns:** Associate degree candidates wear gray gowns; bachelor's, black; master's gowns feature long, closed sleeves with arm slits; doctoral gowns are trimmed with velvet and bear three velvet sleeve bars.
- **Hoods:** The hood's length and velvet trim indicate the degree level—master's (3.5 feet, 3-inch velvet), doctorate (4 feet, 5-inch velvet). The velvet color represents the field of study (e.g., Science—Yellow; Arts—White; Business—Drab). Hoods are lined with the colors of the granting institution.
- **Caps:** All graduates wear the mortarboard. Tassels are black or match the field of study; doctoral graduates may wear a velvet cap or a mortarboard with a gold tassel.



ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND SYMBOLS

The commencement procession has ecclesiastical roots, reflecting the church's historic role in education.

- **University Mace:** Symbolizing presidential authority, Clayton State's mace—crafted from a lightning-damaged campus tree by Lyceum artist Mark Barr—is carried by the Chair of Faculty Senate.
- **Presidential Medallion:** Worn by the President, it features the Georgia state seal and university name.
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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.



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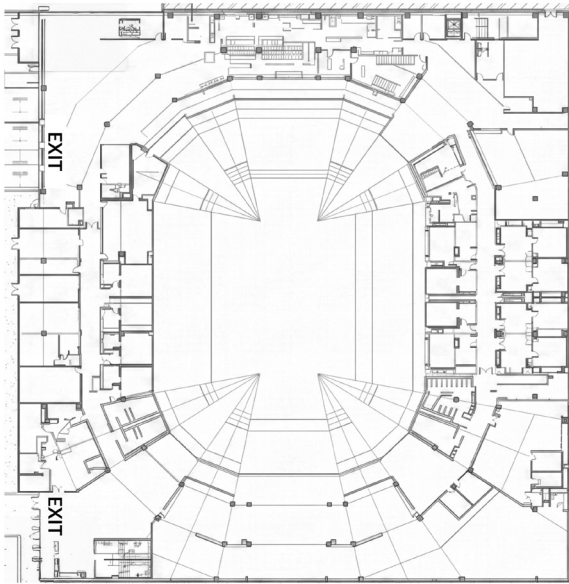
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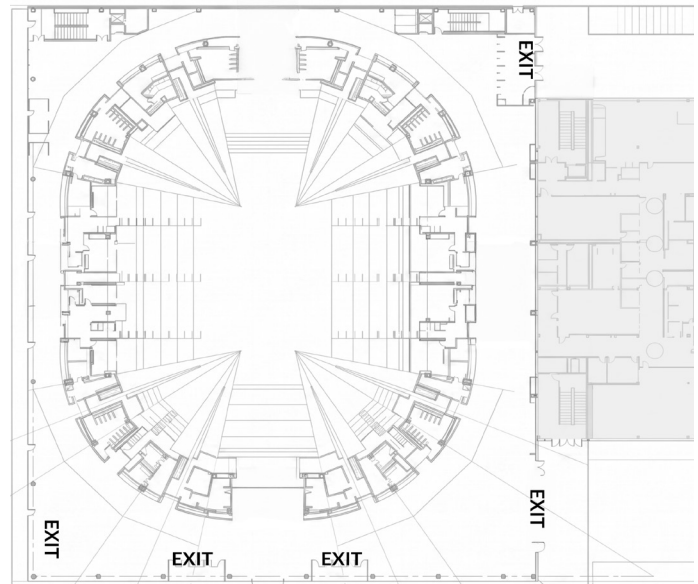
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THE ARENA AT SOUTHLAKE MAP AND FACILITIES INFORMATION

LEVEL 1



LEVEL 2



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An ambulance will be stationed outside the arena in case of medical or emergency needs.

EMERGENCY EXITS

In case of emergency, please proceed to the nearest exit in an orderly manner.

FLOWERS AND GIFTS

Flowers, CSU logo items, and diploma frames are available at the concession cart outside the Zone 2 after the ceremony. CSU logo items and diploma frames are 15% off at the concession cart.

GUEST ASSISTANCE

Ushers are available for assistance and information throughout the arena.

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A professional photographer will take a photo of the graduates as they cross the stage. Please do not approach the stage area for personal photos as this can disrupt the flow of the ceremony and obstruct the view of others.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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SMOKING

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