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VIRTUAL SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 9, 2020



Mississippi University
for Women

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Virtual Spring Commencement
Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall
May 9, 2020

“All serious daring
starts from within.”

-Eudora Welty

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HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY for WOMEN

When Mississippi University for Women was chartered in 1884, it made educational history as the first state-supported college for women in America. Her founding mothers had been persistent and tireless in their efforts, which had spanned over 20 years. Energetic campaigning in the 1860s and 1870s by activist Sallie Reneau had resulted in legislative approval, but no appropriations. A decade later Olivia Valentine Hastings and Annie Coleman Peyton joined forces to lobby legislators and journalists in support of a public women's college. Originally known as The Industrial Institute and College (II&C), this institution was created by the Mississippi Legislature to provide a unique hybrid: a high quality collegiate education for women coupled with practical vocational training. In a time when intellectual training for women was considered by many to have disastrous consequences, Mississippi had the foresight to recognize that her young women were going to have to be taught not only to think for themselves, but also to support themselves.

The first session began in October of 1885 in Columbus, a city that had won the college by virtue of its early interest in women's education and its willingness to commit hard cash to the endeavor. The city donated to the state the buildings and grounds of the Columbus Female Institute, a private school founded in 1847, in addition to offering city bonds in the amount of \$50,000 for any needed improvements to the property. That October, 341 girls embarked on this new educational experiment. Four years later the first graduates received their diplomas.

MUW has always shown an ability to adapt and change with the times. In 1920, shortly before newly enfranchised II&C graduates elected their former president Henry Whitfield Governor of Mississippi, The Industrial Institute and College became Mississippi State College for Women. This name more clearly reflected the institution's merging of the professional training with four year collegiate degrees. By 1974, as all eight universities in Mississippi began adding and strengthening graduate programs, MSCW became Mississippi University for Women. Admitting men since 1982, MUW still provides a high quality liberal arts education with a distinct emphasis on professional development and leadership opportunities for women. The W's tradition of excellence is a reality today. In the past several years, the university has been recognized as one of the top public regional universities by U.S. News & World Report; named to the President's Higher Education Honor Roll for its level of service to the community; and earned distinction as one of the top two Mississippi public universities providing a high quality education at an affordable price.

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*Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"
Edward Elgar

*Proclamation Ashley Chisolm
President, Faculty Senate

*"The Star Spangled Banner" Frances Scott Key
Previously recorded by the MUW Chamber Singers

Welcome John Jacob Miller
President, 2019-2020 Student Government Association

Comments and Stage Party Introductions Nora R. Miller
President of the University

Special Announcements Dr. Jennifer Miles
Vice President for Student Affairs

John Jacob Miller

Dr. Scott Tollison
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees Nora R. Miller

*"Alma Mater" "Serene as the Dawning"
Previously recorded by Kyia King, Music Education Major

*Recessional "Hornpipe"
George Handel

*Please Stand

ALMA MATER

Serene as the dawning
Your promise now unfolds
To new heights of wisdom
Proclaiming truth foretold;
With courage undaunted
Honor the challenge,
Guiding your purpose bold.

Sing, praise to our great Alma Mater,
Oh, sing and cherish your
Mem'ries forever.
Profound our allegiance;
Secure our belief in God.
This creed of our heritage
Illumines the path untrod.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

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Doctor of Nursing Practice

Rebecca A. Cagle
Jaime Galinsky Gaudet
Angela Jones-Stewart
Savannah Bohon Perkins
Jenny Marie Taylor
Laura Beth Turner
Deborah Traylor Wilmoth

Erin Nicole Bracey
Shannon Jessica Dunlap
Ana Claire Fondren
Jacob B. Johnson
Candice Brooke Keen
Tia A. Miller
Creda DeMera Morgan
Alyssa J. Spina
Markita Williams

Master of Arts

Daysha N. Humphrey
Bassant Mahmoud Ali
Miranda Bayleigh Vick
Taylor D. Vick
Jeannie Elise Wilson

Master of Science

Brianna Lauren Barrett
Holly Jean Borntreger
Emily Grace Coggins
Sarah Daniels
Breanne Dawn Ducote
Mary Hannah Gho
Kayla C. Hall
Delaynee Claire Marchant
Bailey Newbill
Lesley Elizabeth Parker
Mary Peden
Ivy Noel Robbins
Taylor Faye Thornton
Jordan A. Wade
Tori Elizabeth Wall
Alyka Hamm Williams

Master of Arts in Teaching

Elisabeth Elmaz Braddock
Anna Merwin
Christopher Deon Rice

Master of Business Administration

Elizabeth Ellen Carter
Emily Elise Jenkins
Timothy George Wood

Master of Education

El'Lane Burris Gilmore
Rachel Taylor Nevins
Wendy S. Powers
Carrie Elizabeth Ring

Master of Public Health

Edward Allen Jr.
Cody Allsup
Lakisa Ards

Bachelor of Arts

Yadav Acharya
Biraj Adhikari
Malory Amanda Aldridge
Summer Nicole Arnold
Ashley Katherine Ballinger
Diltasia Baylous
Carley Shannon Bevels
Sudaja Alexandria Buchanan
Cody Christopher Cliett
Julianna Grace Clyburn
Xena Noel Conway

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

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Amber Grace Crenshaw
Christopher John Cunningham
Olivia Kendall Dewberry
Callie E. Estes
Kerri Anna Fortenberry
Lauren Elizabeth Harmon
Haley D. Harper
Holley Anne Hastings
Ariel Dawn Hawkins
Nakia Holton
Kiara LeShae Hoyle
Kyndal L. James
Sydney Jenkins
LaDarrius D’Juan Jennings
Rebecca Johnson
Shakina Darnea Kelley
Maggie R King
Elliot Tobias Lake
Francisco De Assis Lopes
Linda Y. McBride
Abigail Elise McCreary
Cecille Silagan Miral
Kameron Lynn Morris
Elexcia Ellis Nicholson
Nathaniel Jackson Norris-Jones
Taalayah Unique Patton
Isaiah John Perkins
Jada Noelle Perkins
Brianna Charnae Plott
Ambriya Powell
Salina Rai
Ryan C. Ramsey
Megen Taylor Reed
X’Zayvia Chyrece Scott
Lorrin Talia Sparks
Sarah Staten
Caitlin Elise Tidwell
Jake Upton
Payton Elaine Washington
Elizabeth Grace Wiggins
Stephen Walker Winter

Bachelor of Applied Science

Elizabeth A. Adam
Matthew Cory Barber
Jessica Lynn Boyles
Rhonda K. Brown
Pennie Clack
Valarie D. Donaldson
Alondra Dessirae Jefferson
Kadaijha Johnson
Carrie Leggett
Christy M. Lick
Renita Margarita Lust-Ware
Crystal Gabriel McMillian
William David McNew
Shelby Meeler
Jonathan Mitchell
Amanda G. Parson
Glenda Marie Patterson
Charles H. Rash
April Nicole Scott
Shenikia Shelton
Tracey Tillman
Isys Webster
Justin Wilcher

Bachelor of Business Administration

Tonya Austin
Amber Sandidge Barbieri
Macie Elizabeth Barrett
Sandy Bonucchi
Ashley Nicole Bostick
Ashley Nicole Brasington
Tessa M. Carpenter
DaRonna U’Rethel Carter
Jennifer R. Case
Treba Treyanna Davis
Vankiesha C. Davis
Jalyn S. Douglas
Jeremy Bryan Earnest

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

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Bachelor of Business Administration (cont.)

Ailynn Alexis Gartman
Tsering Tashi Gurung
Joseph Dow Hailey
Terriona Pricilla Hartford
Joshua B. Hemphill
Kendra Jackson
Takyia Rashay Jackson
Monalee KC
Briana Noel Lane
Summer Antoinette Long
Joseph Kale McKee
Kenneth Lindsay McQuage Jr.
Hector Mendoza
Marcus Bryan Montfort
Ann E. Murphy
Benjamin Luke Rosamond
Audrey Renee Ruth
Hannah Eileen Small
Grozie E. Thomas
Kelsey Mae Trainer
Elena Vickers
Brandon Eugene Walker
Britain L. Welzien
Amy West
Jakob Hayes Williams
Shakara Wilson
Ashton Smith Womack
Kristine Wood
Brooke N. Younger

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Daryl F. Cosby Jr.
Blake N. Davis
Addison Garrett
Gabrielle Marie Goodloe
Ian A. Johnson
Thomas Lamar Kennedy
Haley Fairfax Rountree
Evonte Shepherd

Bachelor of Music

Michelle Skye Collins
Kendra Joelle Keesee

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Lauren Jane Brown
McKayla Cobb
Cattera Monique Crump
Laqueisha Lashaun Davis
Jennifer A. Hunt
Jeremy Elliot Newton
Courtney Stafford Smith
Andriana Kristina Spiller
Jamie E. Tollison
Nancy J. Veri

Bachelor of Science

Kaylee Michela Ables
Ambrielle Lachay Adams
Tangie Monae Almo
Asuna LaTiara Anderson
Anush Aryal
Rachel Magan Bailey
Erica McGee Bankhead
Madison Rebecca Barkley
Skylar Douglas Baswell
Antavious Kemar Belgrave
Tenecia Shamae Bell
Tory L. Bell II
Kaylyn J. Bolton
Morgan Alaine Browning
Alayna Burnside
Sarah Kate Caldwell
Isaura Diana Camacho
Jakheris T. Carr
Olivia Clark
Hallie Grace Cole
Iyonna G. Collins
Ashley Grace Crane

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

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Jayla Cummings
Kiara A. Cunningham
Olivia Shaye Davis
Garrett Wade Dees
Mario Djugovski
Brooke Ann Duett
Shasika D. Eatmon
Adaysia Faith Edwards
Alexius B. Ellis
Noah Estes
Maci Farrar
Maci Diane Fields
Felicia S. Fleming
Chelsea Keon Foster
Malessia M. Gilbert
Zandria Tionne Gillard
Catrina Glaspie
Marcus Malik Glenn
Cicely Goldhorn
Jacob Braxton Goss
Caroline Susan Grafe
Sarah Elise Grete
Sharquea Vonshae Groves
Jessica S. Haga
Courtney M. Hale
Haley LeAnn Hall
Kaley M. Hall
Mary Hammons
Danielle Hardges
Tatyana Ambrieuhl Harris
Hannah Harrison
Samuel Royce Harvey
Courtney L. Hatcher
Elijah Christopher Hemphill
Hannah Lauren Heustess
Kaadrian Lashay Hill
Rylee Anne Holdiness
Savannah Leigh Hollis
Bailey Keith Howell
Tamera LeAndrea Hughes
Kirbi Lyn Hurst
Chava Y. Ivory

Kalya Jackson
Cernoria Jene Johnson
Priscilla Shuntel Johnson
Erin N. Johnston
Sierra Jones
Kayla Gabrielle Joseph
Umisha KC
Ishan Lamichhane
Latasha Sharell Latham
Christina Irene Lee
Anna Victoria Price Lloyd
Hannah G. Lolley
Jordyn Mays
Alysha Keyshea McCarpine
Sarah Ann McCarter
Madison Paige McCollum
Kaylin McCree
Haley Jo McMURphey
Kenya L. Metcalf
John Jacob Miller
Katrinna Shea Miller
Recious Prepraise Maria Miller
Shantilly L. Miller
Stephanie Nicole Minga
Courtney Missouri
Irene Mondragon
Courtland Marquis Moore
Mariallen Moore
Caryn Effie Morrison
Kathryn Grace Myers
Rae'Nyshea N. Myles
Shraddha Neupane
Mateline Claire Newman
Cassandra E. Obman
Emma Grace Olsen
Ashruti Pant
Heli S. Patel
Faith Anne Petty
Latrevius Taviun Pinkston
Corea Shonteria Ratliff
Courtney Laine Reed
Puja Rijal

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

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Bachelor of Science (cont.)

Hailey Louise Robinson
Rachel Danielle Rooney
Tommy Lee Rupert
Michael L. Saul
Bayleigh A. Sears
Kyla Aliesha Skinner
Caitlyn Faith Smith
Lauren Elizabeth Smith
Paris Tyanna Somerville
Nikola Srzic
Crosby Allen Stevens
Laken Michelle Suddieth
Sarina Tamang
Autumn Angel Taylor
Jody Taylor
Melisa S. Taylor
Triuna La'Shay Taylor
Prince Arthur Tolbert Jr.
Khadijah S. Trimble
Deionia Turner
Arpana Upadhyay
Gwynnedra Vance
Arenzo Devon Walker
Ashley Nicole Walker
Shelby Spencer Walters
Lisa Michelle Watkins
Lucas R. Weathers
Emilee C. Wilcox
Carlos Navarrio Wilkerson
Mallory Marie Wooldridge
Devonshae Hogan Young

Andrew T. Bernard
Jessica Taylor Berube
Samragyi Bidari
Karley Neal Bozeman
Analee R. Brackeen
Erin Elizabeth Brannon
Allie Elizabeth Brown
Madison Leigh Bullard
Josie B. Buntin
Madison Bailey Burge
Kaytlyn Burrage
Riley Carpenter Byars
Olivia Rose Cain
Christina J. Clark
Madison Carlyle Collier
Harvey Houston Collins IV
Kaleb Charles Darnell
Morgan A. Dennis
Jessica Denton
Ana-Claire Rene Edwards
Camryn Hope Eidson
Sarah Grace Finley
Hannah Elizabeth Freeman
Supriya GC
Shenita Rochelle Gillespie
Mary Anne Goolsby
Antonesha KeTora Gully
Kailey Claire Hall
Alyssa Blair Harrington
Ebony Harris
Nykiea Octavia Hayes
Mary Alice Hazlewood
Daijah Keshana Henley
Tamara Lachun Henry
Victoria Howell
Hayden Leighanna Hudspeth
Mary Catherine Hutchens
Rachel Anne Ivy
Mamata Khatri
Linda Katherine Lambert
Alexandria Corine Lee
Amyah Ne'Shae Lee

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Candace Deandres Adams
Karlee Brooke Adams
Brooke A. Alvis
Jaden Caroline Ansley
Cristina Babic
Victoria Morgan Bailey

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

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Sarah Elizabeth Leflore
Brenna Little
Scottilyn Lloyd
Shelby Jo Lovell
Ashley D. Mabry
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Kandi Moody
Amber Lauren Moore
Taylor Sharyn Morrison
Shreeya Niraula
Prisca C. Ojukwu
Alyssa Palmer
Priyanka Panta
Jordan Melody Parnell
Jasmine Breandrea Payton
Kaitlin Pogue
Raksha Pokhrel
Tagen Rimmel
Shannon Monica Roberts
Katherine Elizabeth Shelton
Garima Shrestha
Srijana Shrestha
Caroline Claire Thomas
Natalie Nichole Timbes
Anna Vincent
Katy Washington
Sara E. White
Karli Wood
Ashton Blair Wright

Associate of Science in Nursing

Mayson Nichole Ables
Robert Christopher Baker
Angela Jean Barnes
Rachel Christian Barrett
Helen Brinkley Bohon
Susanna E. Bowman
Mackenzie Davis Brennan
Jaxon Easley Brown
Lauren Elizabeth Bryant
Courtney N. Caldwell

Samantha Hope Caldwell
Brandy N. Carouthers
Cheslee B. Cockerham
Mary Ellen Decker
Anna Grace Dye
Lindsey Edwards
Allyson Qassmecca Sinea Ford
Micah Denean Gray
Paula J. Green
Elizabeth Hall
Lindsey Necole Hankins
Sheteria S. Harrington
Vanity S. Hodges
Anna Grace Jenkins
Macy Claire Joseph
Kelsi Grace King
Alisha Mary Kostick
Ashley Kathryn Lingle
Karlee Rae Lomen
Julia Magallon
Tristin May
Lindsey Taylor McGairty
Hannah J. McLain
Elizabeth C. Mills
Jaylin Nicole Neal
Jayce Claire Neisler
Abigail Orrick
Emily Marie Reyes
Tara Elizabeth Richey
Margaret Melanie Rodriguez
Carrington A. Sallie
Natasha L. Stephens
Matthew Kyle Tate
Porsha D. Tellis
Sydney Kathleen Thompson
Madison Mckenzie Turner
Jarrett P. Walden
Taylor Michelle Watkins
Anna Victoria Winterstein

DEGREES WITH HONORS

Anush Aryal, Honors in Biology
Carley Bevels, Honors in Legal Studies and Political Science
Kaylyn Bolton, Honors in Elementary Education
Riley Byars, Honors in Nursing
Julianna Clyburn, Honors in English
Hallie Cole, Honors in Accounting
Madison Collier, Honors in Nursing
Lauren Harmon, Honors in History
Bailey Howell, Honors in Biology
Umisha KC, Honors in Communication
Mamata Khatri, Honors in Nursing
Shelby Bozek Lovell, Honors in Nursing
Abigail McCreary, Honors in Theatre Education
John Jacob Miller, Honors in Public Health Education
Kathryn Myers, Honors in Speech-Language Pathology
Prisca Ojukwu, Honors in Nursing
Priyanka Panta, Honors in Nursing
Salina Rai, Honors in Women's Studies
Garima Shrestha, Honors in Nursing
Walker Winter, Honors in Spanish

LATIN HONORS *Cum Laude* (3.50 to 3.79 GPA)

Karlee Brooke Adams	Maci Farrar
Brooke A. Alvis	Sarah Grace Finley
Victoria Morgan Bailey	Chelsea Keon Foster
Rachel Magan Bailey	Alilynn Alexis Gartman
Macie Elizabeth Barrett	Supriya GC
Jessica Taylor Berube	Malessia M. Gilbert
Morgan Alaine Browning	Antonesha KeTora Gully
Josie B. Buntin	Joseph Dow Hailey
Kaytlyn Burrage	Courtney M. Hale
Riley Carpenter Byars	Haley LeAnn Hall
Olivia Rose Cain	Mary Hammons
Sarah Kate Caldwell	Alyssa Blair Harrington
Jennifer R. Case	Samuel Royce Harvey
Pennie Clack	Joshua B. Hemphill
Julianna Grace Clyburn	Daijah Keshana Henley
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Priyanka Panta
Glenda Marie Patterson

Taalayah Unique Patton
Brianna Charna Plott
Raksha Pokhrel
Katherine Elizabeth Shelton
Garima Shrestha
Srijana Shrestha
Courtney Stafford Smith
Crosby Allen Stevens
Sarina Tamang
Elena Vickers
Brandon Eugene Walker
Britain L. Welzien
Emilee C. Wilcox
Stephen Walker Winter
Ashton Blair Wright

LATIN HONORS *Magna Cum Laude* (3.80 to 3.94 GPA)

Biraj Adhikari
Asuna LaTiara Anderson
Summer Nicole Arnold
Anush Aryal
Ashley Katherine Ballinger
Matthew Cory Barber
Madison Rebecca Barkley
Kaylyn J. Bolton
Alayna Burnside
Madison Carlyle Collier
Garrett Wade Dees
Mario Djugovski
Tsering Tashi Gurung
Hannah Harrison
Courtney L. Hatcher

Elijah Christopher Hemphill
Rylee Anne Holdiness
Kirbi Lyn Hurst
Kendra Jackson
Monalee KC
Hannah G. Lolley
Abigail Elise McCreary
Stephanie Nicole Minga
Mariallen Moore
Shraddha Neupane
Puja Rijal
Haley Fairfax Rountree
Arpana Upadhyay
Payton Elaine Washington
Kristine Wood

LATIN HONORS *Summa Cum Laude* (3.95 to 4.0 GPA)

Yadav Acharya
Amber Sandidge Barbieri
Carley Shannon Bevels
Hallie Grace Cole
Lauren Elizabeth Harmon
Ariel Dawn Hawkins
Bailey Keith Howell
Umisha KC
Sarah Ann McCarter

Kaylin McCree
Haley Jo McMURPhey
Ann E. Murphy
Kathryn Grace Myers
Cassandra E. Obman
Emma Grace Olsen
Salina Rai
Caitlyn Faith Smith
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

President's Medallion

The President of Mississippi University for Women wears a gold medallion representing the University seal. This medallion symbolizes the authority of her office and her leadership of the academic community. The original medallion was recast in 1974 when the name Mississippi State College for Women was changed to Mississippi University for Women.

Academic Dress

The history of academic dress can be traced to 1321, when gowns were required at the University of Coimbra in Portugal. The wearing of a long gown was prescribed in England in the second half of the 14th century. It has been suggested that the gowns may have been necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings which were used by medieval scholars. Since all scholars were churchmen in the Middle Ages, much of the academic costume retains vestiges of ecclesiastical attire.

Gown -- The gray associate's degree and the black bachelor's degree gowns have a closed front and long, pointed, open sleeves. The master's gown is distinguished by closed sleeves (the arm coming through a slit at the elbow), which are square at the end and extend well below the knee. The doctor's gown has full, round, open bell-shaped sleeves, is faced with velvet, and carries three bars of velvet on each sleeve. Generally, the velvet is black but some robes are decorated in velvet of the color of the individual's academic discipline. This is the personal choice of the professor.

Cap or Mortarboard -- The academic cap or mortarboard is derived from caps worn in medieval times by members of the clergy. They are traditionally black with a black tassel, with the exception of the doctoral cap, which sometimes has a gold tassel. Candidates for degrees wear the tassel on the right side until the degree has been conferred, at which time the tassel is transferred to the left side and worn in that position thereafter.

Individuals having obtained their degrees from European universities may have an academic costume which deviates from the above description.

ACADEMIC DEANS

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