



VIRTUAL SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, August 1, 2020



Virtual Summer Commencement
Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall
August 1, 2020

“All serious daring
starts from within.”
-Eudora Welty

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Mississippi University for Women

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.

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

Virtual Spring Commencement

Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall

August 1, 2020

*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 Lydia Holland
President, 2020-2021 Student Government Association

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

Special Announcements 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

August 1, 2020

Master of Business Administration

Amanda Brumfield
Courtney Reagan Colson
Shelby Davis
Lottie Harris Foust
Andrew Moore Garner
Amber D. Peterson
Angella NaCole Stewart

Master of Education

Selisha Ivy
Anna Brooke Pennington

Master of Fine Arts

Jacqueline Jones Clowney
Grace Gibbons
Debby H. Gray
Kyla Hanington
Jonathan Alec Hawkins
Kelsey Lawson
Daniel J. Putney
Sloane Alexandria Teagle

Master of Public Health

Andrew N. Johnson

Master of Science in Nursing

Sarah Freeman Adams
Emily Anders
Lucy Mae Barnes
Jalisha Latwyla Brown
Melanie Christine Bush

Alison Payne Campbell
Aimee Cockerham
Lacy Diane Estes
Ashleigh Tindall Flora
Kayla Ann Jenkins
Lisa Marie King
Mackinzie Nelson Lee
Helen Paige Long
Andrew Blake McCaulley
Megan Elizabeth McDaniel
Aar'rin Marie McDougal
Marlana Nelson McFarland
Kimberly Hannah McMillin
Devi Dove Moon
Eritiki Morris
Erica Mosley
Mandy Munn
Kelly Nash
Tiffine Lynn Prisock
Cindy Quinn
Evelyn Michelle Rainey
Angela Reeves
Shelby Black Reeves
April Robinson
Rachel Elizabeth Romero
Tammy Jean Steele
Mallory Trotter Stockstill
Caitlyn Tennyson
Lindsay Thomas Wynne

Bachelor of Arts

Madison Taylor Fields
Alexandria Elizabeth Harden
Tyler Kenneth Miller

Bachelor of Applied Science

Andrew C. Bates
Brittany S. Hampton

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

August 1, 2020

Kaitlyn G. Holmes
Vernis A. Mims Jr.
Caleb Christopher Terry

DeAmber Williams
Veronica Leigh Wilson

Bachelor of Business Administration

Jacob Thomas
LaMarcus Lawrence Winston

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Larry Bernard Spragin

Bachelor of Science

Chelsea D. Austin
Cody W. Blackwell
Sara Couch
Alyssa Brooke Gilbert
Elisha Alexandria Havard
Antoinette Holmes
Shareese Danielle Irions
Samantha Monique Johnson
Tavonta A. Jones
Takeisha L. King
Melaina Leanne Migues
Jana Kay Newell
Tiffany Phillips
Charles R. Price
Mary Grace Prine
Jitterrah Rogers
Amber Lynn Smith
Leuveruia T. Smith
Tierra Sinclair Smith
Jaquan L. Snow
Erin Matilda Stanley
Asia Marie Taylor
Mami Michelle Tucker

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Shinika S. Abrams
Katie L. Acy
Michael L. Adams
Shireka Adams
Michael J. Alberson Jr.
Jennifer R. Allen
Morgan A. Allen
TaKoia Tyshiona Allen
Steven Gallegos Arceo
Kiran Ashraf
Christopher G. Bagwell
Kimberly R. Ball
Leah Elizabeth Banks
Jasmine Barnes
Kennedy J. Barrett
Taylor Montgomery Barret
Christopher R. Bass
Myisha Bass
Morgan B. Beasley
Lauren Katelynn Belcher
Kristin Beloate
Taylor Crane Berry
Jessica Nichole Black
Lara A. Blake
April Blount
Rhalanda Bolden
Hannah G. Boren
Kristen S. Bounds
Kiara Bourrage
Samantha Boyd
Shaquanta Boyd
Shaliyah Bramlett
Victoria Octavia Broadnax
Anna Brown
Genna Brown
Jermeka Brown

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

August 1, 2020

Karie Brown
Kelli Brown
Tia Brown
Domonique Deyon Bryant
Trey O'neal Buchanan
Jennifer M. Buckley
Jasmine C. Bui
Erica L. Burleson
Jessica E. Byrd
Farron N. Calender
Nichole A. Cameron
Jennifer Ann Cannon
Frederick Carlton III
LaQuandra Dinesha Carpenter
Kerrie Leigh Carroll
Destiny Keanna Carter
Shana L. Carter
Jeffery Chancellor
Aaliyah Sierra Chapman
Macey Lauren Chrestman
Pamela D. Christian
Jasmine Clements
Jennifer A. Clifton
Rashida V. Cockrell
Kristen D. Cole
Elisha Dominique Collins
Julia M. Collins
Yosheka Y. Conard-Rowsey
Kizzy Coney
Brittnee A. Conner
Lesley M. Cook
Lizabeth Audrey Cook
Hope Cooley
Lakeisha Simone Cotton
Katelynn E. Cowart
Brittany P. Cox
Ebonie P. Cox
Sharon Lynn Cox
Shelby Elizabeth Creely
Yolanda Jeanette Creer
Lynnndon Danielle Cromeans

Brittany L. Cunningham
Christopher A. Cunningham
Brittany M. Darnell
Chealease B. Davis
Kaylee Elizabeth Davis
Marilyn Luriane Davis
Patricia A. Davis
Leanna Joy Davis-Ezell
Shelby Gene Dearing
Tiease Nikeebra Degraffenreid
Devin Denley
Valerie Denise Dickey
Lauren K. Dickinson
Roshida Dixon
Misty Dodds
Lashonda P. Donaldson
Rachel G. Donovan
Winter Renea Dora
Ashley Shenelle Dotson
Bridget Renee Dunn
Breanna N. Evans
Kelly A. Evans
Tiquisha S. Evans
Buffiesha D. Faulknor
Angela Lynn Fears
Andrea Felder
Daniel David Fenn
Alice N. Ferguson
Kimberly Seiarrá Fernando
Kenyatta L. Floyd
Terra Fontenot
Addie DeNise Ford
Miranda Yolanda Ford
Janee Trisha Foust
Brittany S. Fox
Mary Franks
Bailee B. Frazier
Emily M. Frometa
Tanya L. Gardner
Kirsten Monique Gaston
Tiffany D. Gaye

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

August 1, 2020

Deana Gentry
April LaShell Gibson
Virginia Grace Gilland
Lindsay Gilmore
Starnisha Marie Gladney-Smith
Alanta J. Goggins
Drewonna L. Goldsmith
Leah Goolsby
Mary Gordon
Dantria Shanta Grace
Brittania Shaliece Grant
Abigail L. Gray
Kandria Denise Green
Madison Kimber Green
Kaitlin Paige Gresham
Laura Guidry
Wendy Theresa Gullett
Shanta Hall
Mercedes O. Hannah
Kameisha L. Harrell
KTara D. Harris
Whitney Harris
Colby Hatcher
Deanna Hayes
Kristin D. Herrington
Katie Hester
Lauren A. Hicks
Lindsey Hill
Mercades L. Hill
Noah Jacob Holcomb
Summer Tomelia Holland
Tara L. Holly
Charis K. Holman
Ronnie T. Hopson
Parida Kishanda Hopson-Serton
Keisha Horsley
Tiffany Houston
Charlene Huddleston
Toni M. Huddleston
Aliesha L. Hudson
Deborah Hughes

Michelle Hulbert
Brantley G. Hutchinson
Jessica Hutchison
Monica Jackson
Taylor Marie Jackson
Briana Nicole James
Kirby Alicia James
Shamekka N. Jenkins
Jessica D. Johnson
Shalandor LaTreece Johnson
Tikimbra Johnson
Brittaney Jones
Darnell Jamal Jones
Katherine Elizabeth Jones
Marshala D. Jones
Quantina Lasha Jones
Shemente Jones
Justin Keathley
Brittney Kelton
Elizabeth A. Kennedy
Katie Llewellyn Kerr
Sanjuana N. Ledbetter
Whitney Lee
Danielle D. Lewis
Marshay D. Lewis
Sandra Lias
Mary Lirette
Ebony Shuree Love
Reva Mace
Janna A. Mallette
Sade Malone
Shameka Deann Malone
Kinvette Mangum
Brooke Farabee Mapp
Brittany Martin
Chassidy Martin
Hope Marie Mason
Emily Maurice
Kleshonda Maxwell
Kasandra M. Mayo
Gloria A. Mays

DEGREE CANDIDATES (cont.)

August 1, 2020

Kimberly McCallum	Tatiana Powers
Breana T. McCree	Sheneaka Sherrell Pringle
Chasity McCree	Bethany A. Pruitt
Brittney N. McKenzie	Makayla M Pullen
Natalie Jo McKenzie	Katelyn A. Pumphrey
Krista D. McNutt	Perrin B. Rakestraw
Teneisha R. McWilliams	Brittany M. Ramey
Talmidge M. Meeks	Lata Randle
Demetra S. Miller	Danny S. Raper II
Jennifer Miller	Abigail Elaine Ray
Jessica F. Miller	Lindsey Reeves
NaCandreas Pearlesha Mitchell	Brittany Reyes
Madison Mohl	Willie Rice Jr.
Amanda Moore	Jabria Zhane Richardson
Ashlee L. Moore	Bethany H. Riley
Kayla A. Moore	Hannah K. Roberts
Regan Watson Moore	Krystal Robertson
Kieyuma Moses	Michael D. Robertson
Ashley Nanney	Ashley Robinson
Ralyn Dee Nester	Jay Rodriguez
Caleigh B. Newton	Jessica L. Rogers
Amy S. Oakes	Kasey Maria Rowley
Kayla B. O'Grady	Asia J. Ruffin
Nubia L. Oliveira	Christy A. Salley
Maria E. Ordaz	Robert Jewell Sanderson III
Paula Palmer	Aubrey Seay
Lakin Patterson	Bentley Seay
Jaylen Rashaan Payne	Anthony Ryan Sharp
Yolanda Denise Pepper-Burrell	Mandy Brooke Sharp
Krissten Alivia Perry	Gabriel Ja'Micah Shelby
Tearra Peters	Keeley G. Shelley
Brittney M. Peyton-Parkman	Dalana Brooke Short
Gabrielle Clarissa Phelan	Olivia Shurden
Amanda J. Phillips	Justin Philip Simpson
Megan N. Picard	Ginger Lynn Sims
Andrea M. Pike	Gloria Sit
Ciara Shawnee Poe-Harris	Tyler Antonio Slaughter
John R. Porter	Jackson E. Smith
Kabreashia Porter	Jamie Leann Smith
Lynn Renea Portis	Karkelia Diane Smith
Chandler E. Posey	Kendra Natasha Smith

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Regina Valerie Smith	Tiffany Marie Turnage
Staci Smith	Ramona B. Turner
Tyler J. Smith	Glenda Upchurch
Chaketra Shana Spencer	Anna Claire Van Every
Lindsey Stewart	Tatsyana Aaliyah Wade
Amy M. Stogner	Felicia N. Walker
Lauren V. Stringer	Pamela Janet Walker
Holly Elizabeth Sturdivant	Quadacia B. Walker
Carrington Elise Sullivan	Reagan L. Walker
Courtney Sullivan	Elizabeth Walls
Fisher D. Sullivan	ShaQuila K. Walters
Kathryn Paige Summerford	Tashiya S. Ward
Kelsey Lee Summerford	Danterrius Brandon Onkel Ware
Hailin Swan	Kimbala D. Ware
Madison L. Switcher	Rylie M. Ware
Deirdra L. Taylor	Angela Michele Warner
Regina D. Taylor	Lindsey R. Watson
Sharneice L. Taylor	Railey Michelle Wheeler
Erin Hamilton Tedder	Megan L. White
Laura Elizabeth Tentoni	Larrah R. Wilbanks
Angela Roshell Terrell	Carisa R Wilburn
Nydia DeChell Thames	Sarah Beth V. Wilburn
Mercedes Thibodeaux	Diamond Williams
Christopher Joel Thomas	Gloria Jean Williams
Regina L. Thomas	Hannah L. Williams
Waltisha V. Thomas	Linda Williams
Peyton E. Thompson	Shiconner Williams
William R. Thompson	Vickie R. Williams
Maya Kiara Tollfree	Brandie N. Wise
Bernardo Torres Diaz	Jody Marie Witherspoon
Melonie T. Townes	Shanna Wolverton
Alice Posey Toy	Madison Holdiness Womble
Justin Tracy	Deanna Leigh Woods
Hannah K. Trent	Micaela Brishuan Woods
Katerra C. Trevillion	Jessica Brooke Woolfolk
Kiandria Trevillion	Elizabeth B. Wright
Abie R. Trim	Amy L. Young
Iheshia Trimble-Koonce	Teena Young
Stephanie M. Triplett	William D. Youngblood
Korie Taylor Trulove	
Olivia Tucker	

LATIN HONORS *Cum Laude*

(3.50 to 3.79 GPA)

Katie L. Acy
Christopher G. Bagwell
Victoria Octavia Broadnax
Erica L. Burleson
LaQuandra Dinesha Carpenter
Destiny Keanna Carter
Jennifer A. Clifton
Brittnee A. Conner
Lizabeth Audrey Cook
Lakeisha Simone Cotton
Katelynn E. Cowart
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Patricia A. Davis
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Krista D. McNutt
Melaina Leanne Migues
Jennifer Miller
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Ashley Nanney
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Bethany A. Pruitt
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Perrin B. Rakestraw
Jabria Zhane Richardson
Aubrey Seay
Justin Philip Simpson
Ginger Lynn Sims
Kendra Natasha Smith
Jamie Leann Smith
Kelsey Lee Summerford
Hailin Swan
Madison L. Switcher
Nydia DeChell Thames
Waltisha V. Thomas
Christopher Joel Thomas
William R. Thompson
Kattera C. Trevillion
Korie Taylor Trulove
Ramona B. Turner
Tatsyana Aaliyah Wade
Reagan L. Walker
ShaQuila K. Walters
Angela Michele Warner
Lindsey R. Watson
LaMarcus Lawrence Winston
Madison Holdiness Womble
Amy L. Young

LATIN HONORS *Magna Cum Laude*

(3.80 to 3.94 GPA)

Michael L. Adams
Kiran Ashraf
Morgan B. Beasley
Kristin Beloate
April Blount
Kelli Brown
Karie Brown
Jasmine C. Bui
Kerrie Leigh Carroll
Kristen D. Cole
Brittany P. Cox
Shelby Elizabeth Creely
Roshida Dixon
Breanna N. Evans
Alice N. Ferguson
Wendy Theresa Gullett
Mercedes O. Hannah
Lauren A. Hicks
Noah Jacob Holcomb
Briana Nicole James
Katherine Elizabeth Jones

Janna A. Mallette
Teneisha R. McWilliams
Kayla A. Moore
Regan Watson Moore
Caleigh B. Newton
Nubia L. Oliveira
Mary Grace Prine
Katelyn A. Pumphrey
Hannah K. Roberts
Jay Rodriguez
Christy A. Salley
Keeley G. Shelley
Laura Elizabeth Tentoni
Mercedes Thibodeaux
Jacob Thomas
Kiandria Trevillion
Rylie M. Ware
Railey Michelle Wheeler
Megan L. White
Larrah R. Wilbanks
Sarah Beth V. Wilburn

LATIN HONORS *Summa Cum Laude*

(3.95 to 4.0 GPA)

Kennedy J. Barrett
Macey Lauren Chrestman
Julia M. Collins
Lynndon Danielle Cromeans
Kaitlin Paige Gresham

Elizabeth A. Kennedy
Lakin Patterson
Bentley Seay
Jackson E. Smith

Latin honors based on GPA as of July 1, 2020. Some honors may change based on the final GPA.

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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