



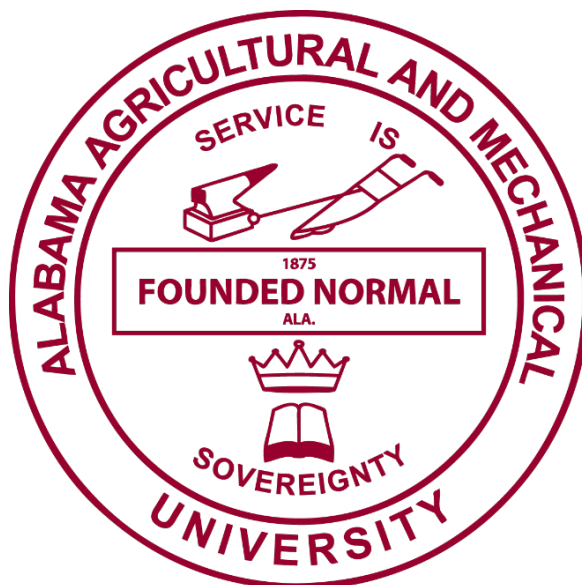
*Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University*  
founded 1875



*Normal, Alabama*

*Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University*

*The One Hundred and Fiftieth  
Spring Commencement Exercises*



*Friday, the Ninth of May  
Two thousand and twenty-five  
at ten o'clock in the morning  
The Event Center  
Huntsville, Alabama*

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## *University Vision*

The vision of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University is to be recognized as the premier Land-Grant institution of choice for students, faculty, staff, and future employers of its students. The University will be recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in teaching, research, outreach, exceptional academic programs, and globally competitive students.

## *University Mission*

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University is a public, comprehensive 1890 Land-Grant institution, committed to access and opportunity, and dedicated to intellectual inquiry. The application of knowledge and excellence in teaching, research, and service is responsive to the needs of a diverse student population and the social and economic needs of the state and region. The University offers contemporary baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral-level degrees to prepare students for careers in the arts, sciences, business, engineering, education, agriculture, and technology. As a center of excellence, the University is dedicated to providing a student-centered educational environment for the emergence of scholars, scientists, leaders and critical thinkers, who are equipped to excel through their contributions and leadership in a 21st century national and global society.

## *University Accreditations*

- ✓ Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).
- ✓ Programs in teacher education are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
- ✓ Undergraduate and graduate programs in Social Work are accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE).
- ✓ Family and Consumer Sciences program by the Council of Accreditation for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).
- ✓ Nutrition and Hospitality by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- ✓ Communicative Science and Disorders by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA)
- ✓ Forestry by the Society of American Foresters (SAF).
- ✓ Urban Planning by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)
- ✓ Programs in Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering Technology, and Mechanical Engineering Technology by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
- ✓ Degree program in Food Science is accredited by the Institute of Food Technologist (IFT)
- ✓ Business programs in the College of Business and Public Affairs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

# *University History*

The Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University is a land-grant University. Its support comes from the State of Alabama and federal funds appropriated to assist in carrying on work stipulated by the Morrill Acts 1862 and 1890. The University is under the control of a board of trustees appointed by the Governor, who serves as ex officio Chairman.

The University was organized in 1875 as the result of a bill passed in the State Legislature in 1873 and through the continued efforts of its first principal and president, William Hooper Councill, an ex-slave. The school opened on May 1, 1875, as the Huntsville Normal School with an appropriation of \$1,000 per year, 61 students, and two teachers.

Industrial education was introduced around 1878. It attracted wide attention, and the school was assisted financially by the Slater and Peabody Funds and by private contributors. The work in industrial education was so successful that the State Legislature authorized the name to be changed to the "State Normal and Industrial School at Huntsville." The appropriation was increased by the State to \$4,000 per year.

In 1891, the school became the recipient of a part of the Federal Land-Grant Fund provided by an act of Congress, approved August 30, 1890. The purpose of this fund was to further training in agricultural and mechanical arts in the various states at the college level.

The name of the school was changed again to "The State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes," and a new location was provided at Normal, Alabama, where the school would have ample room for the development of its trades and agricultural programs. In 1919, the institution became a junior college, and its name was changed to "The State Agricultural and Mechanical Institute for Negroes."

In 1939, by authority of the State Board of Education, the Institute was permitted to offer work on the senior college level. The first graduation class since 1920 received the bachelor's degree in 1941, and on January 14, 1948, the name was again changed to "Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College." On June 26, 1969, the Alabama State Board of Education, the governing body of the institution, adopted a resolution changing the name of the institution to "Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University."

The University received a "Class A" rating by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in August 1946 and became a fully accredited member of the Association in December 1963.

Alabama A&M University is a dynamic and progressive institution with a strong commitment to academic excellence. The picturesque campus is situated on what many alumni and friends fondly refer to as "The Hill", only a few miles from downtown Huntsville. Serving about 6,000 students, the institution is a diverse and vibrant microcosm of the larger world around it, attracting visits of 19 Nobel Laureates. Alabama A&M University offers numerous degree programs, including the Ph.D. degrees in Applied Physics, Food Science, Plant, and Soil Science, and Reading/Literacy.

## ***The Institution Has Had Three Principals:***

William Hooper Councill, 1875-1887; 1888-1890  
Peter H. Clark, 1887-1888

## ***Four Interim Presidents:***

Carl Harris Marbury, 1987-1989  
Alan Keyes, 1991-1992  
Virginia Caples, 1995-1996; 2005-2006  
Beverly Edmond, 2008-2009

## ***And Twelve Presidents:***

William Hooper Councill, 1890-1909  
Walter S. Buchanan, 1909-1921  
Theophilus R. Parker, 1921-1927  
Joseph F. Drake, 1927-1962  
Richard D. Morrison, 1962-1984  
Douglas Covington, 1984-1987  
Carl H. Marbury, 1989-1991  
David B. Henson, 1992-1995  
John T. Gibson, 1996-2005  
Robert R. Jennings, 2006-2008  
Andrew Hugine, Jr., 2009-2021  
Daniel K. Wims, 2022-Present

## *The Ceremonial Academic Mace*



The ceremonial academic mace emerged in the fourteenth century Europe from a combination of the royal scepter and the medieval battle mace. The scepter was the traditional symbol of royalty used during the coronation of kings and emperors, while the battle mace was a weapon of protection used by princes. By the late Middle Ages, the mace had become a symbol of the lawful authority of royalty, chief officers of medieval universities, mayors of towns and cities, and bishops.

Today, the ceremonial mace is used during commencement exercises to symbolize authority vested in the University President to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff to confer academic degrees. It is carried in the academic procession by the head marshal, who immediately precedes the President to maintain the dignity and solemnity of the occasion.

The 2019 Mace was commissioned by Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., the eleventh president of the university in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the designation of the institution as a university. The mace encompasses the significant events in the history of the university. Atop the mace is a sphere containing the official seal of the university on one side and the great seal of the State of Alabama denoting the university's designation as a state institution on the other. The base of the sphere is a hexagon, each side containing one of the official names of the university since its founding. A brass circular band contains the motto of the university, "service is sovereignty." On individual rings on the shaft of the mace are inscribed the names of the presidents of the university and their dates of service.





## *Commencement Speaker*

*Alabama A&M University*

*Mr. Michael T. Ford*

As the Senior Vice President overseeing AT&T's Global Real Estate and Security organizations, Michael is responsible for the complete real estate lifecycle, encompassing strategic planning, acquisitions, disposals, transactions, design/construction, and management. He has also been entrusted with the vital task of safeguarding AT&T's valuable assets and operations through security, investigation, and protection measures. This multifaceted role plays a pivotal role in the company's overall success by securing its physical assets and optimizing its real estate operations.

In his capacity, Michael brings his passion for technology together with Real Estate & Security to create innovative solutions that increase operational efficiencies, enhance the workplace experience for employees, and further reduce the company's environmental footprint.

Before assuming his current role, Michael accrued 18 years of experience at Microsoft, where he served as the Corporate Vice President of Global Workplace Services. In this capacity, he led a global team tasked with delivering interconnected, accessible, sustainable, and secure workplaces, fostering an exceptional employee experience. His responsibilities spanned the entire real estate lifecycle, encompassing planning, delivery, operations, and security for Microsoft's extensive real estate portfolio across 113 countries, supporting over 200,000 global employees. Furthermore, Michael was at the helm of Microsoft's global security functions, overseeing operations, investigations, risk mitigation, crisis management, executive protection, and intelligence.

During his tenure at Microsoft, Michael held various other roles within the finance sector, including Senior Controller for Microsoft's Cloud & Enterprise business, Senior Director in Microsoft's Internal Audit and Risk Management Group, and Senior Director of Finance Operations.

Before joining Microsoft, Michael amassed thirteen years of experience in business and financial management, having served in key positions at Spherion Corporation as Director of Finance and Accounting Shared Services, ANC Rental Corp. (Alamo Rent a Car & National Car Rental) as Director of Accounting Services, Aramark Services as Controller, and as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps.

In addition to his professional roles, Michael actively contributes to various boards and advisory committees. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Forterra, a nonprofit organization committed to fostering the health, vibrancy, and sustainability of the Pacific Northwest region for generations to come. Additionally, he is a member of the Advisory Board for the College Football Hall of Fame. In the past, Michael held positions on the Board of Directors and Audit Committee for DIRT Environmental Solutions (NASDAQ: DRTT), a technology-driven manufacturer specializing in highly customized interiors. He also serves on the Alabama A&M University Presidential Advisory Board.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Alabama A&M University and a Master of Business Administration from Florida Metropolitan University.

# Commencement Program

Dr. Daniel K. Wims, *President*

*Presiding*

PRELUDE – “Variations on a Korean Folksong” ..... *John Barnes Chance*  
“Sevens” ..... *Samuel R. Hazo*  
“Medellin Dreams” ..... *Mario Warren*  
“Freedom” ..... *Zakiah Goodlow (AAMU Student)*  
“Arabesque” ..... *Samuel R. Hazo*  
“Hands Across the Sea” ..... *John Phillip Sousa*  
“Overture for Our Founders” ..... *Mario Warren*  
“Of Our New Day Begun” ..... *Omar Thomas*

PROCESSIONAL – “Pomp and Circumstance” ..... *Sir Edward Elgar*  
University Wind Ensemble  
Carlton Wright, *Conductor*

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS ..... ROTC Color Guard

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM – “Star Spangled Banner” ..... *Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith*  
University Choir  
Dr. Horace Carney, *Director*  
Dr. Mira Kruja, Professor, *Pianist*

MEDITATION ..... Reverend Gregory Bentley  
Fellowship Presbyterian Church  
Huntsville, AL

GREETINGS ..... Trustee Kevin Ball  
President Pro Tempore  
Board of Trustees

MUSIC- “Lift Every Voice and Sing” ..... *James Weldon Johnson/John Rosamond Jackson/ arr. Roland Carter*  
University Choir  
Dr. Horace Carney, *Director*  
Dr. Mira Kruja, Professor, *Pianist*

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.



Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet  
with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....Dr. Daniel K. Wims

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....Mr. Michael T. Ford  
Senior Vice President, Global Real Estate and Security, AT&T

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION.....Dr. Daniel K. Wims  
**Dr. Roderick DeWayne Watts** Trustee Kevin Ball  
*Doctor of Science* Dr. John D. Jones  
*Awarded Posthumously*

PROFESSOR EMERITA PRESENTATION.....Dr. Daniel K. Wims  
**Dr. Florence Okafor** Trustee Kevin Ball  
*Department of Biological Sciences* Dr. John D. Jones

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES.....Dr. John D. Jones  
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

GRADUATE STUDIES.....Dr. Tau Kadhi, Dean  
College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences.....Dr. Lloyd Walker, Dean  
College of Business and Public Affairs.....Dr. Timothy Mantz, Interim Dean  
College of Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences.....Dr. Peter Eley, Interim Dean  
College of Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences.....Dr. Zhengtao Deng, Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....Dr. Daniel K. Wims

INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (by  
Declaration) .....Mr. Michael Miller  
President, Alabama A & M National Alumni Association

## THE NORMALITE'S CREED

*As an alumnus of Alabama A&M University, my first responsibility is to be informed about the progress of my Alma Mater at all times. I am to actively seek information and to clarify misinterpretations of the University wherever necessary. I hereby pledge to keep the University informed of my location and to become affiliated with a local chapter of the Alumni Association to assure that I receive the best information always.*

*As an Alumnus of Alabama A&M University, my second responsibility is to contribute the education as begun at my Alma Mater through more formal training, workshops, professional meetings, and special programs of the Alumni Association for the professional and personal development of its member. I will cooperate with the local chapter in my geographical area and contribute my best thoughts and talents toward the improvement of alumni everywhere.*

*As an alumnus of Alabama A&M University, my third responsibility is to replace myself at my Alma Mater with the most promising students that I can influence. I will seek prospective students who offer the greatest potential in academic, cultural, religious, and social development. I will keep the name of my Alma Mater before them throughout their preparatory years and help to assure that they matriculate in accordance with existing University regulations.*

*However diverse become my interests in the years ahead, I shall bear in mind that these three responsibilities bind the Normalities together the world over.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Dr. Daniel K. Wims

UNIVERSITY HYMN.....Joseph Fanning Drake/arr. Henry Bradford

University Choir  
Dr. Horace Carney, *Director*  
Dr. Mira Kruja, Professor, *Pianist*

Alabama A&M  
Rich in heritage divine  
Bless'd by the life of Council brave  
Who gave his all that thou might'st shine.

Many thy brave and loyal sons  
Sent from thy shrine on Normal's Hill  
Filled with a zeal for tasks well done  
Anxious thy mandates to fulfill.  
Long may you live to bless the world  
For right and justice take a stand  
As from your rocky heights you view  
Your children's work throughout the land.

*Chorus*  
Alma Mater, blest be thy name.  
Long live thy fame; long live thy fame!

BENEDICTION.....Reverend Gregory Bentley

RECESSIONAL - "War March of the Priest".....Felix Mendelssohn

University Wind Ensemble  
Carlton Wright, *Conductor*

# *Degrees To Be Awarded*

## **GRADUATE STUDIES**

### **DOCTORAL DEGREES**

#### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY, AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

##### **APPLIED PHYSICS**

*Doctor of Philosophy*

**Angela Davis, M.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Childersburg, Alabama*

“Investigating Optimal Polyvinylidene Fluoride (PVDF)”

Major Advisor: Dr. Padmaja Guggilla

### **SPECIALIST DEGREE**

#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

##### **EDUCATION**

*Education Specialist*

**Danielle Charmane Young, M.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Madison, Alabama*

## MASTER'S DEGREES

### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, LIFE, AND NATURAL SCIENCES

#### BIOLOGY

*Master of Science*

**Essence LaShae Baity, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Gary, Indiana*

**Joshua Javon Banks, B.S., Oakwood University**  
*Columbus, Georgia*

**Tierney Celine Crosby, B.S., LeMoyne–Owen College**  
*Memphis, Tennessee*

**Jehanna Marie Lorrius, B.S., Oakwood University**  
*Mount Vernon, New York*

**Johnny B. McKethan, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Fayetteville, North Carolina*

**Arielle Celine Pruitt, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Huntsville, Alabama*

#### FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

*Master of Science*

**Darlene Minniefield, B.S., Tuskegee University**  
*Headland, Alabama*

*Thesis Candidate*

**Bryana Nicolette Farrington, B.S., Oakwood University**  
*Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

“The Impact of Emotional Intelligence, Self-Efficacy, and Study Habits on College Students’ Academic Performance”

Major Advisor: Dr. Ronay Hannah

# **PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE**

*Master of Science*

**Ashley Monique Wiseman, B.S., Tuskegee University**  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

*Thesis Candidate*

**Andrion Brion Erves, B.S., Alcorn State University**  
*Olive Branch, Mississippi*

“Introduction and Evaluation of Barley and Dry Bean Rotation System in Alabama”

Major Advisor: Dr. Xianyan Kuang

**Emmanuel O. Oko, B.S., Michael Okpara University of Agriculture**  
*Kigali, Rwanda*

“Soil Water Status and Temperature Dynamics in a Biopolymer (*Rhizobium Tropici*) Amended Soil”

Major Advisor: Dr. Dedrick Davis

**Taylor Maurice Sanders Mack, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Demopolis, Alabama*

“Forest Restoration Research: Understanding Processes, Interaction, Cost and Risk”

Major Advisor: Dr. Troy Bowman

**Thomas Austin Thompson, B.S., Texas State University**  
*Huntsville, Alabama*

“Breeding Ecology of Cerulean Warblers (*Setophaga cerulea*) in William B. Bankhead National Forest, Alabama”

Major Advisor: Dr. Yong Wang



## **URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

### *Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

**Meshach Dy'Andre Adams, B.A., Tennessee State University**  
*Chattanooga, Tennessee*

**Austin Djan, B.S., University of Cape Coast**  
*Berekum, Ghana*

### *Thesis Candidate*

**Shelia Marie Hatchett, B.A., Lane College**  
*Chicago, Illinois*

“Accessing the Impact of Community Gardens as a Climate Mitigation Tool in Black Space”

Major Advisor: Dr. Ahmed Ouf

**Nuhu Yahaya Imoro, B.S., University for Development Studies**  
*Tamale, Ghana*

“A Spatial Analysis of Pedestrian Accident and Walkable Greenway Street Networks in a Rapidly Growing Mid-Size City: A Case Study of Nashville, Tennessee”

Major Advisor: Dr. Jacob Oluwoye

## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### *Master of Business Administration*

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*Alexandria, Virginia*

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*Sheffield, Alabama*

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*Greensboro, North Carolina*

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**Marilyn Lauren Wilkerson, B.S., Arkansas State University**  
*Houston, Texas*

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

*Master of Public Administration*

**Precious Lashae Fluker, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Demopolis, Alabama*

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**Danielle Matea Woods, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Chicago, Illinois*

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HUMANITIES AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

### **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

*Master of Education*

**Jillian Davis, B.A., Alabama A&M University**  
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### **INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP**

*Master of Education*

**Lauren Finch Bryant, B.S., Jacksonville State University**  
*Pisgah, Alabama*

**Amy Edwards Frazier, B.S., Athens State University**  
*Paint Rock, Alabama*

### **SECONDARY EDUCATION**

*Master of Education*

**Charminque Lavasette Marcus, B.S., Alabama A&M University**  
*Huntsville, Alabama*

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

*Master of Education*

**Destiny Ann Ferguson, B.S., Stevenson University**

*New Market, Alabama*

**Erica Alice Glover, B.S., Tennessee State University**

*Hoover, Alabama*

## **COMMUNICATIVE SCIENCES AND DISORDER**

*Master of Science*

**Marabeth Leigh Brewer Jones, B.S., Alabama A&M University**

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**Allison Hope Carter, B.S., Alabama A&M University**

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**Gracie Mae Walker, B.S., Alabama A&M University**

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**Shannon Janine White, B.S., Alabama A&M University**

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## **COUNSELING**

*Master of Science*

**Tamiya Daonna Bowden, B.A., Fisk University**  
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## **KINESIOLOGY**

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**Amari Sylean Bennett, B.A., Alabama A&M University**  
*Birmingham, Alabama*

**Stephon Lucas Boone, B.S., Rust College**  
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**Isabella Laine Bridges, B.A., Harding University**  
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*Olive Branch, Mississippi*

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## *The Academic Costume*

The caps, gowns and hoods routinely worn during functions at institutions of higher learning date back to the Medieval period. Monks and students used the garments to remain warm in halls of learning as well as in the often-cold castles of the Middle Ages. From these practical beginnings, these items have emerged into the accepted garb to symbolize scholarly achievement.

Baccalaureate gowns have a long-pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. They are primarily distinguished by flowing sleeves and are pointed at the fingertips. These gowns may be worn either open or closed.

The master's degree gown is worn open or closed, and the sleeve is cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow.

Gowns for the doctorate degree are worn open. They carry broad, velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on the full, round sleeves. The velvet trimming may be either black or the color of distinctive of the degree.

Mortar boards- or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns- generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion.

The gold fourragère on the shoulders of some candidates-commonly referred to as an honor cord- denotes outstanding scholastic distinction.

Faculty members and guests in today's procession are robed in gowns and hoods which represent the institutions from which they have received degrees.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic regalia. Its silk lining bears the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains as follows:

Architecture	-	Blue Violet
Art-Letters-Humanities	-	White
Business	-	Drab
Dentistry	-	Lilac
Education	-	Light Blue
Engineering	-	Orange
Fine Arts	-	Brown
Law	-	Purple
Medicine	-	Green
Music	-	Pink
Nursing	-	Apricot
Pharmacy	-	Olive Green
Philosophy	-	Dark Blue
Public Administration	-	Peacock Blue
Science	-	Golden Yellow
Social Work	-	Citron
Theology	-	Scarlet

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*Photographs of graduates are available through professional groups who have contracted with the University to provide these services. Color, on stage photographs with the President and individual portraits photographed off stage are available from ZAP Professional Photography, P.O. Box 2686, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403, (205)345-2686. Graduates will be sent proofs for ordering the week after graduation. To be personally notified when proofs of your graduate are available for ordering online, scan the QR code or enter this link to submit your email address and phone number (for textnotification).*

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