



224th
Commencement Ceremony
December 8 & 9, 2017

ALMA MATER

*'Mong the stately pines of Georgia
Glorious to the view
Stands our noble Alma Mater
Basking 'neath the blue.*

*Alma Mater, thee we honor
Praises never fail,
For thy fame shall never perish,
Red and Black — all hail!*

*Alma Mater's sons and daughters
Ever will be true.
Always to thy heart returning
Dear old V.S.U.*

*Alma Mater, thee we honor
Praises never fail,
For thy fame shall never perish,
Red and Black — all hail!*

Words by Helen Allen Thomas ('21) and Evelyn Brown ('24)
Music by Dr. John Huxford, Professor Emeritus of Music
Arranged for brass quintet by Kenyon Wilson

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



C. Thomas Hopkins Jr., MD

Dr. Hopkins is a board certified orthopaedic surgeon and board certified in orthopaedic sports medicine. A Griffin, Georgia native, where he graduated high school, Dr. Hopkins is very much involved in his community and many state organizations.

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Valdosta State University and then matriculated to the University of Georgia to complete his pre-medicine tract.

Dr. Hopkins received his medical degree and completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. He completed a fellowship in sports medicine in Atlanta, Georgia under the direction of Dr. John Garrett. Dr. Hopkins continued his postdoctoral training in Toronto, Canada completing an AO fellowship in orthopaedic trauma under the direction of Drs. Schatzker and Tile.

Dr. Hopkins served in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon and later as an orthopaedic surgeon caring for our airmen and their dependants. He currently serves as Chair of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Dr. Hopkins is a board member of MAG Mutual Insurance Company and United Bank Corporation. His professional memberships include the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Medical Association of Georgia, Georgia Orthopaedic Society where he has served as past president, Arthroscopy Association of North America, Spalding County Medical Society, and the Rotary Club of Griffin serving past president.

Dr. Hopkins is married with two adult children and enjoys spending time with family, hunting, fishing, and serving his community. He is acting team physician for Griffin High School, Spalding High School, Pike County High School, and Gordon College.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Megan Ames*

The Impact of Participation in the IEP Process for Middle School Students: An Explanatory Sequential Investigation
Dr. E-Ling Hsiao, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Curdedra Andrews

Breaking Barriers: Successfully Retaining First Generation African American Male Students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Dr. Rudo Tsemunhu, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Christopher A. Bennett

The Impact of TRIO Student Support Services on Nontraditional Students at a Public, State College in Georgia
Dr. E-Ling Hsiao, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Elizabeth S. Bennett

An Examination of Georgia Public School Wellness Policies and the Mandated Implementation Requirements
Dr. Michael Bochenko and Dr. Nicole Gibson, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Trenton D. Bennett

The Impact of After-school Programs on Self-efficacy of Elementary School Students
Dr. Donald Leech and Dr. Michael Bochenko, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Stephen Daniel

Motivations for Dual-enrollment from a Student's Perspective: A Qualitative Study
Dr. Karla Hull, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Denise S. Danielson

The Influence of Math Science Partnerships on Teacher Practices: A Mixed Methods Approach
Dr. Herb Fiester, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Heidi Christina Gonzalez*

Explanatory Sequential Examination of Senior Baccalaureate Nursing Students' Critical Thinking after Participating in a Skills Fair
Dr. Dianne Dees, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Jennifer M. Gramiak*

An Examination of Work Ethics Instruction and Outcomes at a Southeast Georgia Technical College
Dr. Reynaldo Martinez, Adult & Career Education

Nikki Nacole Jackson

A Smooth Transition: A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding the Experiences of First-time, Full-time, Provisionally Accepted Black Male Students
Dr. Dianne Dees, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Ruthea G. Martin

Parental Involvement in Schooling: Perceptions of African American Parents and Guardians
Dr. Karl Hull, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Melissa D. Walker

A Concerns-based Approach to the Implementation of Blended Learning Based upon Teachers' Perceptions
Dr. Leon Pate and Dr. Daesang Kim, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Warren Wyrostek*

A DACUM Analysis of Health Care Chaplains in Metro New York and the Implications for Clinical Pastoral Education
Dr. Steve Downey, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Richard Brisson, III

Exploring the Relationship between Publicly Available Internet Use and Selected Crime Rates
Dr. Bonnie Peterson, Political Science

Brant Gary

Tactical Professional Development in the Public Sector
Dr. Robert Yehl, Political Sciences

Kristel Lynn Fitzgerald

Money and Matriculation: A Comparative Study of Lottery-Based Education Funding and Enrollment at Public 4-Year Institutions of Higher Education
Dr. Greg Rabidoux, Political Science

Carol A. Hamm

Identifying Possible Guidelines for Addressing the Unexpected Death of a Co-worker in an Academic Workplace
Dr. Michael Sanger, Social Work

*Summer Graduates

EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES

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Grant Shane Crews
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Reginald Guy McCutcheon
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Elizabeth Liddell Newton
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Baccalaureate recipients with outstanding scholastic records graduate with academic honors. Exceptional students with cumulative grade point averages of at least 3.9 (where A = 4.0) graduate summa cum laude. Students with scholastic averages between 3.7 and 3.899 graduate magna cum laude. Students with cumulative scholastic averages between 3.5 and 3.699 graduate cum laude. The scholastic averages are calculated for academic work completed at Valdosta State and other institutions, and students must have earned at least 60 hours from Valdosta State to qualify. Since academic honors are computed before all grades are submitted, students whose final records qualify them to graduate with academic honors, or into higher honors categories, will ultimately be so designated on their diplomas and transcripts. If students' final grades fall below academic honors levels, the honors designations will be changed or removed.

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PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The President's Award for Academic Excellence is presented to the graduating student with the highest grade point average in each of VSU's five colleges — College of Arts and Sciences, College of the Arts, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration, and James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services. These students serve as the banner carrier for their respective colleges.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



ERIN BRIDGEFORTH of Conyers, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2017 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Arts and Sciences at Valdosta State University. She graduates with a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership, with a minor in public administration.

"I am beyond thrilled to receive the President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of the Arts and Sciences at VSU and deeply honored to lead my fellow graduates at this year's commencement ceremony," she said.

Bridgeforth previously attended Wiregrass Georgia Technical College in Valdosta, Georgia, where she earned an Associate of Applied Science in business administrative technology in 2011 and an Associate of Applied Science in accounting in 2012. She was awarded the school's 2012 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership for her exemplary performance in her chosen field of study and inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Bridgeforth entered VSU through the Pathways Program, an initiative designed to increase the number of Georgians earning a four-year university degree by maximizing the transfer of credits from their respective Technical College System of Georgia institution of higher education.

As a student at VSU, Bridgeforth was a regular on the Dean's List and a member of the Beta Tau chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She was also a Georgia HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Scholar.

Bridgeforth plans to return to VSU to pursue a Master of Public Administration, with a concentration in public sector management. She is the daughter of Erving Rogers Sr. of Valdosta, Georgia, and the late Mary Rogers.

"... I envision myself having a productive and rewarding career working within the public sector," she said. "My primary goal is to obtain a leadership role that will allow me to utilize my education, skills, and qualities"

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS



HUNTER POPE of Remerton, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2017 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of the Arts at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in art, a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, and an Honors College Certificate.

"It is hard to believe that my undergraduate experience at VSU is coming to an end," she said. "Part of me feels like I just started because there are still lots of things I want to study, to learn, to try, to do. I have had many opportunities to interweave my passion for creative arts with my academic and research pursuits, and I have been blessed with talented faculty, staff, and friends who have supported me along the way."

As a student at VSU, Pope was a member of Sigma Alpha Pi: The National Society of Leadership and Success, where she served as president, community service chairwoman, and success networking team coordinator; the Georgia Alpha chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society, where she served as president and secretary/treasurer; the Honors Student Association, where she served as upperclassmen representative and secretary; the Arts Guild, where she served as secretary/treasurer; the Beta Tau chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, where she served as student vice president; Dance Marathon, where she served as director of external affairs; Golden Key International Honour Society; the Psychology Club; Psi Chi: The International Honor Society in Psychology; the College of the Arts Advisory Council; the Vice President for Student Affairs Student Advisory Committee; and more.

Pope's commitment to academic, research, creative, and service excellence on campus, in the community, and around the world resulted in her being named a Zell Miller Scholar and an Honors Scholar four years in a row and earning the 2017, 2016, and 2015 Outstanding Bachelor of Arts in Art Student Award from the Department of Art and Design; the 2016 Outstanding Student in the Arts Award from the College of the Arts; the 2016 Bartram Award for Intellectual Exploration from the Honors College; the 2016 President's Choice Scholarship; 2016 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award; the 2016-2017 Tammy Lee Fortner Scholarship; 2015-2016 Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship; 2015-2016 Bernard Linger Fine Arts Scholarship; 2014-2015 Alumni Association Endowment Fund Scholarship for Legacy Students; 2014-2015 Sallie M. Hutchinson Scholarship; 2015 Service Incorporated in Artifact Award from the

Honors College; 2015 Spirit of Honors Scholars Award; the 2015 Department of Art and Design Outstanding Student Award; 2014 Honors College Service Learning Award; and 2014 Honors Student Association Freshman of the Year Award.

Pope earned second place honors at the 2017 Undergraduate Research Symposium Three-Minute Video Competition; a merit award (printmaking) at the 19th annual VSU Student Art Competition; third place honors (printmaking) at the 13th annual South Georgia College Art Competition; second place honors (photography) at the 12th annual South Georgia College Art Competition; and third place honors (photography) at the 44th annual Southern Regional Honors Council Conference's juried art competition. Her work was published twice in VSU's *Odradek*.

Pope studied abroad in Ireland and the Czech Republic, where she conducted research on color perception and compared it to American university students. She led a workshop on conducting research abroad and presented research at the 2017 Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting. She presented additional research at the 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2015 Georgia College Honors Council Conference; the 2016 Undergraduate Research Symposium; the 2016, 2015, and 2014 Southern Regional Honors Council Conference; and the 13th annual Art History Forum.

Pope plans to pursue a career as an art therapist and is currently applying to graduate programs across the United States. She is the daughter of Jessica Pope.

JAMES L. & DOROTHY H. DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES



CAITLIN MOZZO of Adel, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2017 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services at Valdosta State University. She graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Education, with a focus in middle grades mathematics and language arts, and an Honors College Certificate.

"It is an honor to receive this award for the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of

Education and Human Services," she said. "Being chosen to lead my fellow graduates into the commencement area is humbling, and I am grateful to be able to lead us all in celebrating our achievements while at Valdosta State University."

As a student at VSU, Mozzo was a member of the Honors Student Association, where she served as upperclassmen representative and vice president; Dance Marathon, where she served as operations chairwoman, director of internal affairs, and overall director; Alpha Lambda Delta: National Honor Society for First-Year Students; the Beta Tau chapter of Phi Kappa Phi; and Reade Hall Council, where she served as president. She worked as a tutor at the Student Success Center and for the Department of Mathematics, and she worked off campus with ELEAD CRM. She served among a distinguished group of student leaders known as university ambassadors and represented VSU at events focused on future and current students, as well as alumni and donors.

Mozzo's commitment to academic, research, and service excellence on campus, in the community, and around the world resulted in her being named a Zell Miller Scholar and an Honors Scholar four years in a row and earning the 2015-2016 Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship, the Bartram Award for Intellectual Exploration from the Honors College, and the Maggie W. Bridges and Michael A. Stoddard Scholarship. She also earned the 2016 Gerald Petrella Award for Outstanding Student in Mathematics Education.

Mozzo presented research at the 2017 and 2016 Georgia Collegiate Honors Council Conference and the 2016 Southern Regional Honors Council Conference. She was recognized during the 2015-2016 Student Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony for her work with the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

After graduation, Mozzo plans to teach at a South Georgia middle school and continue her own education by pursuing a master's degree in instructional technology, followed by an education specialist degree.

"My career goal is to touch the lives of as many children as possible during my teaching career and to arm them with an education that will benefit them for the rest of their lives," she said. "I chose to go into education because there is nothing more important than leaving your mark on the world, and as a teacher you are able to leave a mark in the heart of every child that enters your classroom."

Mozzo is the daughter of Ronald Mozzo Jr. and Lori Mozzo. She is originally from Deptford, New Jersey.

HARLEY LANGDALE, JR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



DAVID HANNA of Valdosta, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2017 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration at Valdosta State University. He graduates with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting and an Honors College Certificate.

"It is such an honor to represent the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration and all of my fellow classmates in the fall commencement ceremony," he said.

As a student at VSU, Hanna was a member of the Institute of Management Accountants, where he served as president; Beta Gamma Sigma: The International Business Honor Society, where he served as president; the Business Student Advisory Council; the Beta Tau chapter of Phi Kappa Phi; Alpha Lambda Delta: National Honor Society for First-Year Students; the Valdosta chapter of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants; and Sigma Alpha Pi: The National Society of Leadership and Success, where he served as a member of the executive board and earned the National Engaged Leader Award in 2017.

Hanna's commitment to academic, research, and service excellence on campus, in the community, and around the world resulted in him being named a Zell Miller Scholar four years in a row and in earning the 2017 Outstanding Senior Accounting Major Award and the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants Academic Excellence Award from the Department of Accounting; the 2017 Clare Philips Martin Scholarship; a \$10,000 merit-based scholarship from the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; the 2017 Institute of Management Accountants Memorial Education Foundation Scholarship; the 2017 Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants Coastal Chapter Scholarship; the 2016 Georgia Society of Certified Public Accounts Georgia Chapter Scholarship; a 2016-2017 Georgia Gulf Sulfur Scholarship; the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Ty Cobb Educational Foundation Scholarship; and a 2015-2016 Colquitt EMC Scholarship.

Hanna won first place in the 2017 Institute of Management Accounts Manuscript Competition, writing about his experiences with the organization. He volunteers with Second Harvest of South Georgia Inc., the leading hunger-relief organization in the region and the second largest food bank in Georgia. He also volunteers with Valdosta-Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity, an organization that gives families a chance to thrive and succeed by building homes. He is a member and lector at St. John Catholic Church in Valdosta.

Hanna plans to continue his education at VSU in Spring 2018 and pursue a Master of Accountancy. His ultimate goal is to become a certified public accountant and to work in public accounting, where he believes he will be "better able to serve my clients." He is the son of Joseph and Gezel Hanna.

COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES



AMELIA THOMAS of Loganville, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2017 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Valdosta State University. She graduates magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and an Honors College Certificate.

"I am extremely honored to have received this honor from the university," she said. "I could not be more excited and proud to be able to carry the banner to represent the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the commencement ceremony."

As a student at VSU, Thomas was a member of Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society of Nursing; the VSU Club Swim Team, where she also served as president; the Valdosta Association of Nursing Students, which supports community-wide health initiatives through service learning; and CrossPointe Church College Ministry, where she volunteered in the nursery. She served among a distinguished group of student leaders known as university ambassadors and represented VSU at events focused on future and current students, as well as alumni and donors.

Thomas's commitment to academic, research, and service excellence on campus, in the community, and around the world resulted in her being named a Zell Miller Scholar four years in a row and earning the Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship and the Dorothy Cobb Levy Scholarship.

Thomas has already secured a job through the nurse residency program in the oncology unit at Northside Hospital in Atlanta. After gaining hands-on experience in the healthcare field, she hopes to eventually work as a travel nurse and in a neonatal intensive care unit. She is the daughter of Julie Daniels and Ken Thomas.

THE 1906 SOCIETY

The 1906 Society is a student giving organization that is dedicated to the continued growth and development of VSU through individual gifts from seniors and graduate students. Graduating seniors who make a contribution of any size to any area of VSU are recognized at commencement for their participation.

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Brandon Jerel Grace
Kandis Denise Hall
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Juliette Yvonne Lokey
Michael Jerome McCall
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Alexandra Gillian Miale
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Mistie Myers
Kishonna O. Nance
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Abigail Kathryn Schwartz
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Haley N. Simmons
Shabri Izhae Simpson
Jasmine Andrin Sisk
Allyson Paige Smith
James Robert Stogin
Olivia Anne Studdard
Amari Ayanni Summerlin
Patricia Ann Sumner
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Danielle C. Varn
Nakshi Samip Vyas
Destin Heather Wardwell
Tashanna Elexis Whitehead
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VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1906, Valdosta State University celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2006. The VSU Centennial was an opportunity to appreciate and honor the living legacy of its founders. These individuals not only rallied public resources for what would become a major regional university, but they also established ongoing partnerships for both continued community and private support to the university.

VSU, a comprehensive university of the University System of Georgia, was established as an institution of higher learning. The institution officially opened in 1913 and was called South Georgia State Normal College. Between the years of 1913 and 1950, the institution underwent two name changes. On July 1, 1993, the Board of Regents authorized Valdosta State College to become Valdosta State University.

Today VSU's enrollment is approximately 11,300 students. The university maintains a student-to-faculty ratio of 19:1 with more than 600 highly qualified, talented and motivated faculty. VSU has six colleges: the College of the Arts; the College of Arts & Sciences; the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration; the James L. & Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education & Human Services; the College of Nursing & Health Sciences; and the Honors College. Degrees are offered at all levels, from the associate to the doctorate.

The University consists of two major campus areas, north and main campus, located less than a mile apart as well as numerous satellite facilities. In all, 87 buildings house the varied activities of the University.

VSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Just as students are urged to become involved in extracurricular activities throughout their university careers, we would like to remind you that you are just as important to VSU after you graduate and leave campus.

The Valdosta State University Alumni Association strives to promote the welfare of the University and its alumni by increasing the interest of its members in the University, its students, and in each other. The Alumni Association is composed of more than 60,000 members.

The Association has no dues, but urges Alumni to participate in the Annual Fund to support VSU and to further the Association's programs and services. The annual meeting of the Association is held during Homecoming each year.

Alumni communications include the VSU alumni website and online community, and various mailings and e-mail messages throughout the year.

To ensure you receive the most up to date information from Alumni Relations, be sure to provide us with your current contact information by calling 800.464.3638.

THE MACE

The mace has evolved through the years from a "hand combat" weapon of the middle ages, employed by archers and other unmounted warriors, to a club-shaped staff used as a symbol of authority by legislative, religious, academic, and other assemblies to give a ceremonial character to official functions.

The Valdosta State University Alumni Association commissioned Hollis Barnett, VSU professor of art, to design and sculpt the mace. It was first used at the June 12, 1994 commencement ceremony presided over by President Hugh C. Bailey.



The design of the Valdosta State University mace is based on the dome of West Hall. It was sculpted by hand in wax and cast in bronze using the lost wax casting process. Black onyx and red carnelian stones, representing the University's colors, are set into the bronze. The shaft is carved in a dark mahogany. The mahogany base, is engraved with the University's logo.

The mace is carried by a VSU faculty marshal for ceremonial occasions.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

The President's Chain of Office is based on the university seal and a rendition of West Hall, the centerpiece of VSU's campus. The antiqued sterling silver medallion, crafted by Medallion Art Co., made its debut in 2008.



The first use of the seal occurred in 1955 and was used until the 1960s, when it was no longer featured on official documents. In 1987, the seal reappeared as a simple image of the West Hall Dome and Star with "Valdosta State College; Valdosta, Georgia; 1906" around the outside of the image. In 1992, shadows and palm leaves were added to enhance the image. The seal was last modified in 1993 to reflect VSU's university status.

THE CODE OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

An 1894 conference of representatives of leading American institutions adopted a uniform code of academic dress. The code was revised by the American Council on Education in 1932 and again in 1959.

Black gowns recommended for use have certain characteristics. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's oblong sleeves and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. The bachelor and master gowns have no trimmings. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The velvet may be the color distinction of the subject to which the pertains, agreeing in color with the edging of the hood.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, colors associated with different subjects are: Agriculture, Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities, White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business, Drab; Economics, Copper; Education, Light Blue; Fine Arts, Brown; Journalism, Crimson; Law, Purple; Library Science, Lemon; Music, Pink; Nursing, Apricot; Speech, Silver Gray; Philosophy, Dark Blue; Physical Education, Sage Green; Public Administration, Peacock Blue; Public Health, Salmon Pink; Science, Golden Yellow; Social Work, Citron; Theology, Scarlet.

The bachelor's hood length is three feet, the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. The hood for the latter has panels at the side. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university which conferred the ; more than one color is shown by the division of the field color.

The hood binding or edging is velvet or velveteen, in widths of two, three and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's s respectively. The color of the edging should be distinctive of the subject to which the pertains. The black academic cap is usually shaped like a mortar board. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject to which the pertains. The only exception is the doctor's cap which may have its tassel of gold thread.

(Prepared by Louis E. Schmier, Professor of History)

BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia was created in 1931 as a part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members of the Board to a seven year term and regents may be reappointed to subsequent terms by a sitting governor. Regents donate their time and expertise to serve the state through their governance of the University System of Georgia – the position is a voluntary one without financial remuneration. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 19 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large, and one from each of the state's 14 congressional districts. The Board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System. The Board oversees the 30 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography and The Georgia Public Library System.

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