

Central State University



2026 Commencement

Ten O'Clock

Saturday Morning, The Sixteenth of May

Two Thousand Twenty-Six

McPherson Memorial Stadium

Wilberforce, Ohio



A Greeting from the President

On behalf of your Central State University family, congratulations on completing your degree requirements! Today marks a transformative milestone in your life's journey—a moment to reflect and celebrate.

The Commencement Ceremony honors your resilience, hard work, and commitment to achieving your dream. The cherished diploma you receive today represents a culmination of years of sacrifice, perseverance, and dedication.

As you reflect upon your time at Central State, I hope you actively engaged with our rich tradition that provided a high-quality education in a culturally enriching environment. You have become a member of CSU's select community of scholars, and we are proud of your contributions to your classmates, the CSU community, and society. Now that you are a Centralian, please carry the Marauder values and spirit into the future. Your achievement was a collaborative effort with the faculty who taught and mentored you, the family and friends who supported you, and the community that cheered you on.

As a Centralian, I encourage you to stay connected to your Alma Mater and always seek ways to uplift others. Please come back home to advise students on their career and aspirations, experience and observe the University's growth, gather with other Centralians, and share your treasured collegiate experience and current endeavors. We welcome support for scholarships and other initiatives that will enable students to benefit from the power of a Central State University degree.

Please use your talent, leadership, values, and vision to make the world a better place. Embrace the challenges ahead with confidence and courage. Know that your Central State degree and experience have prepared you to make a meaningful positive impact on society. Central State University is and always will be proud of the role we played in your journey.

Congratulations!

For God, For Central, For State!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morakinyo A.O. Kuti".

Morakinyo A.O. Kuti, Ph.D.
President

Central State University

Commencement Protocols

Central State University holds the commencement ceremony in the highest esteem. It marks a culmination of a transformative academic journey from first-year freshman to professional life. As such, the occasion deserves the utmost respect and dignity and stands as a defining moment of the collegiate experience. To ensure that graduates are properly recognized for their achievements, we respectfully ask that all guests observe the following protocols:

- Stand in silent reverence for the posting of the American flag by the Honor Guard, Invocation, and Benediction.
- Stand with respectful homage during the singing of the Alma Mater and anthems.
- Refrain from using horns, loud instruments, or making other distracting noises so that graduates' names can be heard by their family and friends.

The 2026 Commencement is a time-honored tradition of reflection, dignity, and proper decorum. We are delighted that you are present to witness this monumental achievement. By adhering to the protocols, we collectively ensure that every graduate, family, and friend enjoys the ceremony and has a lasting memory for years to come.

Central State University has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this Commencement Ceremony booklet. We celebrate the achievements of our graduates with great pride and appreciate your understanding should any unintentional errors or omissions be present.

The Legacy of Central State University: History, Excellence, and Commitment

Central State University is deeply rooted in the rich history of Wilberforce University, established in 1856 at Tawawa Springs, Ohio, in honor of William Wilberforce, a renowned abolitionist and co-founder of the Anti-Slavery Society. Wilberforce University, the nation's oldest private Historically Black College and University (HBCU), was a prominent stop on the Underground Railroad. Founded by the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church as a "refuge from slavery's first rule: ignorance," it laid the foundation for what would become one of Ohio's most significant centers of higher education for African Americans. Today, we continue this proud legacy, preparing young people to lead and uplift the world.

In 1887, the Ohio General Assembly enacted legislation to create a Combined Normal and Industrial Department at Wilberforce. This marked the founding of Central State University. The mission of this department was twofold: to provide teacher training and vocational education while establishing a permanent funding source akin to other state-supported institutions. According to state statute, the department was "open to all applicants of good and moral character," signifying inclusivity regardless of race, color, sex, or creed. However, it was evident that the department primarily aimed to address the educational needs of African American citizens. Although it operated under Wilberforce University's auspices, a separate Board of Trustees oversaw the state-financed operations.

Central State University has a history of resilience and perseverance. Even after a devastating tornado in 1974 destroyed most of the campus, the University emerged with its spirit unbroken. This determination to overcome adversity and advance academic excellence has defined Central State as a leading Historically Black University in the Midwest. Today, Central State stands proud as an 1890 Land-Grant University, with its eyes firmly set on the future.

Growth and Evolution

In 1941, the Combined Normal and Industrial Department expanded from a two-year to a four-year program, marking a significant milestone in its development. By 1947, it had legally separated from Wilberforce University to become an independent College of Education and Industrial Arts. Four years

later, its name changed to Central State College, and in 1965, it achieved university status, becoming Ohio's only publicly supported HBCU.

Since its inception, Central State University has educated thousands of individuals who proudly represent the Institution. Over the years, nine distinguished presidents have guided the University, each contributing to its legacy. On July 1, 2024, Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti, an alumnus, became the 10th president, ushering in an exciting new era for the University.

A Vision for the Future and A Commitment to Excellence

Dr. Kuti's leadership embodies the University's mission of transforming lives through education. From his roots as a proud alumnus to his distinguished career as an educator, he represents a vision centered on expanding academic opportunities, embracing innovation, and enhancing the University's regional and global impact. As an 1890 Land-Grant Institution, Central State University is committed to academic excellence, research, and community engagement.

Under Dr. Kuti's transformative leadership, Central State University is poised to achieve new heights of academic distinction and societal impact. His focus on enhancing educational opportunities, fostering innovation through research, and promoting diversity and inclusion reflects a vision grounded in community, excellence, and collaboration.

President Kuti's message to the Central State community is both inspiring and resolute: "Together, we will build upon our strengths, address challenges, and seize opportunities to ensure a brighter future for Central State University."

139 Years of Service and Excellence (1887-2026)

Central State University stands as a beacon of history, legacy, and excellence, committed to educating students at the highest level and preparing them to lead and innovate in an ever-changing world. With a steadfast focus on its mission and values, the University continues to honor its past while shaping a brighter future.

Order of Ceremony

Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti
President

Presiding

Prelude..... **Robeson Chamber Winds**
Dr. Alvin Level '94
Director, Bands

Processional..... "War March of the Priests" by Felix Mendelssohn
Robeson Chamber Winds
Dr. Alvin Level

Invocation..... **Reverend Kima Cunningham**
Interfaith Campus Ministry

Welcome and Introduction of Guests..... **Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti '85**

Golden Centralians – Class of 1976

Greetings from the City of Xenia **The Honorable Ethan Reynolds**
Mayor, City of Xenia, Ohio

Special Recognition of Board of Trustee Members **Jacqueline Y. Gamblin**
Chair, Board of Trustees

Greetings from the Student Government Association **Aleigha Williams**
President, Student Government Association

Recognition of Top Scholar..... **Dr. Amy Hobbs Harris**
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Senior Class Address..... **Eric Williams '26**
President, Senior Class

Selection "I am Healed" by Donald Lawrence
Central State University Chorus
Dr. Jeremy Winston
Director

Introduction of Commencement Speaker **Asia T. Brown**
Student Trustee

Commencement Speaker Address **Dr. Frederic Bertley**
President and Chief Executive Officer
Center of Science and Industry
CEO National Veterans Memorial and Museum
Columbus, Ohio

Selection..... “America the Beautiful” by Samuel Ward
Arranger, Carmen Dragon
Robeson Chamber Winds
Dr. Alvin Level

Recognition of Honors Graduates..... **Dr. Amy Hobbs Harris**

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees..... **Dr. Amy Hobbs Harris**

Lectors **Dr. Lovette Chinwah-Adegbola**
(Announcing the Names of the Graduates) *Professor Emeritus, Communications*

Dr. Theresa Aikens
Assistant Professor, Psychology

Conferral of Degrees **Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti**

Selection..... “Marauder Land”
Robeson Chamber Winds

Alumni Induction **Traci Bell-Thomas '92**
President
Central State University National Alumni Association

Closing Remarks **Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti**

Central State University Alma Mater **Audience**

Benediction **Reverend Kima Cunningham**

Recessional..... “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar
Robeson Chamber Winds

The Symbols of Learning

The origin of academic dress dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of a scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. With few exceptions, the medieval scholar had taken at least minor orders and made certain vows. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings.

Academic life in the Middle Ages began first in the Church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master, and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. Academic attire was thus a visible manifestation, in color, pattern, and design, that unified those of common discipline and like purpose.

In later centuries, to preserve the regalia's dignity and meaning, universities set rules of academic dress. Principal features of academic dress are the gown, cap, and hood.

The gown: The flowing gown dates back to the 12th century. Many think it was worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholars, for it completely covers any dress of rank and social standing. It is, with few exceptions, black for all degrees. Pointed sleeves indicate the bachelor's degree; long closed sleeves with a slit in the arm, the master's degree; and round open sleeves, the doctor's degree. The gown for bachelor's or master's degrees has no trimmings; the gown for the doctorate is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

The official colors of the University may also appear in the gown or its decorations. Members of the Central State University Board of Trustees, honorary degree recipients, and administrative officers may wear distinctive attire in the University's colors of maroon and gold. The color maroon connotes the fierce, unbroken spirit of those Africans who escaped from slavery and established their own communities, typically in remote, inhospitable areas throughout the Americas. These maroons, as they were called, were at the forefront of the resistance to slavery. Gold is the universal color of wealth.

The cap: The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square symbolizing the book, although other authorities claim that it is a mortar board, the symbol of masons, a privileged guild. The cap is of a material to match the gown with the exception of the doctor's degree, for which velvet is typically used.

The tassel is fastened to the middle point of the cap: By tradition, Central State candidates for degrees wear the tassels of their caps on the right front side before their degrees are conferred and shift them to the left after the President confers the degrees.

The hood: Central State University graduates wear hoods matching the robes with decorations in the University's colors. Traditionally, the hoods for the bachelor's degree and the master's degree vary in length. The doctoral hood is the most distinctive with the binding and edging of the hood in velvet or velveteen five inches wide. The color indicates the subject to which the degree pertains, with the exception of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), for which the dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by the awarding of this degree, and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.

Colors traditionally assigned to the academic disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture.....	Maize	Journalism.....	Crimson	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Law.....	Purple	Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Drab	Library Science.....	Lemon	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Medicine.....	Green	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Economics.....	Copper	Music.....	Pink	Social Work.....	Citron
Education.....	Light Blue	Nursing.....	Apricot	Theology.....	Scarlet
Engineering.....	Orange	Oratory (speech).....	Silver Gray	Veterinary Science.....	Gray
Fine Arts, including Architecture.....	Brown	Pharmacy.....	Olive Green		
Forestry.....	Russet	Philosophy.....	Dark Green		

The Mace: The University mace is a ceremonial staff carried by the Chief Marshal, who is selected from among the faculty to assist in leading the procession for the Commencement and other formal University events. The mace is capped with a replica of the Central State University Presidential Seal, which is based upon the Great Seal of the State of Ohio. The Presidential Seal has in the center an open book with the University motto: *Veritas et Lux, Recta et Honor (Truth and Light, Right and Honor)*.

Speaker
Dr. Frederic Bertley

Dr. Frederic Bertley is a renowned scientist, educator, innovator, and civic leader who serves as the fifth President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), as well as Chief Executive Officer of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM).

At COSI, Dr. Bertley leads efforts to advance science literacy on a global scale, reimagine the nation's Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) workforce pipeline, and inspire more engaged, empathetic, and innovative communities. Under his leadership, COSI has expanded far beyond its physical campus in Columbus, Ohio, delivering impactful programming across the United States and internationally. COSI has been named the No. 1 science museum in the nation by USA Today six times. Signature initiatives include the COSI Science Festival, The Color of Science™, EiPIC™, and the COSI Connects STEM Kit Learning Lunchboxes. He also co-created and hosted the PBS primetime series QED with Dr. B and developed the animated series Dr. B in 3, both designed to make science accessible and relevant to broad audiences.

In his role as CEO of NVMM, Dr. Bertley is leading a bold transformation that establishes the museum as a national force for veteran storytelling, service inspiration, and community engagement. As the only museum in the United States dedicated to telling the stories of all veterans across eras, branches, and backgrounds through the lens of the individual experience, NVMM is expanding its reach through immersive experiences, partnerships, and innovative storytelling that deepen impact across communities nationwide.

Dr. Bertley's academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in physiology, mathematics, and the history of science, and a Ph.D. in immunology from McGill University. He completed postdoctoral research at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he contributed to the development of DNA vaccines for HIV/AIDS. His global work in public health and science education has spanned Haiti, Sudan, the Canadian Arctic, and countries across the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

A widely recognized leader, Dr. Bertley is the recipient of numerous honors, including 13 Emmy® Awards, the Harold W. McGraw Jr. Prize in Education, the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and three honorary doctorates. He is a regular contributor to Fast Company, Forbes, and other national publications. He has presented at distinguished institutions, including the United Nations, the White House, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Bertley is deeply committed to civic and community engagement, lending his expertise to a wide range of nonprofit, academic, and business organizations. His service includes national leadership bodies such as the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, as well as past service to the broader museum field, including the American Alliance of Museums.

Through his leadership and public voice, Dr. Bertley champions the essential role of science, education, and service in shaping a more informed and inspired society.

Recognition of Honors Graduates

The traditional designations for honors at Commencement are Summa Cum Laude for grade point averages of 3.90 and above, Magna Cum Laude for grade point averages of 3.75 to 3.89, and Cum Laude for grade point averages of 3.60 to 3.74.

In addition to the traditional designations for honors at Commencement, Central State University recognizes the academic success of its graduates in a number of ways:

- Class Scholar: Graduate with the highest grade point average
- Gold Cord Honors: Graduates with grade point averages of 3.50 to 4.00
- Honors Program Scholars: Honors diplomas

Class Scholar (Graduate with highest grade point average)

Pablo J. Oquendo, II

Gold Cord Honorees (Grade point average of 3.50 to 4.00)

Mohamed Abdunaser	Keara L. Clarke	Cynthia Ana Bertha Garcia	Brandon K. Leahr
Kayvon M. Adderley	Cara A. Coffee	Vinnie Garcia	Janiya L. Lewis
Debra S. Akins	Anna Y. Connaughton	Myriam A. Garcia-Wilson	Jordyn A. Lewis
Taneicia T'Asia Andrews	Linda Costa	Manisha Ghimire	Kamisha N. Lewis
Elizabeth C. Arthur	Nyasha A. Craig	Keshawnn A. Gibson	Tre-Von K.S. Lewis
Nancy Atalla	Joel T. Cribb	Mark Gjestvang	Francia Lopez Phillips
Dana L. Auge	Azariah J. Crosby	Claudia L. Goncalves	Dynver A. Lovett
Heather L. Austin	Dylan Damiano	Deshea S. Gonsalves	Shannon M. Marino
Cameron J. Baldwin	Mary Jane Dante	Roslyn Michelle Griffin	QiAden Marks
Sara Marie Barrett	Michael J. Davis	Monique N. Hackett	QiMarreon Marks
Erica M. Bautista	Viviane C. De Souza	Alisha Hammond	Jennifer R. Martin
Virginia I. Beamer	Stacy M. Deherrera	Shadai A. Hanna	Helena F. Martins
Debra C. Belote	Brendan M. Deiter	Manal T. Hasou	Natasha M. McCowan
Aaliyah A. Beneby	David L. Diaz	Allen D. Hayden	Victoria N. Mccoy
Lavaija'Nae C. A. Berry	Alexia Dickson	Sarah C. Haynes	Skyler T. McDonald
Bishop Ellas Blakely	Elizabeth L. Didia	Prudence J. Heusser	Gary McKelvey
Frederick M. Bowles	Christian M. Dorsey	Angela N. Hilton	Favian O. McMurray
Keith L. Brockman, Jr.	Wendy M. Downing	Brya S. Hinesmon	Sara McQuilkin
Shylah Arielle Brooks	Aaron J. Drumwright	Megan M. Hoerig	Melissa N. Messick
Haley R. Brown	Terrance Durnin, Jr.	Nicole Holt	Nicole A. Miller
Kizzie E. Bryant	Fatima Elabdallah	Vanessa Ibarra	Paris M. Miller
Keri Burgess	Alicia D. Elkins	Serena Louise Jara	Rebecca E. Jones Miller
Amanda L. Calhoun	Daniel N. Ermilus	Joshua C. Jasper	Nicole M. Mirabito
Anna M. Calhoun	John P. Esquibel	Croix Anthony Johnson	Michael R. Moates
Teresa Emicela	Katie L. Farra	Audrea Jones	Cassandra D. Mohr
Callejas Garcia	Aden L. Fisher	Rhonda L. Jordan	Shawn C. Moody-Penn
James W. Carnes	Iris Y. Fisher	Prabhjit Kaur	Domingo Mora
Jenifer B. Casto	Dalphine Foster	La'April D. Kelley	Ahjahni D. Moultry
Samara Cavanaugh	Jonathan M. Foster	Robert M. King	Tammy S. Muncy
Aniyah R. Cavitt	Jessica L. Fox	Edmond B. Kollie	Alpha A. M. Munroe
Cristina Escamilla Cerda	Diana V. Franco	Judith A. Kretser	Camron C. Nesbitt
Amanda J. Chabot	Michael French	David E. Lane, II	Mayra R. Novello
Samatha Cherukuri	Robert S. Fuertes	Nyshawnti O. Laney	Nilajah M. Nyasuma Sims

Beatriz A. Ontiveros	Mackenzie D. Reid	Desirea S. Sweeting	Rikkama Ann D. Vrigneau
Pablo J. Oquendo, II	Ari N. Rice	Deziah J. Sweeting	Krystal L. Walker
Victoria N. Orosco	Tracy M. Rice	Marjoni Tate, Jr.	Terri L. Walton
Aleah V. E. Otabor	Ravera Roberts	Keisha Teixeira	Princess La'Mia
Jennifer Owens	Ray H. Robinson, III	Arianna Kaylynn Thomas	Walton-Battle
Joseph L. Pachorek	Justin I. Rogers	Kyler Edward Thompson	Allan R. Ware
Patricia Paz	Jania D. Ross	Miriam E. Thompson	Jade Washington
Elizabeth L. Perryman	Chloe K. Runia	Nailah Ameerah Tinsley	Yulanda Wilbert
Jordan Pettigrew	Joshua Laremy Rutgers	Kendra S. Todd	Astria V. Williams
Casey J. Pickering	Carmen Salazar Tavera	Destiny R. Tolbert	Delijah Williams
Myciah A. Pollard	Greg Salen	Guadalupe Torres	Jasmine J. Williams
John D. Poole	Kathiria E. Sanchez	Heidi Anne Torres	Bryant A. Willis
Bernadette R. Poor	Saniya P. Sanders	Mario L. Trujillo	Tracee N. Willis
Cheryl Pope	Elizabeth Scheier	Paige Dyanya Alexandria	Ayana Witherspoon
Matthew Potter	Ciera Sekyewa	Turner	Kevin Lamar Wright
Monique J. Rajotte	Claudia Serrano	Braxton M. Upton	Madeline A. Wright
Rajeswari Ramachandran	Zak S. Show	Melissa Nicholas	Isabella M. Wynter
Aurora Ramirez	Lisa Elaine Sines	Vandermark	Mitchell
Alexandra R. Ramsey	Pretika P. Singh	Callie O. Vawser	Betzaida Yax
Keano H. Ramsey, Jr.	Brittani M. Smith	Edgar E. Vega-Cedeno	Sierra S. Young
Nehemiah M. Rathers	Sirmone D. Smith	Clarissa Venable	
Alexis C. Reid	Andi-marie Sorocco	Mallorie A. Vincent	

Summa Cum Laude Graduates (Grade point average of 3.90 to 4.00)

Mohamed Abdunaser	Anna Y. Connaughton	Robert M. King	Alexandra R. Ramsey
Kayvon M. Adderley	Linda Costa	Kim Ann Kingery	Nehemiah M. Rathers
Elizabeth C. Arthur	Azariah J. Crosby	David E. Lane, II	Tracy M. Rice
Nancy Atalla	Mary Jane Dante	Janiya L. Lewis	Ravera Roberts
Dana L. Auge	David L. Diaz	Jordyn A. Lewis	Kathiria E. Sanchez
Sara Marie Barrett	Christian M. Dorsey	Kamisha N. Lewis	Elizabeth Scheier
Erica M. Bautista	Fatima Elabdallah	Gary McKelvey	Ciera Sekyewa
Christine L. Bonnenfant	John P. Esquibel	Sara McQuilkin	Pretika P. Singh
Frederick M. Bowles	Dalphine Foster	Michael R. Moates	Kyler Edward Thompson
Keri Burgess	Jonathan M. Foster	Ahjahni D. Moultry	Callie O. Vawser
Anna M. Calhoun	Cynthia Ana Bertha Garcia	Alpha A. M. Munroe	Allan R. Ware
James W. Carnes	Vinnie Garcia	Pablo J. Oquendo, II	
Samara Cavanaugh	Manisha Ghimire	Elizabeth L. Perryman	
Cristina Escamilla Cerda	Megan M. Hoerig	Matthew Potter	

Magna Cum Laude Graduates (Grade point average of 3.75 to 3.89)

Cameron J. Baldwin	Jessica L. Fox	Natasha M. McCowan	John D. Poole
Virginia I. Beamer	Diana V. Franco	Skyler T. McDonald	Rajeswari Ramachandran
Debra C. Belote	Michael French	Favian O. McMurray	Aurora Ramirez
Lavaija'Nae C. A. Berry	Myriam A. Garcia-Wilson	Melissa N. Messick	Carmen Salazar Tavera
Amanda V. Bluemel	Summer J. Gescheider	Nicole A. Miller	Claudia Serrano
Keith L. Brockman, Jr.	Keshawnn A. Gibson	Rebecca E. Jones Miller	Brittani M. Smith
Shylah Arielle Brooks	Claudia L. Goncalves	Nicole M. Mirabito	Andi-marie Sorocco
Haley R. Brown	Roslyn Michelle Griffin	Domingo Mora	Deziah J. Sweeting
Jenifer B. Casto	Heather Guidotti	Tammy S. Muncy	Miriam E. Thompson
Dylan Damiano	Alisha Hammond	Mayra R. Novello	Kendra S. Todd
Michael J. Davis	Manal T. Hasou	Nilajah M. Nyasuma Sims	Guadalupe Torres
Viviane C. De Souza	Allen D. Hayden	Beatriz A. Ontiveros	Heidi Anne Torres
Stacy M. Deherrera	Sarah C. Haynes	Victoria N. Orosco	Mario L. Trujillo
Alexia Dickson	Angela N. Hilton	Aleah V. Otabor	Clarissa Venable
Elizabeth L. Didia	Audrea Jones	Patricia Paz	Princess La'Mia
Wendy M. Downing	Rhonda L. Jordan	Elizabeth L. Perryman	Walton-Battle
Aaron J. Drumwright	La'April D. Kelley	Jordan Pettigrew	Jade Washington
Daniel N. Ermilus	Nyshawnti O. Laney	Casey J. Pickering	Yulanda Wilbert
Iris Y. Fisher	Francia Lopez Phillips	Mycah A. Pollard	Bryant A. Willis

Cum Laude Graduates (Grade point average of 3.60 to 3.74)

Taneicia T'Asia Andrews	Monique N. Hackett	Bernadette R. Poor	Rikkama Ann D. Vrigneau
Heather L. Austin	Shadai A. Hanna	Ray H. Robinson, III	Krystal L. Walker
Aaliyah A. Beneby	Prudence J. Heusser	Chloe K. Runia	Delijah Williams
Amanda L. Calhoun	Nicole Holt	Joshua Laremy Rutgers	Jasmine J. Williams
Teresa Emicela	Tre-Von K. S. Lewis	Greg Salen	Ayana Witherspoon
Callejas Garcia	QiMarreon Marks	Saniya P. Sanders	Kevin Lamar Wright
Aniyah R. Cavitt	Misty Dawn Mead	Lisa Elaine Sines	Madeline A. Wright
Nyasha A. Craig	Paris M. Miller	Sirmone D. Smith	Isabella M.
Alicia D. Elkins	Shawn C. Moody-Penn	Paige Dyanya	Wynter Mitchell
Robert S. Fuertes	Camron C. Nesbitt	Alexandrea Turner	Betzaida Yax
Mark Gjestvang	Jennifer Owens	Braxton M. Upton	Sierra S. Young
Deshea S. Gonsalves	Joseph L. Pachorek	Edgar E. Vega-Cedeno	

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

College of Business

Dr. Frederick Aikens
Dean

Master of Business Administration

Alexander Ammann	Business Administration	Tammy Renee' Henderson	Business Administration
Kendall E. Boney	Business Administration	Leandra James	Business Administration
Jaylin S. Bradshaw	Business Administration	LaZale Johnson	Business Administration
Jhamar Brown	Business Administration	Diamond J. Lester	Business Administration
LaShawn Grace Brown	Business Administration	Pooja Mehra	Business Administration
Jazmyne Courtanii Byrd	Business Administration	Kiyrone Edward Powell-Scott	Business Administration
Branden A. Calhoun	Business Administration	Erika L. Sams	Business Administration
Nashan Chunn	Business Administration	Sukhraj S. Sandhu	Business Administration
Camron Dillard	Business Administration	Rajah J. Shepard	Business Administration
Kennedy D. Fields	Business Administration	Katherine T. Spearman	Business Administration
Vanessa Friend	Business Administration	Desiree Swan	Business Administration
Andrew Frierson	Business Administration	Bryce A. Talbert	Business Administration
Ebonai L. Gardner	Business Administration	Tracey A. Thompson	Business Administration
Ryckal Penny Gray	Business Administration	Ocean J. Washington	Business Administration
Stephany Green	Business Administration	Cayla A. Williams	Business Administration
Jurnie N. Hemsley	Business Administration	Teresa M. Williams	Business Administration

College of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

Dr. Lillian Drakeford
Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Na'Tozja Darnell Lamonte Alford	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Amari I. Floyd	Graphic Design
Faith A. Allen	Psychology	Dalphine Foster	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Elizabeth C. Arthur	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Khalil A. Foye	Journalism and Digital Media
Cameron J. Baldwin	Political Science Journalism and Digital Media	Josiah M. Gartley	Journalism and Digital Media
Dajour N. Bridges	Graphic Design	Keshawnn A. Gibson	Psychology
Louis H. Brown, III	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Brittany R. Gray	Social Work
Victor Lamar Byrd, Jr.	Journalism and Digital Media	Esther M. Grijalva	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Anna M. Calhoun	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Monique N. Hackett	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
James W. Carnes	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Demetricus Antonio Hamilton	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Joel T. Cribb	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Adia M. Harper	Journalism and Digital Media
Azariah J. Crosby	Political Science	Taniyah L. Howard	Psychology
De'Mya Elizabeth Davis	Psychology	Danielle S. Hulittle	Social Work
Alexia Dickson	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Vanessa Ibarra	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Christian M. Dorsey	Graphic Design	Karon M. Jones	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Raven Evans-Harris	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Rylee M. Mays	Studio Art
R'Eion Na'Brie Featherstone	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Ariyan L. McHeard	English – Pre-Law
		Orion N. Monford	English

Alpha A. M. Munroe	Psychology	A'Mere D. Thomas	Graphic Design
Pablo J. Oquendo, II	Music	Guadalupe Torres	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Jalen R. Orwig	Graphic Design	Damien Underwood	Journalism and Digital Media
Elizabeth L. Perryman	Graphic Design	Nkem D. Utomi	Graphic Design
Mackenzie D. Reid	Political Science	Delijah Williams	Political Science
Maria A. Reyes	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Dnyia D. Wilson	Graphic Design
Coriana Z. Rice	Social Work	Dakota R. Wimbs	Journalism and Digital Media
Ciera Sekyewa	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Ayana Witherspoon	Political Science
Ajae P. Talison	Journalism and Digital Media		

Bachelor of Music

Heaven Elise Johnson	Music Education	Pablo J. Oquendo, II	Music Education
Kaylah King	Music Performance	Allan R. Ware	Jazz Studies

Bachelor of Science

Debra S. Akins	Educational Studies	Samara Cavanaugh	Criminal Justice
Bambi A. Alamillo	Educational Studies	Aniyah R. Cavitt	Sociology Psychology
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Maker of Men who're free.
We build in deeds thy greater name,
We spread thy lasting fame.

-Chorus-

O Central mine, we'll sing of thee
Truth and Right our song shall be.
Our Alma Mater guides us and it's great,
For God, For Central, For State!

-II-

O Alma Mater, Hail to thee,
Builder of Women to be.
We build for thee in heart and mind.
We seek thy grace divine.

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O speak to us and we shall hear
Thy voice so near, so clear.
And as we sail the future's sea,
Through the years we'll sing of thee.

-Chorus-

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