

# *Central State University*



## *2025 Commencement*

*Ten O'Clock*

*Saturday Morning, The Tenth of May*

*Two Thousand Twenty-Five*

*McPherson Memorial Stadium*

*Wilberforce, Ohio*



## *Office of the President*

### **A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### *To the Class of 2025,*

On behalf of your Central State University family, congratulations on completing your degree requirements! Today marks a significant milestone in your journey — a moment of celebration, reflection, and immense pride.

The **Commencement Ceremony** will celebrate your resilience, passion, and commitment to fulfill your dream. The cherished diploma that you will receive as you walk across the stage represents the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

As you reflect upon your time at Central State, I hope you were engaged in our rich tradition that provided a high-quality education in a culturally enriching environment. You are now a member of a select community of scholars, and we are very proud of your contributions to your classmates, the CSU community, and society. Please remember to carry the Marauder values and spirit into the next chapter of your lives now that you are a Centralian. This achievement is not yours alone; it is shared with the faculty who mentored you, the family and friends who supported you, and the community that has 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 to the yard to advise students on their career and personal aspirations, experience and observe the University's growth, gather with classmates, and share your treasured moments on the campus and your current endeavors. Your support for scholarships and other initiatives will enable more students to benefit from the power and value of a Central State University degree.

The world needs your talents, leadership, and vision to make it a better place. Embrace the challenges ahead with confidence and courage, knowing that your Central State degree and experience have prepared you to make a meaningful impact on society.

Once again, congratulations! Central State University is and always will be proud of the role we played in your life's journey.

For God, For Central, For State!

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

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## *Commencement Protocols*

*C*entral State University holds the Commencement of its graduates in high regard. Commencement signifies the completion of an academic journey from first-year freshman to professional adulthood. This ceremony should be accorded all the respect and dignity that it warrants and should be upheld as the epitome of the collegiate experience. In order for all graduates to be properly recognized for their achievements, we request that the audience adhere to 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.

*T*he 2025 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 Institution, 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**

President Morakinyo A.O. 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."

## **138 years of service and excellence (1887-2025)**

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.

# *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).

# *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)

Tristin A. Fernandes

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

Jerome T. Adams	Dale Bivens	Marcus D. Cloud	Amanda M. Farrar
Teresa Dawn Adams	Princess J. Blanks	Daniel O. Clubb	Connor Bryce Faughn
Valentin Aghasian	Amanda V. Bluemel	Sharnelle Darnicia Coicous	Alicia S. Feldman-Boote
Aisayah E. Akens	Emmanuel D. Bonds	Kaleb M. Constable	Arieana R. Felix
Consuelo Aleman	Christine L. Bonnenfant	Jacqueline Contreras	Ranicia A. Ferguson
Nermeen J. Al-Hijjawi	Clorissa Bonner	Marina Veronica Corbi	Tristin A. Fernandes
Faryal Ali	Stephanie Jones Bonner	Lourdes Cordova	Alysia Ferrier
Kylie E. Allen	SiAvera L. Boone	Richard Orlando Cornejo	Shauna M. Fisher
Emmylou A. Alloway	Kelly J. Braun	Gennesis Coronado	Kabria A. Fleet
Becky Ann Almeida	Keiana M. Briscoe	Tatyana Marie Cotrell	Sylvia Dominguez Flores
Araceli Altamirano	Elaina E. Brooks	Patricia H. Covarrubias	Matthew M. Foley
Renee L. Ammann	Shylah Brooks	Anita L. Cucchiara	Winston Forgenie, Jr.
Karlene K. Anderson	LaShawn G. Brown	Sarah A. Cumberledge	Kyle C. Fuller
Randy Z. Anderson	Sandra L. Brown	Michelle O. Daniel	Lisneidy Galarza
Jennifer Evette Aninion	WaNetta Brown	Jammie M. Daniels	Tedra Galeno
Kynadee Anthony	James T. Bruhn	Danielle C. Darling	Rashed L. Garba
Gidget A. Applegate	Nya M. Brunson	Sarah J. Davalos	Beatriz A. Garcia
Joshua A. Armstrong	Alanna R. Bryant	Melissa A. Dayne	Jennifer L. Garin
Kamille F. Austin	Krystal Marie Burgess	Maci Jean Deimel	Joyce Tan Garza
Rebecca Eileen Avignone	Jairus T. Burrows	Benjamin E. Deutscher	Raymond B. George
Heidi M. Axtell	Porchea R. Butler	Camron Dillard	Ossai Gerami
Jorge R. Ayala	Branden A. Calhoun	Anju Dixit	Summer J. Gescheider
Gabriella A. Badagliacco-Cabrera	Rachel L. Callahan	Britney Dixon	Gus Gibson
Susan Baiad	Jacqueline Camacho	Linda Atsuko Sugai-Doi	Ryan M. Gilchrist
Kion Bailey	Keith Cannon	Darcey J. Dorris	Antonia M. Gillum
Joel C. Barhorst	Natalia Cantor	Jiaire T. Driskell	Melanie B. Golbach
Riley C. Barker	Ashley M. Carpenter	Vincent Paul A. Dulay	Angel R. Gomez, Jr.
Frederick L. Barrier	Idalia Castaneda-Casillas	Gail A. Eggleston	Cynthia C. Gomez-Knott
Jennifer M. Benavides-Amaya	Daniel Cavazos	Asusena Eichel	Candice S. Gordon
Sarah Teresa Azan Berger	Angeline J. Chapman	Alyvia N. Eide	Jonathan S. Gorges
Sara L. Bevington	Heather M. Chiapuzio	Bonnie Esquibel	De'Aira N. Grant
	Samantha L. Clement	Ernie S. Estrada	Bruce A. Graves
			Chantinae R. Gray



Erin E. Gray	Sara A. Kaylor	Cristina Mikolajczyk	David Hays J. Reynolds
Brandon J. Greathouse	Kimberlyn D. Kelley	Donald L. Milligan	Jillian Reynolds
Gabriel P. Green	Alexa H. Kendall	Tony D. Mims	Jerry M. Ridley, II
Stephany Green	Ezekiel T. Kennebrew	Cassandra D. Mohr	Frank Rios
Kristin E. Gribbin	Steven D. Key, II	Myrna A. Molina	Martha Rivas
Ashley Grow	Kim A. Kingery	Marissa J. Moore	Justin I. Rogers
Elisabeth A. Grundmeyer	Jennifer A. Kinnamon	Claudia Moreno	Chenae A. Roker
Heather J. Guidotti	Yolanda M. Kodur	Jenny L. Morgan	Raymond I. Rolle
Janice Elaine Halopoff	Adriana Komin	Aniya S. Morris	Lucinda Anne Ross
Alena R. Hamilton	Renee S. Kondo	Shannon Moses	Faith M. Ruckman
Ravyn J. Hanna	Jade Kuhns	Gabrielle E. Murdoch	Rachael Ann Rudy
Samantha M. Harper	Veronica Sia Lindabeth	Kara A. Nassoiy	Stephanie M. Ruelas
Angela F. Harris	Lamdul	Daquan Neal	Teresa Ruiz
Monica J. Hart	Amanda K. LaRagione	Elijah J. Nelson	Alissa M. Runia
Justin G. Harvey	Amy M. Lash	Mai N. Nguyen	Joanna M. Ruotitu
Lashez A. Hawkins	Suraju A. Lawal	Paige Noonan	Darriel A. A. Russell
Vivian D. Hawkins	Amelia B. Licardie	Monique C. Norton	Greg Salen
Mecholah L. Hayden	Christa Liquori	Isaias Ocasio	Amanda M. Salgado
Jarrold C. Hayes	Regina Lira	Leigh A. Oden	Sukhraj S. Sandhu
Kristian Hayes	Skye A. Livingston	Krichelle M. Oliver	Obdulio Santiago
Caroline I. Haynes	Sylvia Llamas	Nicodemus B.	Lisa L. Saunders
Lauren C. Hedgepeth	Stephanie B. Logan	Omeke-Mordi	Annel L. Scates
Armando C. Hernandez, Jr.	Nicolas S. London	Raven B. Orange	Mary E. Scott
Michelle R. Himed	Mariana Loro	Ana C. Orozco	Zachary D. Scott
Theodore M. Hoffman	Thomas D. Lucas	Susana De Los Angeles	Tiffany J. Seaman Bani
Kimberly A. Hollingshead	Bridget C. Lyke	Ortiz de Orrala	Hai See
Paula P. Holloway	Micaela J. Maaske	Cahliel R. Osama	Rachael C. Segi
Loren L. Houselog	Patricia Michelle Maaske	Citlali Padilla	Teresa Maria Seifert
Zola M. Howard	Vanessa Madrid	Christopher Darwin Palmer	Heather M. Seyda
Elston Bernard Howard, Jr.	Gonzalo Magana	Tiffany M. Parks	Azar Shahram
Brenden M. Hutton	Aaronique R. Major	Alisa M. Partington	Karen P. Sharpe
Alisha Hymel	Lanicia M. Major	Nicole R. Pate	Geraldine A. Shea
Lisa Y. Ip	Monishka Major	Mandy J. Peacock	Nicole K. Shelby
Dashayla L. Jackson	Edris M. Manners	Dusty J. Pelle	Kaitlyn M. Silva
Emma R. Jackson	Lisa M. Markus	Evette Pena	Lehua Kawohikukapualani
Jeremy D. Jackson	Katarina Maros	Sherrill J. Pendleton	Giffard Simeon
Olivia M. Jackson	Jayla M. Marshall	Angela R. Perkins	Mariah J. Simmons
Serene L. James	Abner M. Martinez	Christina M. Pezzolo	Leanne M. Simpson
Shidaya E. James	Alijah B. Mason	Louronia A. Phillips	Sanjay P. Singh
Ibrahima A. Jarjou	Harold E. Mason	Sha'Donna E. Pickett	Ashley N. Smith
May Javid	Rashantae S. McCartney	Azucena M. Plaza	Byron A. Smith
Katherine A. Jenkins	Michael A. McCoy	Mycah A. Pollard	Dierra N. Smith
Braydan C. Johnson	Angela L. McCullar	Lindsey K. Porter	Nyla L. Smith
D'Shae M. Johnson	Amrielle J. McGhee	Sierra M. Potter	Prinesha A. Smith
Lazale J. Johnson	Kelly M. McKeon	Kimberly A. Pratt	Genevieve A. Smock
Fred H. Johnson, II	Avery L. McLean	Justin W. Presley	Colleen A. Smouse
Stephanie M. Johnson	Shimeeka McWright	Jessica Quiles	Megan E. Sommer
TAsia Johnson-Udemgba	Misty D. Mead	Alma G. Quintero	Katherine T. Spearman
Stephanie Marie Jones	Shannel V. Medina	Bustamante	Karen Stalker-Alves
Tiffany F. Jones	Amanda M. Melick	Brian L. Ramey	Caleb N. Stallings
Dianna Joseph	Eddy J. Mercado	Patrick J. Ranalli	Anita L. Stark
Amir J. Jumper	Julie Messer	Elisha N. Rendon	Michele E. Steinhardt

Dakota N. Stephen  
 Deborah L. Stuart  
 Joanne Sundberg  
 Thurston C. Svagerko  
 Brendan Sweet  
 Nicole A. Terrell  
 Ashley D. Thibodeau  
 Stephon D. Thomas  
 Kaatlin O. Thompson  
 Tracey A. Thompson  
 Cheyenne P. Tindall  
 Jessy Torchon  
 Alma R. Torres

Anid Torres  
 Hang Nguyen Tran  
 Jesika Trevino  
 Alachia P. Turner  
 Robert M. Ulrich  
 Vanessa Valladares  
 Marjorie V. Vance  
 Melissa Vandermark  
 Melissa Vasquez  
 Stacy Venhaus  
 Nicole K. Vertti  
 Ivy Vidad  
 Gabrielle A. Villasenor

Rikkama Ann D. Vrigneau  
 Vickiesha Walker  
 Ciara C. Walsh  
 Ashley Waner  
 Ruwan C. Weerakkodi  
 Arach  
 Anthony A. Whipkey  
 Erin S. White  
 Jeffrey Jonathan White  
 Malik White  
 Billy A. Williams, II  
 Nicole K. Williams  
 Tenae D. Williams

Courtney Alexis Wilson  
 Jahiem J. Wilson  
 Jerome L. Wilson, II  
 Kattodda D. Withers-Moyer  
 Aleaha N.R. Wood  
 Amber L. Woods  
 Joseph E. Woulfe  
 Chelsea J. Wright  
 Amanda M. Wynn  
 Nevaeh R. Young  
 Heather Zintman

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

Consuelo Aleman  
 Nermeen J. Al-Hijawi  
 Faryal Ali  
 Kylie E. Allen  
 Jennifer Evette Aninion  
 Kamille F. Austin  
 Gabriella A. Badagliacco-  
 Cabrera  
 Frederick L. Barrier  
 Jennifer M. Benavides-  
 Amaya  
 Sara L. Bevington  
 Christine L. Bonnenfant  
 Keiana M. Briscoe  
 Sandra L. Brown  
 Nya M. Brunson  
 Alanna R. Bryant  
 Jairus T. Burrows  
 Porchea R. Butler  
 Rachel L. Callahan  
 Jacqueline Camacho  
 Natalia Cantor  
 Daniel Cavazos  
 Angeline J. Chapman  
 Heather M. Chiapuzio  
 Samantha L. Clement  
 Sharnelle Darnicia Coicous  
 Jacqueline Contreras  
 Marina Veronica Corbi  
 Anita L. Cucchiara  
 Jammie M. Daniels  
 Danielle C. Darling  
 Sarah J. Davalos  
 Benjamin E. Deutscher  
 Camron Dillard

Asusena Eichel  
 Bonnie Esquibel  
 Amanda M. Farrar  
 Alicia S. Feldman-Boote  
 Tristin A. Fernandes  
 Alysia Ferrier  
 Shauna M. Fisher  
 Sylvia Dominguez Flores  
 Lisneidy Galarza  
 Rashed L. Garba  
 Jennifer L. Garin  
 Joyce Tan Garza  
 Raymond B. George  
 Ryan M. Gilchrist  
 Antonia M. Gillum  
 Cynthia C. Gomez-Knott  
 Jonathan S. Gorges  
 De'Aira N. Grant  
 Bruce A. Graves  
 Chantinae R. Gray  
 Brandon J. Greathouse  
 Kristin E. Gribbin  
 Ashley Grow  
 Elisabeth A. Grundmeyer  
 Samantha M. Harper  
 Angela F. Harris  
 Justin G. Harvey  
 Vivian D. Hawkins  
 Mecholah L. Hayden  
 Jarrod C. Hayes  
 Armando C. Hernandez, Jr.  
 Kimberly A. Hollingshead  
 Elston Bernard Howard, Jr.  
 Brenden M. Hutton  
 Lisa Y. Ip

Dashayla L. Jackson  
 Katherine A. Jenkins  
 Fred H. Johnson, II  
 Alexa H. Kendall  
 Jennifer A. Kinnamon  
 Amy M. Lash  
 Amelia B. Licardie  
 Regina Lira  
 Mariana Loro  
 Thomas D. Lucas  
 Bridget C. Lyke  
 Aaronique R. Major  
 Edris M. Manners  
 Harold E. Mason  
 Donald L. Milligan  
 Tony D. Mims  
 Myrna A. Molina  
 Shannon Moses  
 Kara A. Nassoiy  
 Daquan Neal  
 Eliah J. Nelson  
 Paige Noonan  
 Monique C. Norton  
 Krichelle M. Oliver  
 Nicodemus B. Omeke-  
 Mordi  
 Susana De Los Angeles  
 Ortiz de Orrala  
 Christopher Darwin Palmer  
 Alisa M. Partington  
 Dusty J. Pelle  
 Christina M. Pezzolo  
 Mycah A. Pollard  
 Lindsey K. Porter  
 Sierra M. Potter

Justin W. Presley  
 Brian L. Ramey  
 Frank Rios  
 Lucinda Anne Ross  
 Rachael Ann Rudy  
 Sukhraj S. Sandhu  
 Obdulio Santiago  
 Zachary D. Scott  
 Rachael C. Segi  
 Teresa Maria Seifert  
 Heather M. Seyda  
 Azar Shahram  
 Nicole K. Shelby  
 Kaitlyn M. Silva  
 Lehua Kawohikukapualani  
 Giffard Simeon  
 Ashley N. Smith  
 Prinesha A. Smith  
 Tanya Marie Smith  
 Genevieve A. Smock  
 Michele E. Steinhardt  
 Deborah L. Stuart  
 Ashley D. Thibodeau  
 Jesika Trevino  
 Stacy Venhaus  
 Anthony A. Whipkey  
 Erin S. White  
 Jeffrey Jonathan White  
 Billy A. Williams, II  
 Nicole K. Williams  
 Amber L. Woods  
 Joseph E. Woulfe  
 Chelsea J. Wright  
 Heather Zintman



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

Valentin Aghasian	Matthew M. Foley	Lanicia M. Major	Jerry M. Ridley, II
Emmylou A. Alloway	Tedra Galeno	Monishka Major	Raymond I. Rolle
Becky Ann Almeida	Beatriz A. Garcia	Lisa M. Markus	Faith M. Ruckman
Karlene K. Anderson	Ossai Gerami	Jayla M. Marshall	Stephanie M. Ruelas
Kynadee Anthony	Gus Gibson	Abner M. Martinez	Joanna M. Ruotitu
Gidget A. Applegate	Melanie B. Golbach	Michael A. McCoy	Amanda M. Salgado
Joshua A. Armstrong	Erin E. Gray	Angela L. McCullar	Hai See
Rebecca Eileen Avignone	Heather J. Guidotti	Kelly M. McKeon	Karen P. Sharpe
Kion Bailey	Janice Elaine Halopoff	Avery L. McLean	Leanne M. Simpson
Dale Bivens	Alena R. Hamilton	Amanda M. Melick	Sanjay P. Singh
Amanda V. Bluemel	Ravyn J. Hanna	Eddy J. Mercado	Katherine T. Spearman
Emmanuel D. Bonds	Monica J. Hart	Julie Messer	Anita L. Stark
Stephanie Jones Bonner	Lashez A. Hawkins	Cristina Mikolajczyk	Dakota N. Stephen
Crystal Bradley	Lauren C. Hedgepeth	Cassandra D. Mohr	Joanne Sundberg
LaShawn G. Brown	Theodore M. Hoffman	Claudia Moreno	Kaatlin O. Thompson
WaNetta Brown	Paula P. Holloway	Jenny L. Morgan	Tracey A. Thompson
James T. Bruhn	Loren L. Houselog	Isaias Ocasio	Hang Nguyen Tran
Krystal Marie Burgess	Zola M. Howard	Leigh A. Oden	Robert M. Ulrich
Keith Cannon	Alisha Hymel	Raven B. Orange	Vanessa Valladares
Idalia Castaneda-Casillas	Olivia M. Jackson	Cahliel R. Osama	Marjorie V. Vance
Daniel O. Clubb	Ibrahima A. Jarjou	Citlali Padilla	Nicole K. Vertti
Richard Orlando Cornejo	Dianna Joseph	Tiffany M. Parks	Ivy Vidad
Gennesis Coronado	Kimberlyn D. Kelley	Nicole R. Pate	Gabrielle A. Villasenor
Patricia H. Covarrubias	Kim A. Kingery	Mandy J. Peacock	Vickiesha Walker
Maci Jean Deimel	Yolanda M. Kodur	Evette Pena	Ashley Waner
Anju Dixit	Renee S. Kondo	Sha'Donna E. Pickett	Malik White
Linda Atsuko Sugai-Doi	Amanda K. LaRagione	Kimberly A. Pratt	Jerome L. Wilson, II
Gail A. Eggleston	Sylvia Llamas	Alma G. Quintero	Aleaha N.R. Wood
Ernie S. Estrada	Stephanie B. Logan	Bustamante	Amanda M. Wynn
Kabria A. Fleet	Patricia Michelle Maaske	David Hays J. Reynolds	Nevaeh R. Young

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

Jerome T. Adams	Winston Forgenie, Jr.	Veronica Sia Lindabeth	Lisa L. Saunders
Aisayah E. Akens	Kyle C. Fuller	Lamdul	Annel L. Scates
Araceli Altamirano	Summer J. Gescheider	Christa Liquori	Geraldine A. Shea
Randy Z. Anderson	Angel R. Gomez, Jr.	Skye A. Livingston	Byron A. Smith
Jorge R. Ayala	Candice S. Gordon	Micaela J. Maaske	Dierra N. Smith
Susan Baiad	Stephany Green	Alijah B. Mason	Nyla L. Smith
Riley C. Barker	Kristian Hayes	Darcelle Lynn McCullagh	Colleen A. Smouse
Sarah Teresa Azan Berger	Michelle R. Himed	Aniya S. Morris	Thurston C. Svagerko
Clorissa Bonner	Jeremy D. Jackson	Gabrielle E. Murdoch	Brendan Sweet
Kelly J. Braun	Serene L. James	Mai N. Nguyen	Nicole A. Terrell
Elaina E. Brooks	May Javid	Ana C. Orozco	Alma R. Torres
Shylah Brooks	Stephanie M. Johnson	Sherrill J. Pendleton	Anid Torres
Marcus D. Cloud	Amir J. Jumper	Louronia A. Phillips	Alachia P. Turner
Sarah A. Cumberledge	Sara A. Kaylor	Jessica Quiles	Melissa Vandermark
Melissa A. Dayne	Ezekiel T. Kennebrew	Patrick J. Ranalli	Rikkama Ann D. Vrigneau
Jiaire T. Driskell	Steven D. Key, II	Martha Rivas	Tenae D. Williams
Alyvia N. Eide	Adriana Komin	Teresa Ruiz	Courtney Alexis Wilson
Connor Bryce Faughn	Jade Kuhns	Greg Salen	Jahiem J. Wilson
Ranicia A. Ferguson			

## *Speaker*

### *Dr. Myron L. Rolle*

*Dr.* Myron L. Rolle is a Harvard Massachusetts General Hospital-trained neurosurgeon, serving as the current Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellow at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is also a Rhodes Scholar, bestselling author, former All-American football player at Florida State University, and a former NFL player for the Tennessee Titans and Pittsburgh Steelers.

*Dr.* Rolle leads a head trauma prevention program for pedestrians in high-risk areas of Orlando, Florida. He serves as the Low-Income Persons' Advocate on the Orange County Affordable Housing Advisory Board. Additionally, Dr. Rolle volunteers at the Orlando Fisher House, providing support to families of hospitalized military veterans. He also advocates for improved health equity, serving as a member of the State of Medical City Health Committee.

*G*lobally, he is the chairman of the Caribbean Neurosurgery Foundation, a nonprofit organization that implements capacity-building and health system-strengthening initiatives to improve neurosurgical care in the Caribbean. His foundation has impacted over 3.5 million people in the Caribbean through the upscaling of policy, service delivery, research, and education. Dr. Rolle is the best-selling author of "The 2% Way — How a Philosophy of Small Improvements Took Me to Oxford, the NFL, and Neurosurgery."

*I*n his hometown of Orlando, Dr. Rolle serves on the Board of Directors for Aspire Health Partners, central Florida's leading mental health organization. He organizes voter registration drives for college students at the University of Central Florida and conducts food drives for immigrant families facing economic hardship and food insecurity. Additionally, Dr. Rolle supports early childhood literacy by building home libraries and providing books and backpacks to underserved children at the West Lakes Early Center.

*Dr.* Rolle published the Rolle Scoring System, a public health rating scale designed to assess governance related to helmet safety and the prevention of traumatic brain injuries in developing countries. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons has recognized him for demonstrating the best operative technique in reconstructing upper extremity motor function using intercostal nerve transfers after a traumatic brachial plexus injury.

*Dr.* Rolle stands out as a modern-day Renaissance man due to his ability to break barriers in the NFL and the medical field. His multifaceted career continues to inspire many, demonstrating a unique blend of intellectual achievement and athletic excellence. Dr. Rolle's journey pursuing his passions for football and medicine while championing community service and social change serves as a powerful example for future generations.

*Dr.* Rolle holds a Doctor of Medicine from Florida State University College of Medicine, a Master of Science in Medical Anthropology from the University of Oxford, and a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from Florida State University.

*Dr.* Rolle is married to pediatric dentist Dr. Latoya Rolle. They are the proud parents of two sets of fraternal twins: Zora, Zayed, Zanzi, and Zafar.

# *Order of Ceremony*

**Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti**  
**President**

*Presiding*

*Prelude*..... **Robeson Chamber Winds**  
Dr. Alvin Level, 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 1975*

*Greetings from the City of Xenia* ..... **Will Urschel**  
Mayor

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

*Greetings from the Student Government Association* ..... **Mer’Kyah Warren ’25**  
Acting President, Student Government Association

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

*Senior Class Address*..... **Denzel McCoy ’25**  
President, Senior Class

*Selection* ..... “Jesus Promised” by Chicago Mass Choir  
**Central State University Chorus**  
Jeremy Winston, Director

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

<i>Commencement Speaker Address</i>	<b>Dr. Myron L. Rolle</b> Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellow Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital St. Petersburg, FL
<i>Selection</i>	"America the Beautiful" by Samuel Ward Arranger, Carmen Dragon <b>Robeson Chamber Winds</b>
<i>U.S. Army Commission</i>	<b>LTC Brandon Hathorne</b> Professor, Military Science  <b>2LT Jaylin King</b> Active Duty Armor Officer
<i>Recognition of Honors Graduates</i>	<b>Dr. Amy Hobbs Harris</b>
<i>Presentation of Candidates for Degrees</i>	<b>Dr. Amy Hobbs Harris</b>
<i>Lectors</i> (Announcing the Names of the Graduates)	<b>Dr. Lovette Chinwah-Adegbola</b> Professor Emeritus, Communications  <b>Charles Fox</b> General Manager, WCSU FM
<i>Conferral of Degrees</i>	<b>Dr. Morakinyo A.O. Kuti</b>
<i>Selection</i>	"Marauder Land" <b>Robeson Chamber Winds</b>
<i>Alumni Induction</i>	<b>Anthony E. Gardner '92</b> President, Central State University National Alumni Association
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<b>Dr. Morakinyo A. O. Kuti</b>
<i>Central State University Alma Mater</i>	<b>Audience</b>
<i>Benediction</i>	<b>Reverend Kima Cunningham</b>
<i>Recessional</i>	"Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar <b>Robeson Chamber Winds</b>

# *Presentation of Candidates for Degrees*

## **College of Business**

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### *Master of Business Administration*

Kailen Abrams	Business Administration	Daniel Opoku Owusu	Business Administration
LaShawn Grace Brown	Business Administration	Elizabeth E. Pope	Business Administration
Leola J. Collins	Business Administration	Pedro Prado	Business Administration
Connor Bryce Faughn	Business Administration	Allie D. Smith	Business Administration
Raven M. Golliday	Business Administration	Lendeic J. Smith	Business Administration
Tamarea R. Green	Business Administration	John J. Tillar, III	Business Administration
Ariyana A. Irving	Business Administration	Carlaysia T. Webb	Business Administration
James M. Lacking	Business Administration	Drenae S. Webber	Business Administration
Cleopatra Lindo	Business Administration	Karah White	Business Administration
Kathleen M. Mooney Morin	Business Administration	Antonia Rivera Williams	Business Administration
Leila B. Nelson	Business Administration		

## *College of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Education*

Dr. Lillian Drakeford  
Dean

### *Bachelor of Music*

Artrell R. Allen	Music Performance
Kamille F. Austin	Music Education and Music Performance

### *Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Education*

Lisette Abair	Educational Studies	Zipporah C. Arrington-Bey	Graphic Design
Zakee Abdullah	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Jesse Albert Aulcy	Educational Studies
Teresa Dawn Adams	Criminal Justice	Rebecca Eileen Avignone	Educational Studies
Michael A. Addison	Criminal Justice	Jorge R. Ayala	Intervention Specialist Education
Consuelo Aleman	Educational Studies	Craig Bables	Criminal Justice
Nermeen J. Al-Hijawi	Intervention Specialist Education	Susan Baiada	Criminal Justice
Emmylou A. Alloway	Education Primary	Kion Bailey	Criminal Justice
Becky Ann Almeida	Intervention Specialist Education	Isaura Barajas	Educational Studies
Araceli Altamirano	Criminal Justice	Melissa J. Barbee	Communications Journalism
Alexander Michael Aluzas	Criminal Justice	Riley C. Barker	Education Primary
Francisca Patricia Amavizca de Aguirre	Intervention Specialist Education	Rashel M. Barkett-Luera	Intervention Specialist Education
Markeisha T. Anderson	Social Work	Frederick L. Barrier	Criminal Justice
Randy Z. Anderson	Criminal Justice	Jaimi Michelle Bartlett	Criminal Justice
Jennifer Evette Aninion	Educational Studies	Doe Bassano	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Tyunna Ansley	Educational Studies	Carmaleta J. Benitez	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Raven M. Arnold	Criminal Justice	Sarah Teresa Azan Berger	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
		Jaiona R. Berry	Criminal Justice



Makenzie Best	Educational Studies	Tatyana Marie Cotrell	Education Primary
Brianna M. Bingham	Political Science	Foxy B. Courts	Psychology
Dale Bivens	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Patricia H. Covarrubias	Educational Studies
Dora Lee R. Black	Journalism and Digital Media	Anareean S. Covington	Journalism and Digital Media
Princess J. Blanks	Psychology	Nyasha A. Craig	Educational Studies
Amanda V. Bluemel	Educational Studies	Raegin H. Crockett	Social Work
Emmanuel D. Bonds	Educational Studies	Edward W. Cross	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Clorissa Bonner	Educational Studies	Sarah A. Cumberledge	Education Primary
Idalia Marlet Bracamontes De Cardenas	Educational Studies	Victoria A. Daniels	Journalism and Digital Media
Chelsea M. Brewer	Educational Studies	Danielle C. Darling	Education Primary
Dajour N. Bridges	Graphic Design	Sarah J. Davalos	Education Primary
Doreen R. Bright	Criminal Justice	Adison M. David	Educational Studies
Jacquel Bronaugh	Educational Studies	Aami F. Davis	Criminal Justice
Elaina E. Brooks	Psychology	Arianna J. Davis	Political Science
Phillip M. Brooks	Educational Studies	Manual O. Davis, II	Criminal Justice
Shylah Brooks	Criminal Justice	Kapri I. Dawkins	Criminal Justice
Jaylin D. Brown	Psychology	Uriah F. Dawson	Psychology
Sandra L. Brown	Educational Studies	Melissa A. Dayne	Criminal Justice
WaNetta Brown	Psychology	Chans M. Dean	Criminal Justice
Nya M. Brunson	Journalism and Digital Media	Maci Jean Deimel	Education Primary
Krystal Marie Burgess	Educational Studies	Nia S. Delaney	Educational Studies
Ja'Shanti Lynn Burns	Social Work	Benjamin E. Deutscher	Criminal Justice
Branique W. Burrows	Psychology	Bethanie A. Deyo	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Porchea R. Butler	Educational Studies	Anju Dixit	Intervention Specialist Education
Courtney Butts	Criminal Justice	Britney Dixon	Social Work
Jacqueline Camacho	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Darcey J. Dorris	Psychology
Amber R. Campbell	Education Primary	Jiaire T. Driskell	English
Jamel J. Campbell	Criminal Justice	Roosevelt Dunn	Journalism and Digital Media
Keith Cannon	Criminal Justice	Ajina J. Dupree	English
Natalia Cantor	Criminal Justice	Christina M. Eckstine	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Vanessa Carson-Sherman	Educational Studies	Gail A. Eggleston	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Idalia Castaneda-Casillas	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Asusena Eichel	Criminal Justice
Shawn R. Castrorao	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Rodderick R. Elliott	Criminal Justice
Jose Chaires	Psychology	Maryam L. Enos	Education Primary
Angeline J. Chapman	Social Work	Esmeralda Escobar	Educational Studies
Joshua Scott Chappell	Education Primary	Alycia K. Eskew	Psychology
Marisa V. Charrier	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Bonnie Esquibel	Criminal Justice
Kimberly M. Chavez	Educational Studies	Amanda M. Farrar	Criminal Justice
Laila N. Christmon	Education Primary	Alicia S. Feldman-Boote	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Aaron Christner	Criminal Justice	Arieana R. Felix	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Aliyah Clark	Criminal Justice	Christopher A. Ferguson	Criminal Justice
Courtney A. Clay	Criminal Justice	Ranicia A. Ferguson	Psychology
Samantha L. Clement	Intervention Specialist Education	David O. Fernandez	Intervention Specialist Education
Erica D. Clemons	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Natasha K. Ferrera	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Marcus D. Cloud	Criminal Justice	Alysia Ferrier	Criminal Justice
Jamisha Queenie Coachman	Educational Studies	Jessica L. Finnerty	Criminal Justice
Ciera L. Cofield	Educational Studies	Shauna M. Fisher	Intervention Specialist Education
Kaleb M. Constable	Criminal Justice	Kabria A. Fleet	Educational Studies
Jacqueline Contreras	Educational Studies	Natalie T. Fleming	Educational Studies
Adreiana I. Copes	Social Work	Claudia Flores	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Genesis Coronado	Educational Studies	Hassanatu Fofanah	Psychology

Hassan R. Franklin	Graphic Design	Jarrold C. Hayes	Criminal Justice
Ashlee J. Freeman	Education Primary	Caroline I. Haynes	Criminal Justice
Andrew D. Frierson	Educational Studies	Lauren C. Hedgepeth	Criminal Justice
Lisneidy Galarza	Educational Studies	Armando C. Hernandez, Jr.	Educational Studies
Tedra Galeno	Educational Studies	Kimberly A. Hollingshead	Criminal Justice
Beatriz A. Garcia	Educational Studies	Loren L. Houselog	Criminal Justice
Jessica Garcia	Intervention Specialist Education	Taniyah L. Howard	Psychology
Vinnie Garcia	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Zola M. Howard	Social Work
Ja'Mier D. Gardiner	Psychology	Elston Bernard Howard Jr.	Criminal Justice
Jennifer L. Garin	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Tre'Mia J. Hutcheson	Agricultural Education
Andre J. Garland, Jr.	Criminal Justice	Hakiem C. Hutchins	Criminal Justice
Lusonia A. Garrison	Educational Studies	Brenden M. Hutton	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Anaya T. Gibbs	Sociology	Lisa Y. Ip	Educational Studies
Timothy E. Gilbert, Jr.	Journalism and Digital Media	Tresia Jabbaar-Bond	Criminal Justice
Jill M. Giles	Criminal Justice	Christian R. Jackson	Educational Studies
Savannah J. Gilliam	Studio Art	Emma R. Jackson	Criminal Justice
Antonia M. Gillum	Education Primary	Mykai A. Jackson	Sociology
Melanie B. Golbach	Criminal Justice	Olivia M. Jackson	English - Pre-Law
Cynthia C. Gomez-Knott	Educational Studies	Shidaya E. James	Criminal Justice
Stephanie Gonzalez	Educational Studies	Kobie Berzell Jamison	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Jonathan S. Gorges	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Khamarli E. Jarrett	Criminal Justice
De'Aira N. Grant	Criminal Justice	May Javid	Educational Studies
Brittany R. Gray	Social Work	Maya O. Jeffries	Criminal Justice
Erin E. Gray	Educational Studies	Katherine A. Jenkins	Intervention Specialist Education
Brandon J. Greathouse	Educational Studies	Nnyla R. Jobe	Criminal Justice
Gabriel P. Green	Criminal Justice	Braydan C. Johnson	Psychology
Shuntuya S. Green	Educational Studies	D'Shae M. Johnson	Social Work
Ronald Louis Green, Jr.	Criminal Justice	ZyAsia Johnson	Criminal Justice
Kristin E. Gribbin	Educational Studies	Alana M. Jones	Journalism and Digital Media
Aaliyah A. Griffin	Psychology	Cathryn E. Jones	Studio Art
Roslyn Michelle Griffin	Educational Studies	Nolan J. Jones	Educational Studies
Heather Guidotti	Criminal Justice	Stephanie Marie Jones	Educational Studies
Avdiell D. Guzman	Educational Studies	Dianna Joseph	Criminal Justice
Margarita Imelda Guzman-Cardenas	Intervention Specialist Education	Jessica L. Kauffman	Intervention Specialist Education
Kameran D. Hall	Graphic Design	Sara Ann Kaylor	Criminal Justice
Janice Elaine Halopoff	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Koby B. Keith	Journalism and Digital Media
Demetricus Antonio Hamilton	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Kimberlyn D. Kelley	Educational Studies
Exie N. Harding	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Alexa H. Kendall	Social Work
La'Kyra Z. Harper	Social Work	Aaron J. Kennebrew	Criminal Justice
Samantha M. Harper	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Steven D. Key, II	Journalism and Digital Media
Angela F. Harris	Criminal Justice	Jenna M. Khan	Educational Studies
Merical L. Harris	Educational Studies	Madison D. Kidd	Social Work
Robby O. Harris	Psychology	Ronica M. King	Criminal Justice
Monica J. Hart	Educational Studies	Kim A. Kingery	Educational Studies
Elijah K. Harvey	Journalism and Digital Media	Drake C. Kirkland	Psychology
Justin G. Harvey	Criminal Justice	Adriana Komin	Educational Studies
Vivian D. Hawkins	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Renee S. Kondo	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Allen D. Hayden	Criminal Justice	Jade Kuhns	Criminal Justice
Charita D. Hayden	Social Work	Makinzie Rachel Kyle-Buchanan	Graphic Design
		Veronica Sia Lindabeth Lamdul	Criminal Justice
		Amanda K. LaRagione	Educational Studies

Amy M. Lash	Educational Studies	Ashanti L. Moseley	Educational Studies
Matthew L. Lauver	Criminal Justice	Shannon Moses	Educational Studies
Michael K. Levin	Criminal Justice	Raniese M. Muskeyvalley	Criminal Justice
Amelia B. Licardie	Intervention Specialist Education	Sharail M. Nalls	Social Work
Christa Liquori	Intervention Specialist Education	Kara A. Nassoiy	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Regina Lira	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Daquan Neal	Psychology
Sylvia Llamas	Educational Studies	Javonte Neal	Psychology
Stephanie B. Logan	Educational Studies	Elijah J. Nelson	Educational Studies
Nicolas S. London	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Trequan M. Nickerson	Criminal Justice
Mariana Loro	Educational Studies	Nylah Y. Nicks	Psychology
Hydia R. Love	Social Work	Joshua D. Nolen	Criminal Justice
Breanne A. Lovelace	Educational Studies	Paige Noonan	Education Primary
Thomas D. Lucas	Criminal Justice	Amanda J. Nunez	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Micaela J. Maaske	Educational Studies	Ashley R. Nutter	Education Primary
Patricia Michelle Maaske	Educational Studies	Chukwuemeka L. Nwana	Graphic Design
Michelle V. Maese	Educational Studies	Leigh A. Oden	Educational Studies
Gonzalo Magana	Criminal Justice	Nicodemus B. Omeke-Mordi	Political Science
Judea T. Mangum	Psychology	Raven B. Orange	Psychology
Edris M. Manners	Educational Studies	Susana De Los Angeles Ortiz de Orrala	Educational Studies
Jayla M. Marshall	Criminal Justice	Kelsey K. Otis	Psychology
Alijah B. Mason	Social Work	Citlali Padilla	Criminal Justice
Harold E. Mason	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Christopher Darwin Palmer	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Hilda Maya	Educational Studies	Tiffany M. Parks	Educational Studies
Keyasia C. McBride	Social Work	Evette Pena	Educational Studies
Rashantae S. McCartney	Graphic Design	Sherrill J. Pendleton	Educational Studies
Janai S. McClain	Educational Studies	Angela R. Perkins	Educational Studies
Shan'la A. McClendon	Psychology	Christina M. Pezzolo	Educational Studies
Justyce R. McCoy	Educational Studies	Myra J. Phillips	Education Primary
Michael A. McCoy	Criminal Justice	Sha'Donna E. Pickett	Criminal Justice
Darcelle Lynn McCullagh	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Jazzmyn J. Pitts	Social Work
Angela L. McCullar	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Azucena M. Plaza	Criminal Justice
Brionna L. McDonald	Intervention Specialist Education	Alijah N. Pleasant	Educational Studies
Kevis J. McGee	Criminal Justice	Mycah Antuan Pollard	Journalism and Digital Media
Amrielle J. McGhee	Psychology	Dyanna K. Pompey-Fields	Social Work
Ariyan Lorraine McHeard	English - Pre-Law	Lindsey K. Porter	Education Primary
Kelly M. McKeon	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Kimberly A. Pratt	Criminal Justice
Malik Omar McLean	Educational Studies	Justin W. Presley	Criminal Justice
Shimeeka McWright	Educational Studies	Keyara M. Price	Sociology
Shannel V. Medina	Intervention Specialist Education	Anna L. Puthoff	Agricultural Education
Dianne Mejia	Educational Studies	Jessica Quiles	Intervention Specialist Education
Julie Messer	Intervention Specialist Education	Alma G. Quintero Bustamante	Educational Studies
Cristina Mikolajczyk	Educational Studies	Brian L. Ramey	Criminal Justice
Donald L. Milligan	Criminal Justice	Patrick J. Ranalli	Educational Studies
Samantha A. Milligan	Education Primary	Elisha N. Rendon	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Tony D. Mims	Criminal Justice	Jillian Reynolds	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Taylor M. Mitchell	Criminal Justice	Aric Jordan Richardson	Psychology
Madison Serene Mobley	Educational Studies	Frank Rios	Educational Studies
Ismara Molina	Educational Studies	Martha Rivas	Educational Studies
Myrna A. Molina	Educational Studies	Kayla J. Robinson	Education Primary
Hannah Y. Moody	Psychology	Tyler J. Robinson	Social Work
Vanessa M. Morgan	Criminal Justice	Justin I. Rogers	Sociology

Chenae A. Roker	Educational Studies	A'Mere D. Thomas	Graphic Design
Lucinda Anne Ross	Criminal Justice	Autumn C. Thomas	Educational Studies
Faith M. Ruckman	Education Primary	Je'lon E. Thomas	Agricultural Education
Rachael Ann Rudy	Educational Studies	Kaatlin O. Thompson	Education
Stephanie M. Ruelas	Educational Studies	Cheyenne P. Tindall	English
Alissa M. Runia	Education Primary	Jessy Torchon	Educational Studies
Joanna M. Ruotitu	Intervention Specialist Education	Alma R. Torres	Educational Studies
Dana Lynnae Saccone	Intervention Specialist Education	Anid Torres	Criminal Justice
Greg Salen	Criminal Justice	Jesika Trevino	Educational Studies
Amanda M. Salgado	Intervention Specialist Education	Alachia P. Turner	Education Primary
Christina Sanchez	Educational Studies	Robert M. Ulrich	Criminal Justice
Kaisey D. Santiago	Educational Studies	Morgan L. Usher	Psychology
Zachary D. Scott	Intervention Specialist Education	Amanda Valentino	Educational Studies
Tiffany J. Seaman Bani	Educational Studies	Vanessa Valladares	Education Primary
Rachael C. Segi	Educational Studies	Marjorie V. Vance	Criminal Justice
Lauren R. Sellers	Psychology	Stacy Venhaus	Educational Studies
Jesus Serrano	Educational Studies	Nicole K. Vertti	Intervention Specialist Education
Heather M. Seyda	Intervention Specialist Education	Ivy Vidad	Educational Studies
Jennifer Elissa Sferra	Educational Studies	Donna Waldon	Educational Studies
Azar Shahram	Educational Studies	Vickiesha Walker	Criminal Justice
Karen P. Sharpe	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Sierra M. Walls	Educational Studies
Jennifer I. Shortt	Educational Studies	Ciara C. Walsh	Educational Studies
Kaitlyn M. Silva	Intervention Specialist Education	Tamara Walters	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies
Lehua Kawohikukapualani Giffard Simeon	Criminal Justice	Ashley Waner	Education Primary
Mariah J. Simmons	Criminal Justice	Merkyah J. Warren	Criminal Justice
Ta'Laysha T. Simpkins	Studio Art	Anthony A. Whipkey	Criminal Justice
Leanne M. Simpson	Education Primary	Malik White	Sociology
Mandeep K. Singh	Educational Studies	Aaron J. Whiteside	Agricultural Education
Savannah B. Slay	Educational Studies	Xia S. Whitfield	Criminal Justice
Amillion A. Smith	Criminal Justice	Taquata Danyell Whittaker	Educational Studies
Prinesha A. Smith	Psychology	Billy A. Williams, II	Criminal Justice
Shamyra J. Smith	Psychology	Janay C. Williams	Social Work
Skylar A. Smith	Educational Studies	Nicole K. Williams	Educational Studies
Tanya Marie Smith	Education Primary	Skyler R. Williams	Educational Studies
Genevieve A. Smock	Humanities Interdisciplinary Studies	Tenae D. Williams	Intervention Specialist Education
Colleen A. Smouse	Educational Studies	Paul Dennis Wilson	Criminal Justice
Vanessa S. Soberon	Educational Studies	Dosayeyah S. Wologbo	Social Work
Karen Stalker-Alves	Educational Studies	Aleaha N.R. Wood	Educational Studies
Annah Mykele Stanley	Social Work	Deniseya D. Woodall	Political Science
Kailah I. Stanley	Criminal Justice	Amber L. Woods	Educational Studies
Anita L. Stark	Education Primary	Jamie Nichelle Worthy	Criminal Justice
Michele E. Steinhardt	Educational Studies	Joseph E. Woulfe	Criminal Justice
Dakota N. Stephen	Criminal Justice	Chelsea J. Wright	Education Primary
Thurston C. Svagerko	Criminal Justice	Amanda M. Wynn	Education Primary
Ajae P. Talison	Journalism and Digital Media	Michael F. Yates, Jr.	Integrated Mathematics Education
Lacey J. Tamayo	Educational Studies	Nevaeh R. Young	Criminal Justice
Keisha Teixeira	Criminal Justice	Heather Zintman	Criminal Justice



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## *Bachelor of Science*

Jerome T. Adams	Business Administration	Michelle O. Daniel	Business Administration
Valentin Aghasian	Business Administration	Jammie M. Daniels	Business Administration
Ogochukwu Akpati	Business Administration	Domonique Davis, II	Business Administration
Kylie E. Allen	Business Administration	Cintish F. Delancy	Accounting
Renee L. Ammann	Business Administration	Viviane C. DeSouza	Business Administration
Karlene K. Anderson	Business Administration	Camron Dillard	Business Administration
Kynadee Anthony	Business Administration	Linda Atsuko Sugai-Doi	Business Administration
Gidget A. Applegate	Business Administration	Ashley T. Dowd-DiGirolamo	Business Administration
Natalia S. Arias	Business Administration	James Drain	Business Administration
Robert Charles Armstead, Jr.	Business Administration	Vincent Paul A. Dulay	Business Administration
Joshua A. Armstrong	Business Administration	Candice K. Edwards	Business Administration
Heidi M. Axtell	Business Administration	Humeta Embry	Business Administration
Gabriella A. Badagliacco-Cabrera	Business Administration	Ernie S. Estrada	Business Administration
Sydney E. Baker	Business Administration	Connor Bryce Faughn	Business Administration
Tahliq Battle	Business Administration	Lisandra M. Felix	Business Administration
Jennifer M. Benavides-Amaya	Business Administration	Suaima Figueroa	Business Administration
Sara L. Bevington	Business Administration	Sylvia Dominguez Flores	Business Administration
Brittany K. Blake	Business Administration	Neosha M. Floyd	Business Administration
Christine L. Bonnenfant	Business Administration	Matthew M. Foley	Business Administration
Stephanie Jones Bonner	Business Administration	Winston Forgenie, Jr.	Business Administration
Crystal Bradley	Business Administration	Uniqua J. Francis	Business Administration
Kelly J. Braun	Business Administration	Michelle Frank	Business Administration
LaShawn G. Brown	Business Administration	Kyle C. Fuller	Business Administration
Jermaine E. Brown, Jr.	Business Administration	Rashed L. Garba	Business Administration
James T. Bruhn	Business Administration	Gary R. Garrison, Jr.	Business Administration
Alanna R. Bryant	Business Administration	Joyce Tan Garza	Business Administration
Jarel D. Bufkin	Business Administration	Joan L. Geggatt	Business Administration
Branden A. Calhoun	Business Administration	Raymond B. George	Business Administration
Rachel L. Callahan	Business Administration	Ossai Gerami	Business Administration
Ashley M. Carpenter	Business Administration	Summer J. Gescheider	Business Administration
Daniel Cavazos	Business Administration	Gus Gibson	Business Administration
Irma G. Cerrillos Anaya	Business Administration	Ryan M. Gilchrist	Business Administration
Diane Chavez	Business Administration	Angel R. Gomez, Jr.	Business Administration
Heather M. Chiapuzio	Business Administration	Brittany C. Gonzalez	Business Administration
Pedro Chico	Business Administration	Candice S. Gordon	Business Administration
Quintin J. Ciccolella	Business Administration	Bruce A. Graves	Business Administration
Daniel O. Clubb	Business Administration	Ryckal P. Gray	Business Administration
Louronia A. Cole	Accounting	Rufus Green, II	Business Administration
Marina Veronica Corbi	Business Administration	Shanice Green	Business Administration
Lourdes Cordova	Business Administration	Stephany Green	Business Administration
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[Class standing, read in unison]

**WHEREAS,** Central State University grants to us responsibility and opportunity in the ranks of its graduates;

**THEREFORE, I will** continue my devotion and my allegiance throughout the years ahead for the University and will practice its ideals in appreciation of the opportunities given to me at Central State University.

**I will** maintain the precepts and standards of my *Alma Mater* in character and citizenship and strive to incite a like respect and reverence by others who may disregard them.

**I will** search for truth, strive for goodness, and build with integrity and competence in the years ahead through the work that I do and my attitude toward it.

**I will** I seek with dignity and courage the better life for others, for myself, and for my *Alma Mater*.

**I will** transmit the heritage of this University, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to me.

**I will** use my life and my education for the advancement of a more worthy future for our State, our Nation, and our World.

# *Alma Mater*

Lyrics by Dr. Charles H. Wesley  
Music by Mrs. Annye R. Dawson '47

## **-I-**

O Central dear, we sing of thee,  
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.

## **-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!

## **-III-**

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-**

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!

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