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FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024	3:00 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024	12:00 PM

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December 6, 2024

Dr. Joanne Ardovini

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3:00 PM

PROCESSIONAL†	<i>“Pomp & Circumstance–March No. 1” - Edward Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM†	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner” - Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Joanne Ardovini
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Dr. Georj Lewis, <i>President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS	Dr. Joanne Ardovini
STUDENT ADDRESS	Alexandra Johnson, Bachelor of Arts
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INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Joseph Echols '06 '11, <i>Alumni Association President</i>
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS	Dr. Georj Lewis
ALMA MATER	<i>“Walking in Love and Strength” - Dr. Brigitte Byrd, poem Dr. Richard Bell, music</i>
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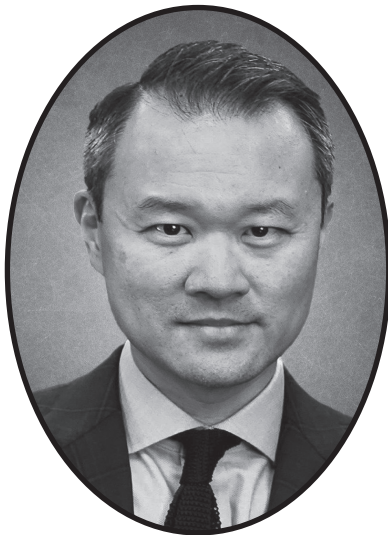
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MANAGING DIRECTOR AT DELTA AIR LINES



Timothy Wang is Managing Director at Delta Air Lines, where he leads the Delta Connection business division. Delta Connection is one of the world's largest regional airline systems, with over 325 aircraft and 1,500 daily flights throughout North America and the Caribbean. Previously, Timothy served as Associate General Counsel, leading a team of lawyers and paralegals responsible for providing legal strategy and support on technology, commercial, and intellectual property matters across Delta's global operations.

Prior to joining Delta, Timothy was a Senior Associate at Alston & Bird, where he advised clients on complex corporate and financial transactions, with a focus on FinTech. Before his legal career, Timothy led the economic development arm of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, where he served a critical role in establishing Alabama as a global automotive production powerhouse.

Timothy is passionate about giving back to the community. He is the Chair-Elect of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and serves on the boards of the Atlanta Bar Foundation and the Metro Atlanta Regional Business Coalition. Timothy is also the past-President of the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association and is one of the founders of the National AAPI Crime Victims and Education Fund.

Timothy received a BA in Economics and East Asian Studies from Harvard University and a JD from the University of Michigan. Timothy and his spouse Jessica live in Atlanta with their two daughters.

ALEXANDRA JOHNSON

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE



Alexandra Johnson is graduating from Clayton State University with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies, building on an associate's degree in Education earned from Georgia State University.

A non-traditional student, Alexandra began college at 33, balancing her roles as a wife, mother, and writer. She is a published author of two writing prompt books and a children's book, showcasing her passion for literature and creativity.

During her time at Clayton State, she joined the National Society of Leadership and Success and completed an internship at a public charter school, gaining hands-on experience in education and project management.

Post-graduation, Alexandra plans to pursue a master's degree in leadership and write a fiction novel. Clayton State holds a special place in her heart, and she looks forward to giving back through involvement with the Clayton State Alumni Association.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS, READER & SPEAKERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 2024
9:00 AM CEREMONY

MARSHALS
Faculty Marshal
Dr. Michael Lindsay
Deputy Faculty Marshal
Dr. Matthew Sansbury
Student Marshal
Dr. Mya Richardson-Echols

READER
Ms. Penelope Cliff

ANNOUNCER
Deborah Davis

MUSICIANS
Dr. Michiko Otaki, DMA, keyboard
Kayla Hart, vocalist

USHERS
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NINA PACKER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Nina Packer is a distinguished Impact Executive in the nonprofit, education, and entertainment sectors with over two decades of experience creating transformative programs, initiatives, and organizations. As an innovator, educator, leader, and advocate for transformative change, Nina Packer embodies the spirit of innovation and community that makes her an ideal choice to inspire the graduates of Clayton State University.

Nina's journey in the entertainment industry began with Rainforest Films, where she contributed to the development and marketing of iconic films like *The Gospel* and *Stomp the Yard*. Packer shaped young minds as a Marketing Education Teacher at Clayton County Public Schools, where she taught marketing and entrepreneurship and later returned to create the innovative Film & Media Magnet Program at Mundy's Mill High School.

She currently serves as Executive Director of the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, where she oversees philanthropic initiatives that enrich the educational impact and social mobility for students.

Nina is the founder of Nonprofit Planning & Administration (NPA), where she managed initiatives for organizations such as Lil Wayne's 1 Family Foundation, Akon's Konfidence Foundation, Neyo's Compound Foundation, and the Trayvon Martin Foundation.

With degrees from Florida A&M University and Georgia State University, Nina exemplifies the power of education in unlocking human potential. Her passion for social impact and storytelling resonates through her collaborations with generation-defining figures in entertainment and social justice philanthropy.

Nina is the proud mother of two daughters—a graduate of Howard University and the other pursuing her studies at the University of Southern California. Her life's work is a testament to the extraordinary impact of her creativity, determination, and service.



JALEASA MARTIN

MASTER'S IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Jaleasa Martin is graduating from Clayton State University with a master's degree in Strategic Leadership Development.

As a non-traditional student, she brings a wealth of life experience that has enriched her studies. During her time at CSU, Jaleasa has remained dedicated to helping others gain the skills and opportunities needed for meaningful, sustainable employment, and has devoted countless hours to workforce development initiatives.

After graduation, she plans to continue empowering individuals to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. Jaleasa believes that Clayton State University has been instrumental in shaping resilient leaders and is deeply grateful for the transformative experience.



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FACULTY MARSHALS, READER & SPEAKERS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024
12:00 PM CEREMONY**

MARSHALS

Faculty Marshal

Dr. Michael Lindsay

Deputy Faculty Marshal

Dr. Matthew Sansbury

Student Marshal

Dr. Mya Richardson-Echols

ANNOUNCER

Deborah Davis

MUSICIANS

Dr. Michiko Otaki, DMA, keyboard
Kayla Hart, vocalist

READER

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

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DR. ADRIAN WASHINGTON

VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGY AND CLIENT MANAGEMENT
UNITEDHEALTHCARE RETIREE SOLUTIONS

As vice president, Adrian is responsible for strategic planning and client management supporting Medicare Group retiree benefit plan design and clinical outcomes management.

Adrian has over 30 years of pharmacy benefit, pharmacy consulting, health policy, and executive leadership experience. Adrian received his Doctor of Pharmacy from Mercer University-College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He later earned his Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration from South University. He is a proud graduate of Clayton State University (previously Clayton Jr. College) class of 1987.

Adrian and his wife (Dr. Ptosha) are proud parents of three (3) adult children, one granddaughter and are active within their community and in the educational arena with philanthropic giving, mentorship, and supporting several professional development initiatives. Adrian actively serves and participates in legislative and pharmacy benefit discussions throughout the country. With active membership in a number of professional associations such as the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, founding charter member of the Georgia Affiliate of Managed Care Pharmacy, Florida Pharmacy Association, National Pharmaceutical Association, Founding Partner and Inaugural President of A-I-M (African American Initiatives at Mercer), Board of Visitors at Mercer University College of Pharmacy and a member of the Laker's Alumni Board (Clayton State University); living one's passion and purpose is a core value to Adrian.



JOSHUA "J.D." BABINEAUX

MASTER'S IN STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Joshua "J.D." Babineaux is graduating from Clayton State University with a master's degree in Strategic Leadership and Development. As a nontraditional student and a first-generation graduate, Joshua's journey has been one of resilience and determination.

During his time at Clayton State, Joshua has been deeply involved in academic pursuits and community involvement. He is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, where he has cultivated brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

His commitment to service is evident through volunteer work with Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Covenant House, Hosea Helps, and Toys for Tots, making a positive impact on the community.

Joshua plans to continue his career in leadership at Delta Air Lines after graduation. He is dedicated to developing future leaders and helping others realize and reach their fullest potential.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates to the Middle Ages when people dressed in keeping with their class. The literate class, the clergy, wore the early academic costume; a heavy, dark gown seems to have been worn at all times. Hoods and caps were necessary during European winters because buildings where scholars lived, studied, and taught, were cold. The faculties of American universities wear distinguishing costumes, a tradition which began with Harvard in 1636. Typically, associate degree candidates wear gray gowns nearly to the knee; and baccalaureate degree candidates wear black gowns. The master's gown has long closed sleeves with a slit for the arm. The doctor's gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three horizontal velvet bars on each sleeve.

The hood shows the greatest degree of symbolism. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long and faced with a three-inch strip of velvet; the doctor's hood is four feet long and faced with a five-inch strip of velvet. The color of the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted: Science, Yellow; Arts, White; Music, Pink; Business, Drab; Nursing, Apricot; and Philosophy, Blue. Each hood is lined in silk with the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar "mortarboard." A black tassel, or one of the colors signifying the field or specialization, hanging to the left of the face is appropriate for all degrees. Those holding a doctorate degree may wear a soft velvet cap or the mortarboard with a gold thread tassel.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND SYMBOLS

The academic procession preceding the commencement ceremony is the direct descendant of ecclesiastical processions, which included a stately and orderly movement of celebrants to the place of sacred ceremony. As the church was for centuries the main force behind intellectual enrichment, the religious overtones of the academic procession are not surprising.

The procession begins with the University mace, a symbol of authority for the president and Board of Regents. It originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon of last resort for military officers. Later, it was adopted by universities as a symbol of the power of ideas and the need for protection of the academic quest for truth and wisdom. Clayton State's mace was turned by Mark Barr, a Lyceum artist-in-residence, and was made from a tree that had been damaged by lightning on campus. It is carried by the faculty marshal, who is the university's senior faculty member.

The medallion of office is worn by the President and bears the seal of Clayton State University. It contains the outline of the seal of the State of Georgia with the inscription "Constitution, Wisdom, Justice, Moderation, 1969" in the center and "Clayton State University" and "University System of Georgia" circling the edge.

Honors—the gold honor cord identifies graduates who have completed their degree requirements with a grade point average of at least a 3.5. Actual honor status is noted on the diploma and on the official permanent record. The Clayton State Office of the Registrar maintains the official list. Honor designations are contingent upon final grades.

Candidates for graduation will be awarded degrees subject to satisfactory completion of all academic requirements. Because the names must be provided to the printer several days prior to commencement, the status of some candidates listed may have changed since that time. Some candidates may not have completed all degree requirements. The listing of a name in this program does not commit Clayton State University to award a degree. An asterisk (*) denotes members of the Clayton State Honors Program.

ABOUT CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

- In 1965, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia agreed to create three new junior colleges including one to serve south metropolitan Atlanta. The local community raised \$4.9 million to go along with \$3.3 million from the University System of Georgia and began construction of a campus on a farm with a few lakes and a healthy stand of trees.
- The university has changed substantially since 1969. The pace of change in the economy requires the university to continue to grow and adapt as it empowers students to seek success. Through outstanding programs, dynamic experiences, appropriate support, and an environment that reflects 21st century business and industry, Clayton State University provides students the opportunity and our region the workforce needed to complete and succeed globally. For example, in 2019, the School of Education was formed to meet the growing need for teachers in our public schools. In spring 2020, the College of Business launched a Master of Science in Supply Chain Analytics and a Master of Strategic Leadership Development program. In fall 2022, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences launched a Master of Science in Cyber Technology addressing the need for cyber security skills and talent development in the south metro Atlanta region.

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CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Walking through your majestic pines,
We embrace your simple splendor,
Our hearts and spirits full of hope,
Our minds wide open and ready.

O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking by your beautiful lake,
We find a new community
Of people from all nations
All joined as one in learning.

O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking proudly among our peers,
We wear your colors true.
Now shaped and prepared by Clayton State,
We are ready for our future.

O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking through our unfolding lives,
We take you on the path,
Knowing that the years will change us,
And your standard will remain.

O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.



Congratulations!!

Through your passion, tenacity, and initiative, you have officially joined the ranks of more than 30,000 members worldwide in the mighty Laker Alumni community!

Now, it's time to show your Laker Spirit by taking the next step: becoming an official member of the Clayton State University Alumni Association.

As a new graduate, you'll enjoy exclusive benefits, including:

- A discounted membership rate
- Savings on Continuing Education courses
- Special rates at the Health and Fitness Facilities
- Periodic discounts at the Loch Shop
- And more exciting perks to come!

Membership also connects you to opportunities for networking, volunteering, mentoring, and celebrating your Laker pride at alumni-focused events.

Take the next step today—visit www.clayton.edu/alumni/membership or scan the QR code and join your alumni community!



Your Voice Matters!
Scan the QR code to complete the Fall 2024 Graduate Survey and share your experience with us!



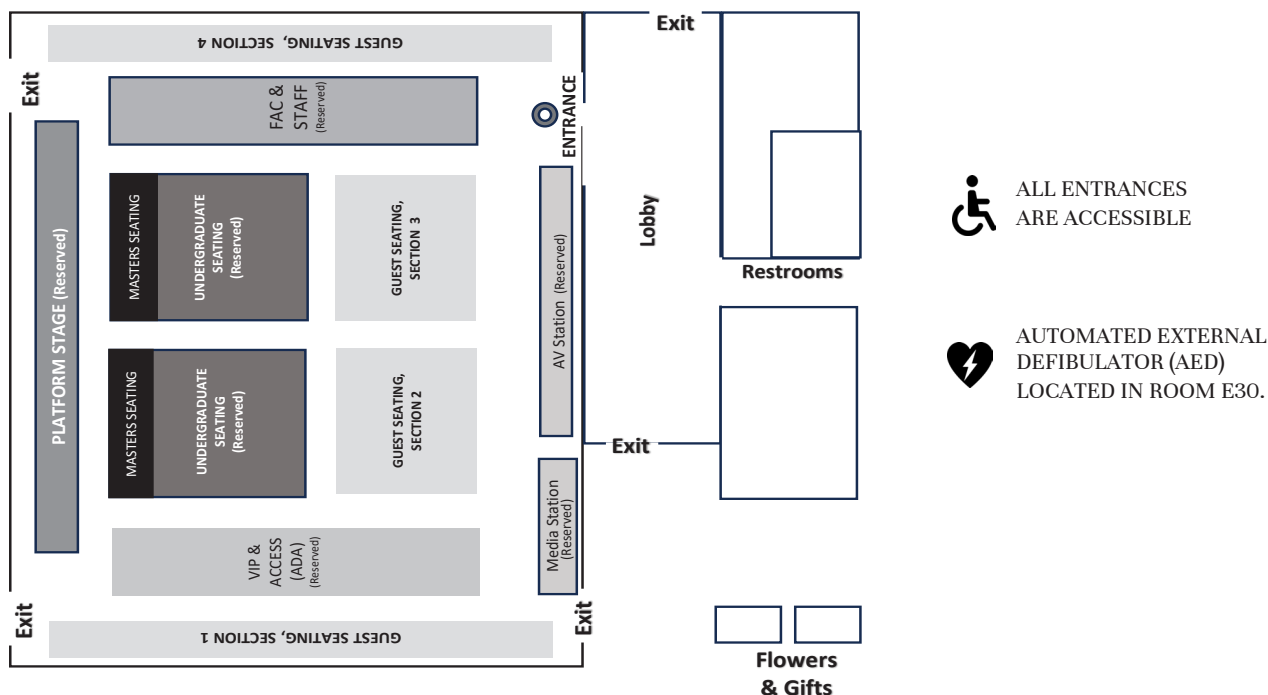
Go Lakers!



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ATHLETIC CENTER MAP AND FACILITIES INFORMATION



AMBULANCE

An ambulance will be stationed in lot B, near the east end close to the Athletic Center.

EMERGENCY EXITS

In case of emergency, please proceed to the nearest exit in an orderly manner.

FLOWERS AND GIFTS

Flowers, CSU logo items, and diploma frames are available at the concession cart outside the Athletics Center before and after each ceremony. CSU logo items and diploma frames are 15% off at the concession cart only, Dec. 6-7, 2024.

GUEST ASSISTANCE

Ushers are available for assistance and information.

LOST AND FOUND

For lost and found items, please contact the Office of Public Safety, Edgewater Hall, Room 207, 678-466-4050.

NO ENTRY/NO EXIT

No entry/ no exit will be permitted into the Athletic Center 15 minutes prior to the start of commencement in preparation of processia exercise.

PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will take a photo of the graduates as they cross the stage. Please do not approach the stage area for personal photos as this can disrupt the flow of the ceremony and obstruct the view of others.

PROGRAM

A PDF of this Commencement program is available at clayton.edu/commencement

PUBLIC SAFETY

Officers will be stationed inside the Athletics building and outside in the circle area.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are indicated on the map.

SMOKING

Smoking and tobacco use are not permitted on campus.