



Commencement

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Saturday, March 22

Valdosta State University

THE VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY MACE

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

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

The Valdosta State University Alumni Association commissioned Hollis Barnett, VSU associate professor of art, to design and sculpt the mace. It was presented to VSU President Hugh C. Bailey at commencement ceremonies on June 12, 1994.

The mace will be carried by the faculty marshal for ceremonial occasions.

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

is a unit of the University System of Georgia and was established as an institution of higher learning in 1906. The City of Valdosta donated 60 acres of land for a campus, and the first building erected was Converse Hall. The institution officially opened in 1913 and was called South Georgia State Normal College for young ladies.

An Act of the Legislature in 1922 changed the name to Georgia State Woman's College, and authorized a four-year program leading to the bachelor's degree. The Board of Regents made the college co-educational in 1950 and changed the name to Valdosta State College. In 1993, the institution became Valdosta State University.

Valdosta State University has over 9,700 students in more than 100 degree programs, maintaining a student to faculty ratio of 24-1 with 475 highly qualified and motivated faculty. Many are authorities in their field. The student population represents forty-eight states and fifty countries. The university offers pre-professional and cooperative education courses, as well as evening programs and continuing education. Degrees are offered at all levels, from the associate to the doctorate.

The University consists of two major campus areas located less than a mile apart, along with numerous satellite facilities. In all, more than 45 buildings house the varied activities of the University. Main Campus buildings are in Spanish Mission architecture, while those on North Campus are in a modified form of Georgian architecture.

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Just as throughout the university career the student is urged to become involved to a degree in extracurricular activities, he or she is also reminded that they are important to the institution in the years after leaving Valdosta State University.

The Valdosta State University Alumni Association strives to promote the welfare of the University and its alumni by increasing interest of its members in the University and in each other. The annual meeting of the Association is at Homecoming each year, and quarterly newsletters and other materials are used to keep alumni informed throughout the year. The Alumni Association has no dues, but urges Alumni to participate in the Annual Fund Drive to further the Association's programs of scholarship and the betterment of the institution.

HONOR GRADUATES

CUM LAUDE

Charles Randall Ardis
Tammy Rena Austin
Cynthia Lou Aycock
Christy Renee Bennett
John C. Bennett
Heather Jennifer Bergin
Sheila Michelle Canfield
April Coleene Coffee
Jensi Leigh Cone
Charles Eugene Dodd, Jr.
Erin Ann Dougherty
Sabra N.K. Harris
Melissa Kay Jackson
Stephanie N. Jordan
Melanie Anne Lee
Amanda Brooke Marchant
Janet Lynn Miller
Celeste Regina Richardson
Lennie Marie Roach
Kathryn Rives Simpson
Keith Byron Thomas
Tammie Gay Welch

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Pamela Argent Bennett
Nikki Yolanda Browning
Marianne Walsh Covington
Cari D. Creamer
Angela Vie Farmer
Jennifer Kelley Hall
Saralyn Rey Hammock
Lauren Ann Harris
Candee Jones Henry
Michael James Hoover
Victoria Marie Bitely Jens
Amy Renee Reese
Jennifer Page Rice
Melody Ann Upshaw
Stacy Lynn Watts
Jennifer Alyssa Welch

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Natalie Diane Stinson

Honor designations for students graduating this quarter are calculated as of the end of the previous quarter; however, honors appearing on the diploma and transcript will reflect all work attempted at Valdosta State University and all other institutions. Graduation with honors is calculated on the following scale (with a minimum of 90 hours in residence at Valdosta State University required):

3.50	Cum Laude
3.75	Magna Cum Laude
4.00	Summa Cum Laude

THE VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program at Valdosta State University offers students who show superior promise and high academic enthusiasm an opportunity to enhance their curricular experiences by enrolling in uniquely challenging courses sponsored by the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Fine Arts, Business Administration, and Education. Students graduating with this designation have successfully completed a minimum of 20 credit hours of Honors core courses and have taken at least two interdisciplinary seminars while maintaining a 3.0 or better university grade point average.

Arthur Hurst English
Cindy Blalock Gambill
Michael James Hoover
Lawanna Charlzette Lester

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Students expecting to complete this quarter, and listed in this program are candidates for the degree indicated. The degrees will be awarded provided all requirements are met.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Javier A. Medina
Gary Kent Neese

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCES DEGREE

Joanna Phillips Bradford
Jessica Lauren Everingham
Terrence Kevin Nolley
Kenneth Andrew Tutt

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Charles Randall Ardis
Richard Emerson Briscoe
Tracy Aleta Brown
Amy Sanders Burton
Lucretia Dionn Clayton
Todd Manning Clements
Robert Harl Coensparger
Barbara Curl
Dale Phillip Davis
Denise Marie Dejesus
Kara Michelle Frazier
Matthew Lewis Fry
Cindy Blalock Gambill
Amy Amanda Geer
Karla Frances Goforth
Karen Adrienne Green
Lisa D. Hancock
Helen Elisabeth Hardeman
Cheryl Denise Harrell
Mark Timothy Hatton
Vanessa Ruth Hopson
Latashua Lanette Hugans
Bonnie Merle Jones
Alysia Louise Mallory
James Todd Mathis
Marci Van Mathis
William Brasington McCoy
Brenda Joyce McEady
Rachel Virginia McFarland
Heather Noelle McIntosh
Robert Harrison Preston

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE (Continued)

Amy Renee Reese
Jason Andrew Riddle
Todd Jeffrey Roberson
Amanda Kay Senkbeil
Heather Deanna Sherstad
Scott Bryan Snipes
Cynthia Howell Sorrells
Marketta Rocquell Stepp
Jeremy Brandon Thomas
Louis John Trombetta
David Edward Wells
Shelley Rene Whitten
Michael Grant Woods
Margaret Ann Wright
Jenny Rebecca Young

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Everett Jason Adkins
William Mark Bateman
Richard Eliba Blasingame
Richard William Chancy
Theresa Tucker Clark
Jessica Lauren Everingham
William Jeffery Frost
Stephen Lance Funderburk
Michael James Hoover
Daniel Collier Houston
Alicia Dianne Josey
Lawanna Charlzette Lester
Vallena Ezell Moss
Trinka Vannessa Polite
Peter Samuel Schaefer
Natalie D. Stinson
Berrien William Sutton
Teresa Ann Thomas
Ceola J. Tiller
Wesley Thomas Truett

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE

Marcus Alan Ashworth
Garrick Bernard Burton
Clint Alan Bush
Rodney David Carter
Xavier Cameqwa Cleveland
Brian Christopher Davis
Andrew James Dollard
Arthur Hurst English
James Edwin Fannin
Tanya Dierdra Griffis
Joseph Chad Hamilton

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE (Continued)

Amee Lynn Howard
Linton F. Lewis
Todd Patrick McKenna
Lionel Bernard Rozier
Corey Jermaine Strickland
David Marshall Thomas
Kevin Paul Thomas

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Dave Charles Bult
Jennifer Joan Cox
Susan Jeanette Hoar
Kenneth Reese Houchins
Kenneth Lamar James
Donald Mills

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

Mary Regina Anderson
Maurissa Lynne Anderson
Charles Randall Ardis
Buffie Arrington
Tammy Guernsey Austin
Deborah Ann Bailey
Kristie Ann Bartels
Brandy Jo Bennett
Christy Renee Bennett
Jennifer June Bennett
John C. Bennett
Pamela Argent Bennett
Lennie Marie Bius
James Carlton Burkhalter
Cassandra Allegra Caesar
Margaret Willis Campbell
Sheila Michelle Canfield
Judy Ann Carter
Roxie Cheryl Carter
Sonja W. Christopher
Sheta Vachelle Coachman
Tracey Paulette Cobb
April Coleene Coffee
Jensi Leigh Cone
Lisa D. Coon
Marianne Walsh Covington
Stanley D. Cowart
Debra Carter Cox
Laura Ann Coyle
Cari Dixon Creamer

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
EDUCATION DEGREE (Continued)**

Natalie Aurena DeFoor
Ralph Smith DeLoach
Erin Ann Dougherty
Shirley R. Drew
Tasha Lakara Evans
Angela Pollock Farmer
Mary Grace Fleming
Rebecca Lynn Fleming
Quincy Leemont Fortson
Jennifer Ann Fulmer
Erica Nicole Gay
Lacarra Charlette Godfrey
Stephanie Nicole Gregory
Holly Elizabeth Griner
Heather Michelle Guyer
Jennifer Kelley Hall
Michael A. Hammack
Saralyn Rey Hammock
Mary Eleanor Harrell
Melanie Ann Harris
Sabra Keen Harris
Simone Bizzard Harrison
Ruth A. Heinzman
Candee Jones Henry
Eva Maria Hickox
Janice Gail Highnote
Amy Shealy Holt
Amy Lynn Hopper
Timothy Stephen Huff
Melissa Kay Jackson
Willie Russell Jackson
Kathie Dunivan Jefferies
Deloris Ann Jenkins
Victoria L. Killingsworth
Natalie Virginia Knight
Melissa L. Kowieski
Joan T. Lamb
Kristin Michelle Lane
Marcia Reynolds Lang
Caroline Lindsey Lawton
Melanie Anne Lee
Anna Elizabeth Lewis
Anna Phillips Lineberger
Martha Michele Maley
Amanda Brooke Marchant
Ronald John Matthews
Sharon Lee Maxwell
Tracy Leigh Maxwell
Janet Brown McClellan
Holly Michelle McDonald
April Renee McKinnon
William Christopher Miller
Elizabeth Katherine Myatt
Dale B. Nifong
Deborah T. Pace
Cynthia Ann Plageman

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
EDUCATION DEGREE (Continued)**

Erica D. Renshaw
Rhonda Renee Reynolds
Jennifer Page Rice
Celeste Cornelius Richardson
Debra D. Robinson
Kristie Joellen Russ
Debra Dufour Ryan
Laurie Lynn Schenck
Kimberley Ivy Schramm
Kristi Lea Sheffield
Kathryn Rives Simpson
Marie Shaw Sims
Chad Eric Smith
Serena Oldfield Smith
Mary Johnson Stevens
Kamtat Edward Tammachat
Carlita Deshawn Taylor
Kalista Lasha Taylor
Andrea K. Thigpen
Arthur Jack Thomas
Melanie Lynette Thomas
Elizabeth Campbell Thompson
Cynthia Walden Thrift
Crystal Hancock Tillman
Amy Diane Tootle
Stephen Lee Trantham
Grace Ophelia Untalan
Melody Ann Upshaw
Carliss Marie Walker
Roanna T. Walker
Erin Adele Wallauer
Stacy Drew Watts
Leigh Anne Weekley
Tammie G. Welch
Angela Paige White
Samantha Elyse Williams

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH
FITNESS DEGREE**

Cynthia Lou Aycock
Jennifer Lynette Barr
Thomas J. Macera
Kelly Danielle Pitchon

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION DEGREE**

Tangela Tanette Adams
Patricia Ellene Atkinson
Loyola K. Bailey
Brittain Ellington Baxter

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION DEGREE (Continued)**

Traci K. Bryan
Bonnie Belinda Burnam
Jennifer Brooke Burnam
Patrick Fitzgerald Carley
Heidie Nicole Cottles
Van Jason Crews
Susan Kathleen Daniels
Charles Eugene Dodd
Robert Paul Fitzgerald
Danielle Denise Flantroy
Leslie Shannon Garrett
John Clifton Gaylard
Tina Florence George
Ronald Chadwick Griffin
Sheryl Norman Hall
Jerry Clark Harden
Elizabeth Mary Harder
Thomas Edward Harris
Kenneth Earl Hayes
Yancey Scott Howell
Kevin Wayne Hutcheson
Derrick Dion Jenkins
Victoria Bitely Jens
Shewanda M. Jones
Stephanie Nicole Jordan
Donald Merlin Kramer
Dawn Kitrell Lowd
Anthony Robert Mahler
Chad William Mallon
Stephen James Martin
Joseph Matchett
Christian Ulf Mattfolk
John Franklin McCrae
Beverly Brown McDevitt
Shellie Rebecca Merchant
Janet Lynn Miller
Jimmy Michael Miller
Timisha I. Padilla
Sean Garrett Pender
Lydia Damaris Pennamon
Julia Mills Phillips
Sherry Lynn Purvis
Edsel Roberts
Michael Shane Shook
Gareth A. Smith
Anita Shepherd Sperling
Lloyd Frank Stroud
Jessica Roberts Sumner
Keith Byron Thomas
Jeannette Lynn Underwood
Uylonda Michelle Wesley
Stephanie Dale Willis
Kevin Larry Wimberly
Jack Stephen Woodham

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Mitzi Dawn Albritton
Andrew Charles Brindger
William Carlson Crawford
James Emory Fowler
Thameka Shavey Miller
Patricia Ann Pressley
Anthony Stuart Roy
Lucy Linda Spencer
Kerry Anne Walsh
Jennifer Alyssa Welch

BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

Lauren Ann Harris

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

Heather J. Bergin
Angela Michele Booth
Jessica LaSharon Brown
Nikki Yolanda Browning
Barbara Ann Carter
Melissa Newell Carter
Robert Michael Carter
Andrew Warren Davis
Lisa Lou Ehlenbeck
Kimberly Tucker Gordon
Ronald Boyd Greer
Jeralin Grubbs
Julie Howell Hollis
Holly Hodges Hutto
Jeane Beatrice Mander
Cathy Petrease Matchett
Shay Lynn Middleton
Stacy Laverne Peak
Kristen Kay Poole
Clay Robin Pugh
Judson Aubrey Rhodes
Andrew Leon Thornock
Laura Carver Wallace
Kristina Perry Williams

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

William Thomas Bickley
Dawn Greenberger Courson
George Leonard Richards
Rudy Lynn Ridenbaugh
Jeffrey Lee Ryan
Teresa Crisp Williams
William Allan Woodcock

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

Deborah Marie Adams
Laura Elizabeth Armitage
Christy Seay Bell
Denise Searcy Bell
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Felecia G. Bennett
Brooke Jourolmon Berryman
Jennifer Leigh Blankenship
Robin Faye Braswell
Sharon Linette Burke
Stephanie Elizabeth Buttner
Daydra Dee Cain
Deborah Elizabeth Carlton
Nancy Kay Carpenter
Laura L. Cowart
Sarah Elizabeth Cravey
Teresa Leigh Denmark
Staci Bargainnier Dixon
Sheila Kathleen Doyle
Stephen Ray Dunn
Kathryn Elaine Eckdahl
Kendall Arnolis Epperson
Rebecca Smith Epperson
Teresa Mabus Estes
Lora Anne Foster
Jeffrey Lynn Garber
Carol Skelton Greene
Kristi Dawn Greene
Shannon Dale Griffin
Sharon Baldwin Griner
Stephen Mark Hafer
Paula Harden
Willie Sheffield Harper
Nancy Clark Heath
Carla Lee Henderson
Shelly Deann Herndon
Maurice Sands Herrin
Marsan Hodge Hewett
Carla Charen Hobbs
Nell Tate Hodges
Frankie Dorina Holcomb
Melissa Ann Holton
Angela Stephens Hornbuckle
Tara Lee Jowers
Deborah Gwynn Joyce
Bobbie Ruark Key
Leigh Ann Kirkland
Nicole Lavoie Lavoie
Alan Clay Lee
Melessia Shea Lord
Julie Horton Lutz
Shellie Morgan May
Heather Brown McClaren
Kelly Kennedy McConnell
Shannon Kellie McDaniel

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

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Tasha Devor Milledge
Amy Gaston Moore
Jacklyn Williams Moore
Gina Renee Morgan
Carrie Lyn Morris
Pamela Ann Morrison
Kelli Lynn Mullis
John Tom Newton
Crystal Starling Powell
Lynette Dixon Powers
Ramona Warren Rambo
Anjana Reddy
Susan Cauley Rowell
Michael B. Sheppard
James Larry Smith
Melissa Dawn Smith
Tamla Sybrina Smith
Carolyn Smith Steverson
Patricia Durmeyer Suggs
Virginia Naples Suty
Cynthia Delane Tanner
Leslie Sprouse Tanner
Linda Lasure Trevisol
Kelly Michelle VanWyck
Veronica Jane Vazquez
Jennifer Elizabeth Wall
Donna Kay Weaver
Margaret Floyd White
Melissa Stebbins White
Amy Kaye Williams
Kimberly Ann Williams
Robyn Melissa Willingham
Debra M. Woods
Lesley A. Wright
Jane Callahan Youmans

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE

Renee Denise Jenkins

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

Helen Herrin Chaney
Susan Staton Erwin
Shirley Buchanan Sasser
Deborah Jean Sauls
Maura Conaly Schlairet

EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREE

Veronica Graydon
Kathleen Joyce Howard
Darrel Simon May
Lynn Baell McCoy
Caroline Cherrie NeSmith-Elkins
Anne Marie Peterson
Rebecca Karen Richardson
Djuana Armstrong Smith
Renee Wimberly West
Sylvia Tyler Wiese

THE DIVISION OF AEROSPACE STUDIES

The following cadet completing the Professional Officer Course, Reserve Officer Training Corps at the end of the quarter will be awarded a commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force provided all requirements are met.

Heather Jennifer Bergin

THE CODE OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

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

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

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

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

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

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



ALMA MATER

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

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

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

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

Words by Helen Allen Thomas '21 and Evelyn Brown '24. Music by Dr. John Huxford, Professor Emeritus of Music. Arranged for orchestra by Ed Barr, Valdosta State University, Assistant Professor of Music.

