



# Commencement

## 1997

Saturday, August 23

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.

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

August 23, 1997  
10:00 a.m.  
Physical Education Complex

Hugh C. Bailey, President  
Presiding

## **\*The Processional**

**Pomp and Circumstance** Edward Elgar  
March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39

Margaret H. Roberts, Organ

The Student Brass Quintet

Darvin K. McRoy, Trumpet

Trent R. Hayes, Trumpet

Matthew W. Deal, Horn

John R. Emerson, Trombone

Franklin Lee Collins, Trombone

Kenyon Wilson, Assistant Professor  
Director

## **\*The Meditation**

Raymond F. Devery  
Assistant to the President  
for Institutional Advancement

## **Special Recognitions**

Gerald A. Williams  
President, Student Government Association

Dennis W. Marks  
Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate

## **Induction of Graduates into the Valdosta State University Alumni Association**

Terry G. Frederiksen  
Director, Alumni Relations

Jerome J. Register, M.Ed., '83 and '86  
President, Alumni Association

## **Announcement of Senior Honors**

Lloyd W. Benjamin, III  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

## **Commissioning**

The Division of Aerospace Studies  
Lt. Col. Alphonso Howell

## **The Presenting of Candidates for Degrees**

The College of Arts and Sciences	Mary K. Corbitt Assistant Dean
The College of Education	Floyd D. Toth Dean
The College of Business Administration	Kenneth L. Stanley Dean
The College of the Arts	Lanny Milbrandt Dean
The College of Nursing	MaryAnn B. Reichenbach Dean
The Graduate School	Ernestine H. Clark Dean

## **The Conferring of Degrees**

Hugh C. Bailey

### **\*Alma Mater**

The Audience

Led by Lynn A. Corbin

Associate Professor of Music

### **\*The Recessional**

**The Triumphal March**

from Aida

Verdi

Margaret H. Roberts

The Student Brass Quintet

**\*The audience will please stand.**

**Registrar**

Martha F. Reynolds

**Faculty Marshal**

Joseph A. Tomberlin

### **Assistant Faculty Marshals**

Ronald L. Barnette

John H. Curtis

W. Kent Moore

L. Wayne Plumly

Thomas M. Reed

C. Robert Tucker

Sandra D. Walker

## HONOR GRADUATES

### CUM LAUDE

Jayson Blaine Anderson  
Stacy Leanne Booth  
Fredrick E. Carpenter  
Lori Williams Davis  
Jeffrey L. Eby  
Lowell Fortune  
Jeannie Renee Hall  
Donna Lynn Lovingood  
Kelly Ann McCullar  
Lloyd Franklin Shaddix  
Jodi Lee Weiner  
Rebecca Anne Wells

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Amanda Marie Gunter  
Cindy M. Spann

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Nathalie Nissa Cora von Taaffe

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):

<b>3.50</b>	<b>Cum Laude</b>
<b>3.75</b>	<b>Magna Cum Laude</b>
<b>4.00</b>	<b>Summa Cum Laude</b>

## **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.

Stanley Anthony Gray  
John Ian Wood

## **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**

LaTasha Denise Fuller  
Karen Denise Orridge  
Kathryn J. Whipple

### **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCES DEGREE**

Sherry G. Baker  
Linda L. Booth  
Edward Ronald Cannington  
Shannon L. Harrell  
Carol McMichen Jeter  
Tanya Elaine Koenemann

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

Laurel Varina Alexander  
Ronda E. Allen  
Jayson Blaine Anderson  
Angelia F. Beecher  
Rhett A. Bergwall  
Sharonda Michelle Boggs  
Marionette Bohannon  
Jeffery Lynde Booth  
Johnny Brian Brown  
Efren Buenrostro  
Stephanie Chilane Burton  
Derrick A. Cain  
Lisa LaDale Chaney  
Nancy Adrienne Clements  
Barry Michael Cohen  
Elmo Daniels, Jr.  
Jennifer D. Dean  
Jody A. Della Donna  
Jennifer Ruth Dickson  
Freddie Jerome Donaldson  
Theresa Austin Donaldson  
Jeffrey Edward Dorman  
Kendrick Germont Dyer  
Lisa Nicole Felts  
Terrance Floyd  
Melinda Fay Friddell



**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
DEGREE (Continued)**

Brenda H. Griffin  
Jeannie Renee Hall  
Tracey Yvonne Harris  
Yasmine Latrice Harrison  
Christopher Edward Honeycutt  
Kelly Pierce Hritz  
La'Tashua Lanette Hugans  
Marsha Ann Jackson  
Shmyra C. Johnson  
Jeffery Scott Kennedy  
Heather Lynn Lain  
Huey Carlton Lane, III  
Benjamin Charles Maddox  
Lori Marie Mathis  
Kelly Ann McCullar  
Todd Patrick McKenna  
Chasidy Anne McKown  
Robert McNorton  
Ashlee D. McRae  
Jeffrey Edward Merry, Jr.  
Jason Elliott Morris  
Roger Wayne Naylor  
Lavertt Ogden, Jr.  
Anetia Lavette Ports  
Amy Elizabeth Prats  
Patricia Ann Rennspies  
Anita Seton Rizzi  
Matthew Richard Roth  
John Roger Rowell  
Cindy Ann Rowland  
Colleen J. Roycroft  
Lionel Bernard Rozier  
Danielle Estee Schmidt  
Wanda L. Sirmans  
Travis Maurice Spencer  
Jennifer Logan Stempson  
Joyclyn Francine Stephens  
Laura Beth Suber  
Angela Dawn Teixeira  
Juwarn Denise Varner  
Karen Diane Verdon  
Nathalie Nissa Cora von Taaffe  
Amy Lynn Wade  
Roger Dale Watson, Jr.  
Evelyn Michelle White  
Stephanie Lynne Wilder  
Gerald Arnett Williams  
Kevin Paul Williams  
Melissa Purvis Willis

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

Gordon Mathis Armstrong  
Zandra Basley  
Tiffany Nicole Burgman  
Kelli Amanda Christopher  
James Albert Crum, Jr.  
Christopher Melvin Davis  
Brett Edward Guterman  
Marcia A. Hammack  
Roger Dale Haston  
Robin Renae Hiers  
Jerry Woodrow Hill  
Gwendolyn Lafaye Marshall  
Patrice O. Oates  
David Lloyd Rozier  
Teresa Ann Thomas  
John Christopher Vaughan  
Katherlene Eugenia Walker-McGee  
Angela Michelle Williams

## **BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE**

Jana K. Baker  
Bradley William Brown  
Michael Lynn Brown  
Fredrick E. Carpenter  
Casey Cole Corbin  
Kiska Dennis  
Kathy Mary Failor  
Lowell Fortune  
Maxine Ellis Griner  
Janice Hamilton Hare  
Patrachia Chandra Kelly  
Douglas Wayne McDonald  
Barbara Smith Ryles  
Glennis Smith

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE**

Ronald Mark Alligood  
Stacy Leanne Booth  
Ricky Wallace Bradford  
Nancy Leigh Byrd  
Shane Milan Dular  
Ronnie Lee Dunn  
Lori Anne Gibbs  
Angela Rene' Gordon  
Patricia Ann Grimes  
Alicia Dawn Hartley  
Donn Wilfred Haviland  
Roy R. King

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

Robert Dewayne Mason  
Christie Irene McLendon  
Louann L. Overstreet  
Stephen Douglas Potts  
Lloyd Franklin Shaddix  
Brooke McCracken Shelfer  
Harristina Natalie Sires  
Richard Dee St. Amour  
Stephen Lee Trantham  
Anthony Lee Wright

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH FITNESS DEGREE**

Michael Lee Edwards  
Daryl Greenan  
Sheila Warrenette Jacobs  
Kristine Michelle Neufeld  
Kevin Dewayne Stephens  
Jodi Lee Weiner

## **BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE**

Larry Albert Allen, Jr.  
Denise Hardwick Bell  
Christine Marie Bortle  
Barry Lyn Carter  
Lisa M. Clark  
Angela Jill Collins  
Jack Tyler Cribbs  
Maria Elaine Crow  
Jeffrey Warren Cutrer  
Charles R. Darby, Jr.  
Lori Williams Davis  
Ronald Lee Dixon  
Jeffrey L. Eby  
Christina Louise Evans  
Gregory Wade Gaumond  
Stanley Anthony Gray  
Eugenia Ramona Guess  
Amanda Marie Gunter  
Darrell Evan Hall  
Delana Gail Harper  
Samuel Adam Horsley  
Jonathan James Howell  
Archie Clint Inman  
Jerri Thigpen James  
Diann Homer Jenkins  
Walter Kenneth Jones, Jr.  
Stanley Douglas Longsworth, Jr.

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

Michael Lee McDaniel  
Tamekai Vashon Mills  
Lhackdon Dolkar Nepali  
Russell John Oropallo  
Rhonda Shanell Payton  
Shannon Marie Peed  
Lee Jason Pickett  
Clarence Polite  
James Ryan Rice  
Jeffrey Neil Rochester  
Heather Elaine Rogers  
Crystal Lashan Ross  
Larry Wayne Royal  
Rebecca D. Rumker  
Freddie Lee Sanford  
Chester Scott Smith  
Chad LaGrant Starling  
Joshua Travis Tillman  
Kimberly Shiver Towson  
Michael Dallas Travelstead  
Joe Frank Ussery  
Christopher Scott Watson  
Rebecca Anne Wells  
Matthew Kevin Wheeler  
Commenthia Michelle Williams  
James Nathaniel Wilson, Jr.  
Jennifer Renee Wilson  
Wendy Evette Wise  
John I. Wood  
Angelynn McMahan Young  
Deven D. Young

**BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE**

Lori Montez Culpepper  
Julia Amanda Danforth  
Heather Renee Hall  
Lucille LaVerne Haynes  
Misty L. Hudson  
Yolanda Nichelle Jones  
Dwynell Lee Mitchell  
Brian Akerman Pearson  
Patricia Elena Poulos  
Danielle Kristen Riley  
Thomas Artice Simpson  
Ronnie Leroy Smith  
Ross Eric Vaughn  
Kimberly Ann Wiglesworth  
Angelo Maurice Williams

## **BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE**

Marla Ann Mashburn  
Amy Marie Mason

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE**

Susan Elaine Bryan  
Henry Napier Burkes  
Beverly A. Carter  
Tamara Rogers Dennis  
Kathryn Ann Slezak Goebelbecker  
Leslie Rogers Harvey  
Christina Ann Kline  
Sara Samantha Knox  
Donna Lynn Lovingood  
Judith Anne McFadden  
Barbara Denise Pittman  
Sandra Lynn Porter  
Cindy M. Spann  
Jackie H. Springer  
Betty Karen Steverson  
Jean Davis Stroud

## **MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE**

Michael Benjamin David Croom  
Charles Steven Ellis  
Megan Leigh Kelly  
Laura Leanne NeSmith  
Roy Kenneth Pace, II  
David Mitchell Paulk, II  
Alexander Culbreth Tillman

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

Sherri Joan Belvin  
Herbert Bernard Blades  
Donna J. Brzezienski  
Mark Anthony Cook  
Christi Leigh Donald  
Willie Edward Flowers, Jr.  
Doretha Day Myers  
Valerie Joan Rollins  
Omar Flores Taveras  
Jerry Garnett Thomas  
Alfes Joseph Thompson, Jr.  
Barbara Jean Yentzer

## **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE**

Yoonsun Choe  
Daniel Eugene Crocker  
Pearl Margaret Ellis  
Kelley Lynn Fonville  
Juan Vicente Hernandez  
Marcus M. Jordan  
Ginger Michelle Beaty King  
Darryl Eugene Knight  
Daniel Webster Simpson, III

## **MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE**

Joan Delaney Adams  
Mark O. Adams  
Mary Palmer Adams  
Phyllis Urda Argo  
Dee Ann Bailey  
Eugene Walter Baker, III  
Dennis Jason Bell  
Sharon Hart Bennett  
Cheri Bentley  
Muriel B. Bentley  
Allison Lynne Brett  
Fadwa Delaria Brown  
Scarlet Lea Cassel  
Andrea Lynn Chapman  
Tammy Michelle Cowart  
Theresa A. Curran  
Robert Lee Davis, Jr.  
Ollie James Dixon  
Teresa Gunter Dixon  
Jeanne Langley Dykes  
Tonya Dover Evans  
Cassandra Morris Faulk  
Donalyn Barfield Garrick  
Christa Conner George  
Kevin A. Giddens  
Nathalie Madelaine Graf  
Gregory Ryan Gravitt  
Patricia A. Griner  
David Leon Grooms, Jr.  
Steven Lee Hankla  
Phyllis Maria Harris  
Ashley Ann W. Harvard  
Alvin Pierce Henderson  
Edith Diana Henderson  
Diane Evans Hewett  
Mary Ann Hickman  
David James Hicks  
Christine W. Hiers  
Diane Register Hiers

## MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

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Patricia Ewing Hobbs  
Mary Grace Hobby  
Vicki Rae Howard  
Maceo Howell, Jr.  
Janice H. Hughes  
Inez Moore Hyers  
Pamela M. Irvin  
Gregory Edmond Jacobs  
Linda Holmes Jaramillo  
Elizabeth Ann Johnston  
Joy Patricia Joiner  
Allyson Akridge Jones  
Bernetta Jones  
Martha Corine Jones  
Regina D. Jordan  
John Karew  
Michelle Ballard Kennedy  
James Cox Kilpatrick  
Ocie Page King  
Amy Claire Knight  
Sarah Elizabeth Laverty  
Edward John Leasure  
Patricia Ann Lee  
Angela Bridges Livingston  
Cristie Michelle Lowe  
Cindy Lynn Lyons  
Larry Wayne Maffit  
Laura Ann Major  
Jennifer Loome Marion  
Cathi Svani Martin  
Lyn F. Martin  
Kellie Davis McCoy  
Charlotte Ann McDonald  
Diane McHughes  
Jana Lee Miller  
Kathleen Gordon Moody  
Judith Ellen Moore  
Janet Moore-Cooks  
Gary Edmond Morton, Jr.  
Kimberly Scarborough Moxley  
Cathy Shadrick Myers  
Sheila Lee Nichols  
Kathryn Fleming Pate  
Sue Ellen Patterson  
Harriet Diane Peacock  
Kimberly Perry  
Deborah Manning Peters  
Stephanie Mary Pinto  
Myan Merriman Rayburn  
James Thomas Rehberg  
Carla Bray Ricketson  
Dara Kay Rihm  
Dawn Frances Sampson

## **MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE**

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Steven Jeffery Shealey  
Melissa Kay Shields  
Mary Miller Sims  
Harry Anthony Smith  
Lori C. Smith  
Tamla Sybrina Smith  
Linda Michelle Spell  
William Lee Stafford  
Lori Kathleen Stello  
Amelie Evelyn Tanner  
Lara Bush Taylor  
Margaret Owens Taylor  
Jill St. Laurent Thomas  
Gina Elizabeth Tomlinson  
Brian Harvey Vigue  
Michael F. Walker  
Angaline Walston  
Charles A. Ward  
George Otis Ward  
Melissa Haskins Whitley  
Tamica Michele Williams  
Holly Patrice Woodard  
William Alvin Yeomans

## **MASTER OF ART EDUCATION DEGREE**

Deborah L. Barnard  
Walter Joe Hobbs

## **MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE**

Ricardo Raul Ipina

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE**

Carmen Diana Bruce  
Cheryl Virginia Chaney  
Karen Sue Dunn  
Karen Elaine Gatliff-Holley  
Alison Sue Hartzog  
Teresa Wells Johnson  
JoAnne Marie Price  
Gina Lynn Sheffield  
Rhonda Sherrod  
Sheila Johnson Vannier



## **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE**

Stephanie Rae Tanner

## **EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREE**

Cecelia Martin Bailey  
Samuel Clemons  
Irene Hughes Crowder  
Mary Elizabeth Deen  
Jennifer Blair Funderburk  
Bernetta Jones  
Gnann Alvarez Moser  
Shirley Jane Nafe  
Margaret Alderman Northcutt  
Sidney O'Steen  
Tonie Pollock Parrish  
Paulette Holt Pittman  
Lynn Eunice Pritchett  
Brenda Rackley Register  
David Lee Ronn  
Penny Sanders  
Bari L. Sims  
Wanda Conger Veazey  
Rhea Nichols Wagahoff  
Charles Fred Whitfield  
Melinda Ann Wright  
Lillie Thornton Zackery  
LaTasha Denise Fuller  
Karen Denise Orridge  
Kathryn J. Whipple

## **THE DIVISION OF AEROSPACE STUDIES**

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

Michael L. Brown  
Lowell Fortune  
Matthew R. Roth  
Jeremy B. Thomas

## 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 brass  
quintet by Kenyon D. Wilson.

