

2025

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Whether you made the decision to continue your education to increase your earning potential, expand your career options, or to simply fulfill your personal commitment of earning a degree, you will be personally and professionally rewarded for your diligence.

**“All who have accomplished great things have had great aim,
have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high,
one which sometimes seemed impossible.”**

Orison Swett Marden

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

May 30, 2025

National Anthem..... "The Star Spangled Banner"
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Invocation..... CMSgt. (Ret) Dr. Nathaniel (Mike) Perry

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Greetings from the President..... Dr. Ken Styron
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Conferral of Degrees..... Dr. Janell E. Gibson
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Benediction..... CMSgt. (Ret) Dr. Nathaniel (Mike) Perry

Alumni Association Announcement..... Caroline Walters
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Mission & Vision

Mission

Columbia Southern University is a private institution that provides diverse learning experiences and affordable, flexible distance education programs at the certificate, undergraduate, and graduate levels to a global student body, delivered by qualified, student-centered faculty committed to teaching and student learning.

The university is dedicated to providing exceptional academic and student support services.

Vision

The vision of Columbia Southern University is to change and improve lives through higher education by enabling students to maximize their professional and personal potential.

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About the President

Ken Styron, DBA

Dr. Ken Styron has utilized decades of experience in higher education, business and technology to advance Columbia Southern University. Since joining the university in 2002, Dr. Styron has overseen critical areas of influence including information technology, instructional design, marketing and outreach.



Dr. Styron was appointed as president in May 2018. During this time, he has leveraged his diverse professional background and expertise in the areas of technology and development to expand CSU's mission with a unique perspective built on servant leadership and guided by innovation. He uses a student-centered approach to provide the best quality services and education to CSU's students.

One of his proudest accomplishments was leading the university's effort to achieve Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) accreditation in December 2022. This accomplishment effectively allowed Columbia Southern University to become one of the most affordable, completely online SACS-COC-accredited universities.

Dr. Styron holds a Bachelor of Science in information science from the University of South Alabama, an MBA from CSU, and a Doctor of Business Administration from Capella University. He serves on the board of directors for the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance and the board of directors for the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Mobile Area Council Boy Scouts of America Board, a role that allows him to contribute to the development of tomorrow's leaders and give back to his community.

Graduates 2025

Doctorate

Names listed alphabetically by last name.

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Doctor of Business Administration

Anna Maria Dolman

Doctor of Business Administration

Ashaki Lynsee Goodman

Doctor of Business Administration

Arthur Stuart Hill

Doctor of Business Administration

Sherian Melisha Mercy

Doctor of Business Administration

Shaundretta Seals Porter

Doctor of Business Administration

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Doctor of Business Administration

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Doctor of Business Administration

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Occupational Safety and Health

Moreo L. Jones

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Mariama Abdullah

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Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Russ Adams

Master of Science
Emergency Services Management

Sardar Agha SHAH

Master of Public Administration

Samuel Oluwaseyi Akapo

Master of Public Health
Community Health Education

Abdullah Abdulmatlob

Alahmadi
Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Brian Allen

Master of Science
Organizational Leadership

Ramez Almualla

Master of Science
Human Resources

Cheree Latazia Alsbrooks

Master of Science
Information Technology

Ty Anderson

Master of Business Administration
Health Care Management

Demarion Armon Anderson

Master of Science
Organizational Leadership

Christopher William Appleby

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Jason Arguijo

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Organizational Leadership

Ke Sherra Arnold Holmes

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Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Candy Arquiett

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Environmental Management

Tessie Asanoma

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Anthony Assa-a Binanjoh

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Richard Gordon Atkins

Master of Business Administration
Project Management

Amber Aubin

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Nikki Daddio Auger

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Public Administration

Shokoh Azizi

Master of Public Health

Joshua James Baltus

Master of Science
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Joel R. Barnes

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Gargi Basistha

Master of Business Administration
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Paloma Esther Bazile

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Human Resources

Ryan Beahm

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Heather Patrice Becker

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Finance

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Catlin Maria Biles

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Project Management

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Bui Thu Trang

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Shanekia Thomas

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Construction Safety
Magna Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

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Lynette Alexandria Smith

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Magna Cum Laude

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Fire Administration

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Magna Cum Laude

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Information Technology

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Fire Investigation
Summa Cum Laude

Brent Stegall

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Fire Administration
Fire Investigation
Summa Cum Laude

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Forensics
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Derek Stitzel

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Summa Cum Laude

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Forensics
Cum Laude

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Administration

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Cum Laude

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Administration

Aaron Anthony Treece

Bachelor of Science in Business
Administration

Stephanie Lee Trocko

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Administration
Summa Cum Laude

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Security

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Summa Cum Laude

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Administration
International Management
Magna Cum Laude

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Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration
Summa Cum Laude

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Human Resource Management
Cum Laude

Kevin Francisco Vigil

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Health Care Administration

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Magna Cum Laude

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Fire Administration
Summa Cum Laude

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Administration
Project Management
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Occupational Safety and Health

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Magna Cum Laude

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Graduation Honors

Students enrolled in bachelor level degree programs who achieve high level of academic achievement may qualify for honors if certain criteria are met. Honors are noted both on the students' diplomas and transcripts. These are designated by the terms cum laude (with distinction), magna cum laude (with high distinction), and summa cum laude (with highest distinction).

- » Summa Cum Laude (With Highest Distinction): 4.0 cumulative GPA
- » Magna Cum Laude (With High Distinction): 3.8–3.99 GPA
- » Cum Laude (With Distinction): 3.5–3.79 GPA

History of the Commencement Ceremony

American institutions of higher learning conduct formal ceremonies to signal the achievements of their students and award the appropriate degrees earned at the conclusion of the prescribed study. This action of taking the degree, as well as the designation of the day itself, is Commencement.

While there are various explanations for the term Commencement, the most likely is that centuries ago the bachelor, originally the apprentice, began his apprenticeship upon that day. With the degree of M.A. and Ph.D., the masters and doctors commenced their work upon the day their degrees were conferred.

Pomp and Circumstance

Often played during the processional and recessional during the Commencement ceremony, "Pomp and Circumstance", originally titled "Land of Hope and Glory," is derived from a line in Shakespeare's Othello, "Pride, pomp and circumstances of glorious war!" The first recorded association with commencement ceremonies is in 1905 during the Yale University ceremony.

The Academic Processional and Regalia

The academic processional that preludes the commencement ceremonies on college and university campuses is a custom dating back to the Middle Ages and bridges historical traditions with the modern era.

The processional at Columbia Southern University is led by the University Mace.

The Faculty Marshals direct the procession and guide members of the faculty, administration and students to their seats.

Another medieval tradition represented in modern commencement ceremonies is the academic regalia. In origin, the gown may have simply been a type of overcoat to protect the teacher from the cold in unheated buildings; the cut or style seemingly derived from ecclesiastical attire. It has usually been black. The gowns of associates, bachelors and masters were usually without trimmings, whereas those of doctors are faced down the front with velvet and adorned with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The master's gown has pointed sleeves which reach nearly to the knees, while the associates and bachelor's gown has plain, straight sleeves.

The cap or "mortarboard" may have come from the square cap worn by the masons of the Middle Ages, or perhaps was suggested by the shape of the scholar's books. Attached to a button atop the mortarboard is a tassel. The tassel is worn on the left side by those who have received a degree.

The hood, a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree; the colors of the lining are those of the college or university by which the degree was granted. The length of the hood is correspondingly longer with each higher degree.



The Columbia Southern University Academic Seal

The Columbia Southern University seal is the official hallmark of the university. It is comprised of iconographic symbols of a radiant sun, an upright torch and an open book enveloped within a shield and cradled by a wreath of laurel. The sun, with its extending rays, embodies life and strength, while the book is an emblem of learning and knowledge. The inflamed torch represents enlightenment, while its upright orientation symbolizes the power of intellectual regeneration. The surrounding shield defends and preserves knowledge and the laurel wreath is universally recognized as a symbol of victory and triumph. The combination of these emblems represents scholastic awakening and the attainment of wisdom.

The appearance of the university seal lends authority and authenticity to its bearer and is used exclusively by the president and provost for formal and official academic occasions.

The Processional Mace

Once a familiar weapon in medieval combat, the mace evolved over time into a symbol of authority and became associated with the pride of a nation and its origins. Later, the mace was adopted by universities as a symbol of the power of the academic pursuit of wisdom and truth. It is carried in academic processions to bring authority to ceremonial occasions and to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegiate community.

CSU's processional mace was commissioned in 2018 in honor of the university's 25th anniversary. The modest oak staff, standing 45 inches in height, is adorned with bronze finials at the head and foot. Its quadrilateral crown showcases four cast bronze medallions bearing the university seal. A cloisonné inlay of navy blue encompasses the university name along the outer ring of the seal.

The processional mace is carried in all formal processions of the University. The mace is carried by the faculty chair and leads the processional.

The Presidential Medallion

The tradition of a symbol of office is rooted in the colorful life of towns in the Middle Ages. The symbol of communal harmony was the mayor, who at his investiture was given a chain with a medallion that represented all the guilds working together for the welfare of the town. In the medieval university, the chief official held authority similar to that of the mayor in civil society. Thus, he, too, was honored with a medallion, but his consisted of insignia of all the colleges and universities.

The presidential medallion is the official symbol of the office of the president of Columbia Southern University and is donned by the president when academic apparel is worn at formal academic celebrations.

The presidential medallion of Columbia Southern University was commissioned in 2018 for the inauguration of CSU's third president. The medallion is made of sterling silver and depicts the academic seal of Columbia Southern University. Included in the chain are engraved components depicting the presidential history of the University.



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