

2023



VIRTUAL
Commencement

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



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Your graduation from Columbia Southern University symbolizes the years of hard work and determination you have committed to successfully completing your degree program. Online education requires the highest level of self-discipline and motivation. You must be an independent thinker and have full dedication to the end result—achieving your dreams of higher education.

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

June 9, 2023

National Anthem..... “The Star Spangled Banner”
U.S. Army Band

Invocation..... Dr. Lee Barnett
*Vice Provost, Student Affairs, Continuing Education,
and Strategic Academic Partnerships*

Welcome..... Dr. Janell Gibson
Provost & Chief Academic Officer

Greetings from the Board of Trustees..... Dr. Gery C. Hochanadel
Chairman of the Board

Greetings from the President..... Dr. Ken Styron
President

Commencement Address JoAnne S. Bass, CMSAF, USAF

Conferral of Degrees..... Dr. Janell Gibson
Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Ken Styron
President

Closing Words..... Dr. Janell Gibson
Provost & Chief Academic Officer

Benediction..... Dr. Lee Barnett
*Vice Provost, Student Affairs, Continuing Education,
and Strategic Academic Partnerships*

Alumni Association..... Caroline Walters
Vice President, University Relations



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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Keynote Speaker

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public and to those in all levels of government. She serves as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of more than 600,000 Total Force Airmen. Chief Bass is the 19th chief master sergeant appointed to the highest noncommissioned officer position.

Chief Bass was raised as an Army dependent, living in several overseas and stateside



locations, prior to entering the Air Force in 1993. Throughout her career, she has held a variety of leadership positions serving at the squadron, group, wing and major command levels. She has significant joint service and special operations experience and has participated in several operations and exercises as well as deployments in direct support of Operations

SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Prior to this assignment, she served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Second Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

About the President

Ken Styron

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.



One of his proudest accomplishments was developing Omega in 2008. Omega is a custom student information software that remains integral to university operations today. He also oversaw the rebranding and creation of a new university logo and marketing initiative for CSU's 25th year anniversary in 2018. He established the integration of Quality Matters guidelines into CSU's course design process, resulting in more than 70 QM certified courses to date, as well as the Blackboard Catalyst Exemplary Awards from 2017 to 2021.

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.

Dr. Styron's tenure with CSU is a testament to his leadership style and his personal mantra "Always think one step ahead." Always thinking ahead, he uses data in all areas of his

decision-making, specifically those tied to the institution's strategic plan. He couples his knack for predicting what's next with an emphasis on relationship building to lead the university. To that end, Dr. Styron led the charge to achieve Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) candidacy in December 2021.

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 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

2023

Doctorate

Names listed alphabetically by last name.

Jeffrey William Hughes

Doctor of Business Administration

Uzei Itesa

Doctor of Business Administration

Arjun Kathayat

Doctor of Business Administration

Shanna Lindsey Knowles

Doctor of Business Administration

Wedzerayi Mashangu

Doctor of Business Administration

Luper Joseph Noah

Doctor of Business Administration

Darlene Tysinger

Doctor of Business Administration

Master's

Names listed alphabetically by last name.

Chade M. Abplanalp

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Marisol Acosta

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Caroline V. Addi

Master of Public Health
Community Health Education

Robert Amsler

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Brent Andersen

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Taylor Chantal Anderson

Master of Business Administration
Health Care Management

Amber Beth Anderson

Master of Business Administration

Pham Thi Hong Anh

Master of Business Administration

Crystal C. Anucha

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Syed Ayaz Anwar

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Keila Aponte

Master of Business Administration
Health Care Management

Taylor Lord Armour

Master of Business Administration
Project Management

Titilola Arojjoye

Master of Business Administration
Project Management

Sureshkumar Arumugam

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Aisha Dominique Askew

Master of Business Administration
Project Management

Phillip Mark Atkins

Master of Business Administration
Health Care Management

Broc Anthony Auringer

Master of Business Administration
Health Care Management

Joshua Troy Ayres

Master of Science
Emergency Services Management

Reginald Barnes

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Sara Coral Barrios

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Shawna Danielle Basey

Master of Science
Criminal Justice Administration

Kristal Dawn Baudier

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Amanda Elizabeth Baxley

Master of Business Administration
Entrepreneurship

Michael Bevel

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Amber Arnold Bey

Master of Science
Emergency Services Management

Tamika Dishel Booker

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Marlon Dewayne Briggs

Master of Science
Organizational Leadership

Dana Deidre-Leigh Brooks

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Misty Lyne Brooks

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Mitia F. Brown

Master of Business Administration

Janita L. Brown

Master of Business Administration
Finance

Bequerel Brown

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Shaterica S. Brown

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Angela Bridgette Brown

Master of Science
Criminal Justice Administration

Bruce A. Buchanon

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Bryan A. Bull

Master of Public Administration
Emergency Services Management

Jerry R. Burks

Master of Science
Organizational Leadership

Jakayla Campbell

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Anthony Paul Carmona

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Margarita Carrasco

Master of Business Administration

Britney Renee Carter-Grimes

Master of Public Administration
Criminal Justice Administration

Arthur Whitfield Chambers

Master of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Taneyia Nyese Chandler

Master of Science
Criminal Justice Administration

Hubert L. Clements

Master of Business Administration

Robert James Collins III

Master of Business Administration
Project Management

Michael Shawn Combs

Master of Science
Emergency Services Management

Jared Glenn Crain

Master of Science
Organizational Leadership

Demale Dewon Crews

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Occupational Safety and Health
Environmental Management

Deanna Lynn Crosson

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Amanda Rachel Croxell

Master of Business Administration
Human Resource Management

Keith Ellis Curry, Sr.

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Bachelor's

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Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration

Jonathan Agbenu

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Mohaiman Ali

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Information Technology

Jonathan Edward Amick

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Magna Cum Laude

Mauritania Michelle Appling

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Administration
Finance

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Bachelor of Science
Information Systems and Cyber
Security
Homeland Security

Matthew Asch

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration
Fire Investigation

Magna Cum Laude

Michael K. Asiedu

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Management
Cum Laude

Erica L. Atkinson

Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Cum Laude

Edon William Babcock

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Rebecca Mercedes Baxter

Bachelor of Science
Organizational Leadership

Maurice Bell

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Chaqueena Louella Bennett

Bachelor of Science
Human Resource Management
Magna Cum Laude

Kellie Diann Bois

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Stacey Bond

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Robert Lee Bowers III

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration
Magna Cum Laude

Cecil Bradley

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration

Antania Branch

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Management
Cum Laude

Lydia A. Brantley

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Management

Drew Brassard

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration

Michael Brindle

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Summa Cum Laude

Troy Robert Brinkerhoff

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Ashley Sheree Brown

Bachelor of Science
Information Systems and Cyber
Security

Jennifer Elise Callahan

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Management

Ralph W. Camp

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration

James DeJohn Campbell

Bachelor of Science
Information Technology

Jhobanny Isaac Candray

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration
Fire Investigation

Andria Louise Canning

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health
Magna Cum Laude

Richard Victor Carroll, Jr.

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Russell Chambers

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Tiffany Chavez

Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Avery Jude Chester, Jr.

Bachelor of Science
Organizational Leadership
Cum Laude

Prince Obiora Chime

Bachelor of Science
Psychology

Travis C. Christian

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice Administration

Samuel Kamal Clausell

Bachelor of Science
Information Systems and Cyber
Security
Summa Cum Laude

Jeremy Lee Clayton

Bachelor of Science
Environmental Management
Magna Cum Laude

Cecilia Cherie Cochran

Bachelor of Science
Health Care Administration

Betty Laverne Coleman

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration

Alison McAllister Coleman

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Project Management

Jenna Louise Collins

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration

Magna Cum Laude**Patricia Mae Collins**

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Human Resource Management

Jeffrey Michael Cormier

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration

Lisa A. Cowles

Bachelor of Science
Emergency Medical Services
Administration

Ryan J. Cowles

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

April Cox

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Management
Cum Laude

Sarah Crow

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Finance

Kashmira Yasmin Cuento

Bachelor of Science
Health Care Administration

Darrisa Fayson Daniels

Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
Finance

Richard Lenard Dickey, Sr.

Bachelor of Science
Human Resource Management

Kimberly Doctor-Johnson

Bachelor of Science
Human Resource Management

Jordan Michael Doughty

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration

Brittney Agatha Douglas

Bachelor of Science
Health Care Administration

Joseph Mark Duval, Jr.

Bachelor of Science
Fire Administration
Fire Investigation

Calli McKenzie Engelmann

Bachelor of Science
Occupational Safety and Health

Grecia B. Montes England

Bachelor of Science
Environmental Management
Magna Cum Laude

Gregorio C. Esteban, Jr.

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Information Systems and Cyber
Security
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Jason Lee Ewing

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Fire Administration

Megan Nicole Fellow

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Occupational Safety and Health
Fire Science

Christine Ferdinandus

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Occupational Safety and Health

Jesse M. Flax

Bachelor of Science
Homeland Security
Summa Cum Laude

John Paul Fogg III

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Occupational Safety and Health
Fire Science
Magna Cum Laude

Rebecca E. A. Foster

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Health Care Administration
Emergency Medical Services
Management
Magna Cum Laude

Daniel Franklin

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Criminal Justice Administration
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Deborah R. Gaines

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Health Care Administration

Gerilynn Elisa Gascon

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Criminal Justice Administration

Melissa Ann Gavin

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Environmental Management

Brandon Gill

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Psychology
Cum Laude

Cameron Janae Glover

Bachelor of Science
Criminal Justice Administration
Forensics

William L. Gordon

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Occupational Safety and Health

Carly Diane Green

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Forensics
Magna Cum Laude

Kevin Matthew Green

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Summa Cum Laude

Lindsey Nichole Green

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Organizational Leadership

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Psychology

Nicole L. Griffin

Bachelor of Science
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Administration

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Amanda Gwaltney

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Donald Carl Hackley III

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Human Resource Management
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Adam Hammond

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Information Technology

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Lisa Rena Turner

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Jean Nicole Williams

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Administration
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Fire Administration
Summa Cum Laude

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Fire Administration

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Health

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Health Information Science
Medical Coding

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Fire Science

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Health

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The logo features the year '2023' in a large, dark blue serif font. The '0' is replaced by a gold laurel wreath encircling a blue shield with white vertical stripes and a white pediment. Below the year, the word 'VIRTUAL' is in a dark blue sans-serif font, 'Commencement' is in a gold cursive script, and 'Graduation Honors' is in a dark blue sans-serif font.

2023

VIRTUAL
Commencement
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 precludes 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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Class of 2023

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY