

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

FALL
COMMENCEMENT
DECEMBER 15, 2023



CAPS AND GOWNS

Academic caps and gowns represent a tradition which has come down from the universities of the Middle Ages. They were once common forms of clothing and were retained by the clergy when the laity adopted modern dress. Early European universities were founded by the church and students were obliged to wear prescribed gowns and caps at all times.

The usual color for gowns in America is black, although some universities are gradually adopting colors representative of their institutions. Hoods are lined with the college colors and are trimmed with the color appropriate to the degree.

Caps are usually black. The tassel for the bachelor's degree may be the color distinctive of the degree. The tassel for the Doctor of Philosophy is made of gold thread.

COLOR OF TASSELS

Agriculture.....	<i>Maize</i>
Arts.....	<i>White</i>
Business	<i>Drab</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>
Engineering.....	<i>Orange</i>
Fine Arts.....	<i>Brown</i>
Family & Consumer Sciences.....	<i>Maroon</i>
Music	<i>Pink</i>
Nursing.....	<i>Salmon</i>
Public Policy & Urban Affairs.....	<i>White</i>
Sciences	<i>White</i>
Speech-Language Pathology	<i>Maize</i>
Speech-Language & Audiology.....	<i>Maize</i>
Social Work	<i>Citron</i>
Therapeutic Recreation & Leisure Studies.....	<i>Sage Green</i>
Therapeutic Recreation.....	<i>Sage Green</i>



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ORDER OF CEREMONY

Fall 2023

Dennis J. Shields

President-Chancellor of the Southern University System

Presiding

<i>Processional</i>	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	The Reverend Joe R. Gant Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Shreveport, Louisiana
<i>Anthems</i>	<i>"The Star Spangled Banner"</i> <i>"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"</i> <i>"I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee, O Lord " By: Gioachino Rossini</i> Performed by Southern University Concert Choir with Band accompaniment Directed by Professor Laurence Hebert
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	Robert René, Ph.D.
<i>Commencement Address</i>	Bishop Joseph W. Walker III, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee
<i>Presentation of Commissions</i>	Lt. Col. David Marshall Jr. <i>Professor of Military Science</i> Army ROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College
<i>Certification of Degree Candidates</i>	Luria Young, Ph.D.
<i>Awarding of Posthumous Degree</i>	Dennis J. Shields
<i>Certification of Honorary Degree</i>	Luria Young, Ph.D. Doctor of Humane Letters
<i>Conferring of Degrees</i>	Dennis J. Shields Albertha H. Lawson, Ph.D. <i>Interim Dean, Graduate School</i> Orlando F. McMeans, Ph.D.



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Environmental Sciences

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Dean, College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies

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Dean, College of Nursing and Allied Health

Patrick Carriere, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Sciences and Engineering

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Dean, Nelson Mandela College of Government and
Social Sciences

Remarks &
Acknowledgements

Dennis J. Shields

Induction into
Alumni Federation

Kendric Stewart, Ph.D.
Director, Southern University Alumni Affairs and
Executive Director, Southern University Alumni Federation

The Alma Mater

"O Southern, Dear Southern"
By R.E. Brown Jr.

Benediction

The Reverend Joe R. Gant Jr.

Recessional

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

*The following list of graduates represents the most accurate information available at publication.
The appearance of a name on this program and/or participation in the ceremony is
presumptive of graduation, but not conclusive.*



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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

Ashagre A. Yigletu, Ph.D., *Dean*

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

FALL 2023

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Monique Dannette Barconey, New Orleans

Capstone Title: *Choking Risk and Parental Food Feeding Practices in WIC Participants 11 Months to 3 Years of Age*

Capstone Advisor: Wanda Spurlock, Ph.D.

Kissley Renee Wiggins Booker, Zachary

Capstone Title: *Non-Milk Beverage Intake Patterns Among 11 Month to 4-Year-Old WIC Participants*

Capstone Advisor: Wanda Spurlock, Ph.D.

Keiuna Rasheeda Cropper-Patin, Zachary

Capstone Title: *Milk and Fruit Juice Intake Among Children 1 to 3 Years of Age Enrolled in a WIC Program*

Capstone Advisor: Wanda Spurlock, Ph.D.

Y'Annika Anjané Edwards, La'Place

Capstone Title: *Bottle Feeding Frequency and Amount Amongst Infants Newborn to 8 Months Old Participating in a WIC Program*

Capstone Advisor: Wanda Spurlock, Ph.D.

Hillary Elizabeth Ryland Gelpi, Baton Rouge

Capstone Title: *Risk for Early Childhood Dental Caries and Infants 1 to 3 Months Old Enrolled in a WIC Program*

Capstone Advisor: Ruby Sheree Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Yoshika Lalanne Croute Hayward, Mansura

Capstone Title: *Parental Weight Concerns and Meal/Snacking Patterns of WIC Participants Ages 11 Months to 2 Year*

Capstone Advisor: Wanda Spurlock, Ph.D.

Ebony Anita Harris Smith, Lafayette

Capstone Title: *Trimester and Health Promotion Practices Among African American Pregnant Women*

Capstone Advisor: Ruby Sheree Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Michelda Makeba West, Kenner

Capstone Title: *Parental Bottle Preparation Practices and Infant Formula Type Among WIC Participants Ages Newborn to 3 Months*

Capstone Advisor: Ruby Sheree Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Monique Pierre Williams, Zachary

Capstone Title: *Parity Status and Breastfeeding Duration of Postpartum Women Enrolled in a WIC Program*

Capstone Advisor: Ruby Sheree Miller, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nursing

Lanell Danine Kent-Craig, Zachary

Dissertation Title: *Lifestyle-Promoting Behaviors, Exercise Self-Efficacy, and Perceived Benefits and Barriers to Exercising Among African American Undergraduate Students at a HBCU*

Major Professor: Wanda Spurlock, Ph.D.



Public Policy

Titilope Akinsanmi, Ikeja, Nigeria

Dissertation Title: *An Examination*

Of The Relationship

Between Vocational-

Technical (Vte) Education

And Economic Growth In

Nigeria, (1991-2022)

Major Professor: Augustine Adu Frimpong, Ph.D

Stephone K. Addison, Baton Rouge

Dissertation Title: *An Examination of the*

Relationship Between Social-Ecological

Factors of Gun Violence and Youth

Gun Homicide in Louisiana, U.S.A.:

Policy Implications.

Major Professor: Onyumbe Lukongo, Ph.D.

Marie Pauline Lopy Correa-Fernandes,
Dakar, Senegal

Dissertation Title: *An Examination of Medicaid*

Spending Related to the Mental Health

Population in Louisiana: Policy

Implications

Major Professor: Melanie Johnson, Ph.D.

Alberta Robertson, Baton Rouge

Dissertation Title: *An Analysis Of*

Online Degree Programs

And Their Impact On

Enrollment, Retention, And

Graduation Rates At

Historically Black Colleges

And Universities (Hbcus)

In The United States: Policy

Implications

Major Professor: Onyumbe Lukongo, Ph.D.

Executive Public Policy

Phillippe Eugene Cargile Andal,
New Haven, CT

Dissertation Title: *The Comparative*

Analysis Of Suspensions And

Expulsions In Special

Education Vs General

Education: The Case Of

Louisiana

Major Professor: Onyumbe Lukongo, Ph.D.

Lionel Johnson Jr., St. Gabriel

Dissertation Title: *Collaborative Flood*

Policy Implementation: The

Case Of Bayou Manchac,

Spanish Lake And

St. Gabriel, La

Major Professor: Revathi I Hines, Ph.D.

Maat-Njeri Emayana Latham, Katy, TX

Dissertation Title: *Exploring Graduation*

Disparities Among Students with

Disabilities in the South: Assessing the

Impact of IDEA Policy Implementation

Major Professor: Vanessa Greenslade, Ph.D.

Brandy Nicole Luther, Baton Rouge

Dissertation Title: *An Analysis Of*

Public Library Funding:

Policy Implications For

Democratic And Republican

Library Districts

Major Professor: Onyumbe Lukongo, Ph.D.

Kimberly Diane Shelton, Cordova, TN

Dissertation Title: *Examining Healthcare Access*

in Rural and Urban Areas in Tennessee:

Policy Implications

Major Professor: Anthony Igiede, Ph.D.

Tammy Regina Armant-Hill, Geismar

Dissertation Title: *The Comparative*

Analysis Of Suspensions And

Expulsions In Special

Education Vs General

Education: The Case Of

Louisiana

Major Professor: Revathi Hines, Ph.D.



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Science and Mathematics Education

Alva Millican, Zachary

Dissertation Title: *Examining the Impact of Computer Simulation on Undergraduate Senior Nursing Students at an HBCU*

Major Professor: Francesca Mellieon-Williams, Ph.D.

Ratana Prinyawiwatkul, Baton Rouge

Dissertation Title: *A Study of Factors Impacting Student Achievement in Computer Literacy Courses*

Major Professor: Francesca Mellieon-Williams, Ph.D.

Opeyemi Peter Ojajuni,
Ondo State, Nigeria

Dissertation Title: *Exploring the Impact of Immersive Technology on Engineering Students' Computational Thinking (CT) Skills*

Major Professor: Albertha Lawson, Ph.D.

Urban Forestry

Joyce McClendon-Peralta, Clinton

Dissertation Title: *Modeling of Air Pollution and Related Health Issues in Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

Major Professor: Yaw Twumasi, Ph.D.

Beatra Solomon Wilson, Upper Marlboro, MD

Dissertation Title: *Branching Out: Enhancing Minority Leadership Training in the Urban Forestry Profession*

Major Professor: Yadong Qi, Ph.D.

MASTER OF ARTS

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Farrell Lynette Knighten, Baton Rouge

Julie Denise Wilson, Baker

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Olatunji Abdulrahman Ahmed,
Lagos, Nigeria

Joy Tynaé Antoine, Baton Rouge

Jordan Marsalis Clanton, Baton Rouge

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Peyton Ashley Fontenot, Lafayette

Towonda Freeman, Baker

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Larry Moore Jr. Denham Springs

Cedric Dwaine Noel, Maringouin

Arisekola Abideen Olayinka,
Lagos, Nigeria

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Phillip Asti Thomas, Baton Rouge



ONLINE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Diamond Tiarra Carter, Woodville, MS
Jada Patrice Delpit, Baker
Justin Khari Henry, North Plainfield, NJ
Donald Jeff Lewis III, New Iberia
Jada Rachelle Modicue, Baton Rouge

Yolanda Parker, Baton Rouge
Khaleel Shakur Paskel, Baton Rouge
Brittney VonTres Scott, Ferriday
Jayln René Tate, Baton Rouge

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Educational Leadership

Angelisa Nichelle Allen, Gonzales
Ashley M. Blake, Denham Springs
Sarah Francis Gleason Chidlow, Baton Rouge

Brittany Shená Melancon, Baton Rouge
Kristi Rose Ruffin, Baker
Setarah Jenae Washington, Arlington, TX

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Shaway'ne Ursin, Gonzales

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Teri Lynn Hoffman, Grand Prairie, TX
L'Jean McKneely, Baton Rouge

Antoinette K. King Patterson, Baton Rouge
Sydni Williams, Baton Rouge

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biology

Ja'Mya Lanette Rucker, Baton Rouge
***Thesis: Ecotoxicological Impacts of
Tetrachloroethylene on Lemna Minor***
Thesis Advisor: Md. Ekhtear Hossain, Ph.D.

Brianna Ariel Travis, Baton Rouge
***Thesis: Evaluation of Angio-Suppressive Activity
of Loropetalum Chinense Leaf Extract on
Developing Chick Embryo Using
Chorioallantoic Membrane Assay***
Thesis Advisor: Md. Ekhtear Hossain, Ph.D.

Karan Chandra Thota, Karimnagar, India
***Thesis: Evaluation of Phytochemical and
Antimicrobial Properties of Loropetalum
Chinense Leaf Extract***
Thesis Advisor: Md. Ekhtear Hossain, Ph.D.

Ridge Diaz Wells, Macon, GA

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Megan J. Bethly, Baker
Elietrenay Déorebre Mason, Baton Rouge

Jaci Ciara Mosby, Addis
Stevie Nicole Woods, Baton Rouge

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Norma Belton, Celina, TX
Ramona Lynn Drewery, Baton Rouge

Kyllie M. Jenkins, Baton Rouge



Computer Science

Akhilesh Goud Bandaru, Corpus Christi, TX
Nitya Bathula, Telangana, India
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Andhra Pradesh, India
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***Thesis: Identification of Covid-19 Spreaders Using
Machine Learning Algorithms***
Thesis Advisor: Sudhir Trivedi, Ph.D.

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Venkateswara Rao Pamarthi,
Khammam, India

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***Thesis: Identification of Covid-19 Among
Asymptomatic Carriers Using Smart
Watches***
Thesis Advisor: Sudhir Trivedi, Ph.D.

Tarun Sagar Rachakonda,
Hyderabad, India
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Telangana, India
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Jashandeep Singh Sran, Bathinda, India
***Thesis: Weather Forecasting Using Auto
Regressive Models***
Thesis Advisor: Sudhir Trivedi, Ph.D.

Rajashekar Tekurala, Telangana, India
Rohan Prashanth Thashamshetty,
Telangana, India
Pavan Kumar Raju Tirumalaraju,
Kakinada, India
Santhosh Reddy Varkuti,
Andhra Pradesh, India
Sudheer Kumar Vemuri, Guntur,
Andhra Pradesh, India

Kamryn Tori Williams, Baton Rouge
***Thesis: Effectiveness of Facial Recognition
Technology in Surveillance***
Thesis Advisor: Sudhir Trivedi, Ph.D.



Criminal Justice

Kiara Wykini Shantrell Bynum, Port Allen
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Alycia Anne Primus, Baton Rouge
Monica Yvette Robertson, Baton Rouge

Executive Masters in Criminal Justice

Kevin Louis Bell, Grand Prairie, TX
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Nicole Nachele Goree, Baton Rouge
Zakariyyah McGinnis, Zachary

Valencia DeAvis Morgan, Baton Rouge
Desiree Lashell Daniels Reese, Baker
Juan Marichel Rose, Belton, TX

Engineering

Emmanuel Kwaku Aidoo, Accra, Ghana

***Thesis: Investigation Of Thermal
And Mechanical Properties
Of Agricultural Waste-
Reinforced Polymer
Composites***

Thesis Advisor: Patrick Mensah, Ph.D. and
Maryam Jahan, Ph.D.

Madhurima Kundu, Konnagar, India

***Thesis: Block Copolymer Formation and Synthesis
of Fingerprint-Patterned AZO Nanowires***

Thesis Advisor: Fred Lacy, Ph.D.

Rowland McFadden Jr., Pine Bluff, AR

Thesis: Photovoltaic MPPT Performance Tuning

Thesis Advisor: Radian Belu, Ph.D.

Samuel Smith Amofo-Yeboah,
Accra, Ghana

***Thesis: Numerical Investigation of Optimum
Phase Change Material Evaporator
Thickness for a High-Efficiency
Refrigerator with Cold Thermal Energy
Storage***

Thesis Advisor: Patrick Mensah, Ph.D.

Obed Tetteh, Saki, Ghana

***Thesis: Repeated and Catalyst-Free Healing of
Low-Velocity Impact Induced Damages in
a New Orthogrid-Stiffened Sandwich
Panel***

Thesis Advisor: Guoqiang Li, Ph.D.

Jeremy Stephen Wade, Baton Rouge

Raelyn Leigh Henderson, Baton Rouge

***Thesis: Investigating the High-Temperature
Oxidation of Ti-6Al-4V by Laser Powder
Bed Fusion***

Thesis Advisor: Congyuan Zeng, Ph.D.

Daniel Yeboah, Accra, Ghana

***Thesis: Template-Deposition Method for Advanced
Antenna Fabrication***

Thesis Advisor: Fareed Dawan, Ph.D.

Kayura L. Jones, Baldwin



Nursing

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History

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Ebony B. Allen, Baton Rouge
Alysia B. Baker, Wildsville
Pedro C. Brooks, Baton Rouge
Ja'Kobe Verdale Brumfield, Baton Rouge
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Derick D. Chambers, Shreveport
Erion Davison, Baton Rouge
Christopher Lazavier Hunter,
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Diane Isom, Dayton, OH

Skylar C. Parhms, Monroe
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Janae Williams, Shreveport
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Airielle Ejhari- Reneé Brooks, New Orleans	Monika Diane Pitts, Baton Rouge
Jalen T. Campbell, Winona, MS	Justin Plummer, Saint Louis, MO
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Tia Hudson, Mansfield	Ameka F. Thomas, Addis
Keesha T. Jackson, Baton Rouge	Kyré Anisha Walker, Mesquite, TX
Hillory Johnson, Baker	Tia'Shane Ja'Quese Washington,
Jade Reneal Johnson, Little Rock. AR	Trotwood, OH
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Kristian G. Blakeney, Browns Summit, NC	Latham E. Mims, New Orleans
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Javia D. Anderson, White Castle	Beverly J. Mansfield, Melville
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COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

Sandra Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAANP, FAAN, Ph.D., *Dean*
Ryan W. Ollison, *Student Marshal*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rehabilitation Services

Taylor Coleman, Baton Rouge	Ryan W. Ollison, Lewisville, TX
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Curtiana J. Johnson-Senegal,	
Missouri City, TX	

Therapeutic Recreation & Leisure Studies

Trinity S. Alexander, Baton Rouge	Tornn Ke'Shun Kirkendoll, Memphis, TX
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Dymon M. Barrow, Westwego	Kalyn Martin, Saint James
Royaile N. Billups, Lake Charles	Raina Marie Mason, Breaux Bridge
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Commencement Speaker

Bishop Joseph W. Walker III

Senior Leader

Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee

Bishop Joseph Warren Walker III, is the senior leader of the historic Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana to Deacon Joseph and Mrs. Rosa Walker.

Bishop Walker received a bachelor of arts degree from Southern University Baton Rouge Louisiana; a master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University and a doctor of ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds three honorary doctorates from Meharry Medical College, Southern University, Kentucky State University, respectively.

Bishop Walker currently serves on the Board of Directors for Meharry Medical College and Citizens Savings Bank & Trust. In October 2016, he was appointed by former TN Governor Bill Haslam to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Tennessee State University, where he has since been unanimously re-elected in 2019. He is also a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity.

Walker currently serves as the International Presiding Bishop in the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. In July 2013, he was chosen to succeed the founding International Presiding Bishop Paul S. Morton Sr.

In 1992, at the age of 24, Bishop Walker began his pastorate at Mt. Zion with 175 members.

Presently, the ministry has grown to over 30,000 and continues to grow at a phenomenal rate of over 1,000 souls per year. Under his leadership, Mt. Zion has expanded beyond its original location on historic Jefferson Street to multiple weekly services in three physical locations, worldwide via the virtual church location, Mt. Zion Anywhere, as well as a weekly television broadcast on that reaches 15 million viewers worldwide.

A prolific writer, Bishop Walker is a best-selling author of 13 books. His latest

book, *Leadership and Loneliness*, outlines ways to understand, manage, and find opportunities in the moments of loneliness associated with leadership. He and his wife, Dr. Stephaine Walker, co-authored a book together entitled, *Becoming a Couple of Destiny*.

His inspirational messages make him a sought-after university commencement speaker and orator in diverse spaces. Bishop Walker is a regular guest on the Rickey Smiley Radio Show as well as a host of other nationally syndicated radio shows that reach millions across the United States. He also has been a guest on CNN, Politics Nation with Al Sharpton on MSNBC, The CBS Morning News, CBN, the 700 Club, Sister Circle, The Roland Martin Show, and authors a monthly Op-Ed in the *Tennessee Tribune*, entitled, Reset.

He is married to the former Dr. Stephaine M. Hale, a health & beauty entrepreneur who recently retired as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatology at Vanderbilt University. Both agree that their most joyous accomplishment to date has been the birth of their daughter, Jovanni Willow, and their son, Joseph Warren Walker IV.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

by Francis Scott Key, 1814

Arrangement by Thomas Dawson

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

“LIFT EV’RY VOICE AND SING”
By James Weldon Johnson, 1899
Arrangement by John Rosamond Johnson

Lift ev’ry voice and sing

‘Til earth and heaven ring

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the list’ning skies

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on ‘til victory is won.

ALMA MATER

Original Words And Music By R.E. Brown, Jr.

Dear Southern

O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy praises we shall sing

Until all the heavens and echoes loudly ring.

The winds of the sky as they pass us by

Will adoration bring.

O Southern, Dear Southern, we owe our all to Thee

In downfall or victory, we'll always loyal be.

Thy Sons and Daughters as they work

Will be inspired by Thee.

O Southern, Dear Southern, Thy name will ever be

As mighty as the river that flows on to the sea.

As pure and true as the Gold and Blue

That stand out bold for Thee.

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A closing message

As we honor our distinguished graduates, we acknowledge their parents, guardians, family members and friends. Thank you for your support, encouragement and inspiration as these students embarked on a journey to receive a quality education and to become proud SU alumni. We appreciate your support of Southern University.

Best wishes,

Dennis J. Shields

President-Chancellor, Southern University System

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