



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

Fall Commencement

GRADUATE CEREMONY

F.G. CLARK ACTIVITY CENTER
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 12, 2024

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA



The movement in Louisiana for an equal opportunity institution of higher learning was sponsored in the 1879 Louisiana State Constitutional Convention by delegates P.B.S. Pinchback, T.T. Allain, T.B. Stamps, and Henry Demas. Their efforts resulted in the establishment of this institution for the education of persons of color in New Orleans. Southern University, chartered by Legislative Act 87 in April 1880, had a 12-member Board of Trustees. The act provided for the establishment of a faculty of "arts and letters" competent in "every branch of liberal education." The charter sought to open doors of state higher education to all "persons competent and deserving." Southern opened with 12 students and a \$10,000 appropriation. With the passage of the 1890 Morrill Act, the University was reorganized to receive land-grant funds.

In 1912, Legislative Act 118 authorized the closing of Southern University in New Orleans, the sale of its property, and the reestablishment of the University on a new site. In 1914, the "new" Southern University opened in Scotlandville, Louisiana, receiving a portion of a \$50,000 national land-grant appropriation. Southern University in New Orleans and Southern University in Shreveport were authorized by Legislative Acts 28 and 42 in 1956 and 1964 respectively. The Southern University Board of Supervisors, a management board authorized by the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, was created to govern the Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport campuses. In 1985, the A.A. Lenoir Law School was designated the Southern University Law School. Dedicated in January 2002, Ashford O. Williams Hall is home to the fifth SU System campus, the Agricultural Research and Extension Center, which is located in Baton Rouge.

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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 2024

John K. Pierre

Chancellor, Southern University and A&M College

Presiding

<i>Processional</i>	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i> by Sir Edward Elgar
<i>Invocation</i>	The Reverend Alonzo L. Williams, M.Div. <i>Pastor</i> Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, Baton Rouge
<i>Anthems</i>	<i>"The Star Spangled Banner"</i> Written by Francis Scott Key, performed by Deterrius Johnson, Senior, Vocal Performance Major, accompanied by Professor Laurence Hebert <i>"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"</i> Written by James Weldon Johnson, arranged by Kirk Franklin, performed by the Southern University Gospel Choir
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	John K. Pierre
<i>Commencement Address</i>	Rodney Ellis, <i>Commissioner</i> , Harris County, Texas
<i>Music Selection</i>	<i>"When I Think/For Every Mountain"</i> Written by Ricky Dillard and Kurt Carr Performed by the Southern University Gospel Choir
<i>Certification of Degree Candidates</i>	Luria Young, Ph.D.
<i>Certification of Honorary Degree</i>	Luria Young, Ph.D. Commissioner Rodney Ellis Doctor of Humane Letters
<i>Conferring of Degrees</i>	John K. Pierre Albertha H. Lawson, Ph.D. <i>Interim Dean</i> , Graduate School Orlando F. McMeans, Ph.D. <i>Chancellor/Dean</i> , College Of Agricultural, Human And Environmental Sciences



Donald Andrews, Ph.D.

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Dean, College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies

Sandra C. Brown, DNS

Dean, College of Nursing and Allied Health

Lealon Martin, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Sciences and Engineering

Damien Ejigiri, Ph.D.

*Dean, Nelson Mandela College of Government and
Social Sciences*

Remarks &

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Dennis J. Shields

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Induction into

Alumni Federation

Darrin Dixon

Director, Southern University Alumni Affairs and

Executive Director, Southern University Alumni Federation

The Alma Mater

"O Southern, Dear Southern"

By R. E. Brown, Jr.,

Led by Deterrius Johnson accompanied by Professor Laurence Hebert

Benediction

The Reverend Alonzo L. Williams, M.Div.

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

Albertha H. Lawson, Ph.D., *Interim Dean*

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

FALL 2024

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Environmental Toxicology

Nandini Bidarimath, Cary, NC

Dissertation Title: *Interplay Between Different Cellular Stress Responses and Cell Death Pathways in Diesel Particulate Extract-Challenged Lung Epithelial Cells.*

Major Professor: Sanjay Batra, Ph.D.

Tashonda Benoit Vaughn, Waveland, MS

Dissertation Title: *Cortical Lamination and Social Cognitive Behavior in Mice Exposed to Organophosphates in Utero*

Major Professors: Rao M. Uppu, Ph.D. and Olalekan M. Ogundele, Ph.D.

James E. Hines III, Jackson, LA

Dissertation Title: *Non-enzymatic Oxidative Biotransformation of 4-Alkoxyacetanilides by Cellular Oxidants, Peroxynitrite and Hypochlorous Acid*

Major Professor: Rao M. Uppu, Ph.D.

Nursing

Graciana Q. Breaux, Lafayette

Dissertation Title: *Perceived Psychological Stress, Coping Strategies, And Perceived Self-Efficacy Among First Year and Second Year Associate Degree Nursing Students*

Major Professor: Wanda Spurlock DNS, RN, GERO-BC, PMH-BC, CNE, FNGNA, ANEF, FGSA, FAAN

Public Policy

Keva P. Moore, Baton Rouge

Dissertation Title: *Breast Cancer Patients' Perspectives of the Impact on Healthcare Access During the Covid-19 Pandemic in New Orleans, Louisiana*

Major Professor: Vanessa Greenslade, Ph.D.

Avis C. O'Bryant-Chaney,
North Las Vegas, NV

Dissertation Title: *The Retention Gap: Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and Its Impact on Retention of Students at Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College: Baton Rouge Campus*

Major Professor: Melanie Johnson, Ph.D./
Vanessa Greenslade, Ph.D.



Vickey D. Williams, Vicksburg, MS

Dissertation Title: *Navigating Crisis: Southern University Graduate Students Perception of Institutional Decisions During Covid-19*

Major Professor: Vanessa Greenslade, Ph.D.

Executive Public Policy

Gerald Williams, White Castle

Dissertation Title: *A Descriptive Analysis of the Factors Contributing to the Underrepresentation of Black Male Teachers in K-12 Classrooms in America*

Major Professor: Vanessa Greenslade, Ph.D.

Tracie L. Washington, New Orleans

Dissertation Title: *An Assessment of Louisiana's Public Charter High Schools: 2015 - 2019*

Major Professor: Anthony Igiede, Ph.D.

Science and Mathematics Education

Lauren C. Johnson, Addis

Dissertation Title: *An Ethnographic Study Exploring South Louisiana STEM Educators' Perceptions of Professional Learning Communities*

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

Rochelle Darville, Gonzales

Dissertation Title: *Understanding Science Teachers' Culturally Relevant Teaching Practices Through a Professional Development*

Major Professor: Nastassia Jones, Ph.D.

Ashley McClure, Baton Rouge

Dissertation Title: *The Impact of Project Modeling Inquiry Science Education Professional Development on Educators' Content Knowledge and Practices*

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

Everest Ejigiri, Omuariam-Obowu, Nigeria

Dissertation Title: *The Impact Of Covid-19 Crisis On Academic Performance And College Retention, And Retention Predictors: The Case Of Engineering Students At A Historically Black College And University*

Major Professor: Christopher Guillory, Ph.D.



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Urban Forestry

Gabriel Ahoma, Ghana

Dissertation Title: *Urban Forest and Climate Change Mitigation in Covington, Louisiana*

Major Professor: Zhu H. Ning, Ph.D.

Jacob Annan, Ghana

Dissertation Title: *Modeling Sea Level Rise in Louisiana Using Machine Learning Algorithms.*

Major Professor: Yaw Twumasi, Ph.D.

Temitope Hauwa Oladigbolu, Flatrock, MI

Dissertation Title: *Remote Sensing and GIS Application in Assessing Wetlands Dynamics in Barataria Bay and Wax Lake Delta, Louisiana*

Major Professor: Zhu Ning, Ph.D.

MASTER OF ARTS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Kameryn Adkins, Port Allen
George Becnel, Baton Rouge
Thomas W. Celestin, LaPlace
Taria Dearbone, Baton Rouge
Lemoria Gay, Baton Rouge

Damien Henry, Greensburg
Anthony Mason, Baton Rouge
Ololade Eunice Olayemi, Baton Rouge
D'Angelo Young, Wemyss Bight, Bahamas

ONLINE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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India Benton, Baton Rouge
Kalyn Dempsey, Port Allen
Wayne Hamilton, Baton Rouge
Niesha Jenkins, Plaquemine
Laila Johnson, Lake Charles
Justace Keller, Katy, TX

Kennedi Lee, Baton Rouge
Shontell Legette, New Orleans
Monica L. Randolph, Conyers, GA
Aniyah Stiles, Baton Rouge
Kadijah Thompson, Baton Rouge
Jere A. Williams, Houma

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Educational Leadership

JayIn Brown, Baker

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Evan Egana, St. Francisville
Brittany Howard, Baton Rouge

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Rocsean Spencer, Gretna



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Michael Henderson, Schenectady, NY

Stephanie Jones, Zachary
Kayla Mims, Port Allen
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Olivia Brock, Baton Rouge
Aryn Paige Broussard, Baton Rouge
Jaci A. Combre, Baton Rouge
Nia La'Shae Comery, Donaldsonville
Stephanie Danielle Farris, Lafayette

Shavonda Franklin, St. Amant
Cayla Hunter, Stone Mountain, GA
Ian Rodehorst, Baton Rouge, LA
Kimberly Reshaun Sewell, Zachary
Kyra Venible, Gonzales

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Chiandria Lekel Ferguson, Jackson
Sunnie Anita Martin, Batesville, AR

Swathi Patnam, Plaquemine

Computer Science

Vanitha Akkala, Hyderabad, India
Teja Battula, Baton Rouge
Shilpa Jaiswal, Hyderabad, India
Anusha Bejadi, Jangaon, India
Sirisha Nallaguttahalli Byreddy, India
Saikiran Reddy Bommineni,
Warangal, India
Ramya Challa, Baton Rouge
SriLakshmi Chennareddy, Guntur, India
Naresh Chintala, Baton Rouge
Sairamya Chittimalla, Baton Rouge

Arif Deniz, Baton Rouge
***Thesis Title: Clinical Appointment and Tracking
System Project***
Thesis Advisor: Kruthika Hirebasur
Krishnappa, Ph.D.

Bindhu Goli, Baton Rouge

Peyman Haghshenas, Shiraz, Iran
***Thesis Title: Utilizing Unsupervised Machine
Learning Techniques to Explain Job
Recovery Rates in The Education Sector
among US States Following COVID-19***
Thesis Advisor: Osman Kandara, Ph.D.

Srichandana Julakanti, Baton Rouge
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Sai Karna, Baton Rouge
Pravalika Katta, Baton Rouge
Srikanth Sai Ram Yadav Konari, Baton Rouge
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Keerthi Macha, Guntur, India
Krishna Saketh Medipalli, Baton Rouge
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Baton Rouge
Vamshi Pentam, Hyderabad, India
Sardar Manpreet Singh, Hyderabad, India
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Baton Rouge
Venkata Chandra Pavan Naragani,
Baton Rouge
Vinod Putta, Yadari, India
Shreeja Nareddy, Baton Rouge
Rehathi Satya Anantha Lakshmi,
Sankhavaram, India
Vinod Putta, Yadadri, India
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Shwetha Ramadas, Bangalore, India
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Tirupathur, India
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Rangareddy, India
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Executive Master in Criminal Justice

Patrieana J. Carmouche, Lafayette
Adrienne Cockerham, Tylertown, MS
Angela Davis, New Orleans
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Michael Mitchell, Baton Rouge
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Brianna Williams, Baton Rouge

Engineering

Enochi Kofi Ameyaio, Baton Rouge
***Thesis Title: - Reconfiguration of Digital Light
Projection Desktop 3D Printers Using
Waveguides to Enhance Printing
Resolution and Microscale Printing.***
Thesis Advisor: Fareed Dawan, Ph.D. &
Patrick Mensah, Ph.D.

Chiagawem Hezekiah, Baton Rouge
***Thesis Title: Highly Efficient Electrochemical
Catalyst from Coffee Waste- Derived
Carbon***
Thesis Advisor: Guang-lin Zhao, Ph.D.

Surya Prakash Reddy Katasani,
Hillsboro, OR

Ivana Barley, Baton Rouge
***Thesis Title: The Role of Rayleigh Bénard
Convection on Cloud Formation for the
Planetary Cloud Aerosol Research Facility***
Thesis Advisor: Patrick Mensah, Ph.D.



History

Jill M. Domingue, Glynn
Christopher Eason, Baton Rouge

Nursing

Danelle Butler, Plaquemine
Kasey Cador, Jarreau
Kimberly Q. Frank, Zachary

Aadilah Muhammad, Prairieville
Jennifer Watts, Greenwell Springs

Urban Forestry

Christine Karugu, Baton Rouge
Ugwu Chikaosoro Peace, Baton Rouge

Nicholaus Pryor, Ferriday



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Urban Forestry

Lidya Alemayhu Chala,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
***Dissertation Title: Responses Of
Ground Arthropod
Communities Following
Management Practices In
Pine Forests In Central
Louisiana***

Aaliyah Royston, Opelousas
***Thesis: Developing Management Tactics Against
An Invasive Shrub (Ardisia Crenata) To
Restore Native Forests In Louisiana***
Thesis Advisor: Veronica Manrique, Ph.D.

Major Professor: Veronica Manrique, Ph.D.

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jasmine Nicole Cofield, Denham Springs
Khailen S. Hoard, Winnsboro
Stanley Chidebe Ikegwuonu, Baton Rouge

Kaala Lawla-Megress, Baton Rouge
Ahmad Lyndell Magee, Belle Rose

ONLINE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Jordain M. Franklin, Marrero
Selina Dionne Harrell, Slidell

Deajuan M. Johnson, Jeanerette
JirNeicia Ward, Bossier City

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Christie S. Henton, Baton Rouge

Marie Saurelle Vertus, Pembroke Pines, FL

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Ariana Dionne Jones, Baton Rouge
Montal Martin, Birmingham, AL

Damion Mitchell, Lafayette



MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

Kadra Almare Ausbon, Baton Rouge
Normanique L Butler, Brusly
Annelise Corona, El Paso, TX

Kerica Shonta Jones, Denham Springs
Karyn Elyse Wilkins, Upper Marlboro, MD

Executive Masters in Criminal Justice

Robens Beauplan, Lehigh Acres, FL
Willie M. Brooks, Baker
Terrance Brandon Carter, Baton Rouge
Galen Louis Conrad, Zachary
Rollan Levi Moore, Lafayette

Rayeonne Richae Pritchett, Cypress, CA
Gene Yakira Triggs, Napoleonville
Harold Montrell Zachary, Plaquemine

Engineering

Ama Agyapomaa Amponsah Darkwah,
Accra, Ghana
***Thesis Title: Machine Learning Tailored Modulus
Changing Curve For Thermoset Polymers***
Thesis Advisor: Cheng Yan, Ph.D.

Evelyn Dede Quansah, Kumasi, Ghana
***Thesis Title: Design and rapid verification of alloys
suitable for additive manufacturing-
Laser powder bed fusion process for
Aerospace application.***
Thesis Advisor: Congyuan Zeng, Ph.D.



Commencement Speaker

Rodney Ellis

Commissioner Harris County, Texas

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis was born and raised in Houston's Sunnyside neighborhood. The proud son of a yardman and a maid, Ellis attended Texas public schools from grade school through law school. He holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University, a master's degree

from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

As commissioner of Harris County Precinct One, Ellis has played a critical role on the court by securing misdemeanor bail reform, flood equity guidelines, stronger worker protections, and economic opportunity provisions, funding for indigent defense and COVID-19 recovery funding, including direct relief for residents, small businesses, emergency rental assistance, shelters for those experiencing homelessness, as well as other innovative programs, including providing computers to low-income students, among other achievements.

Before serving as a county commissioner, Ellis was elected to the Houston City Council and served three terms before being elected to the Texas Senate in 1990. For 26 years, he represented Texas' 13th state senate district and he passed over 700 pieces of legislation. On November 8, 2016, Ellis was elected county commissioner and sworn into office on January 1, 2017.

As county commissioner, Ellis prioritizes inclusive economic growth that uplifts all communities, ensures access to parks and green space in underserved neighborhoods, advances criminal justice reform that protects the rights of all people, and provides safe, affordable transportation options. Following Hurricane Harvey, Ellis successfully advocated for equitable investment in flood control infrastructure and disaster recovery in vulnerable communities through a \$2.5B bond approved by voters in 2018.

An avid art collector and cycling enthusiast, Commissioner Ellis is married to Licia Green-Ellis and has four children.

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.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI FEDERATION PLEDGE

I _____, an alumnus of Southern University, do hereby pledge allegiance to the Southern University Alumni Federation, and the great honored institution which it represents. I promise to remain loyal, faithful, and steadfast in my support of its programs, uplift of its principles, maintenance of its tradition, and defense of its honor.

I further promise to always stand ready to contribute my time, efforts, financial assistance, and services toward the advancement of the welfare of the Southern University Alumni Federation and my beloved Alma Mater, so help me God.

A closing message

As we congratulate our distinguished graduates and honor their accomplishments, we acknowledge the tremendous support from parents, guardians, family members, and friends. Thank you for your dedication and commitment throughout their journey to receive a first-class education at Southern University. We appreciate your encouragement and inspiration.

Best wishes,

John K. Pierre

Southern University and A&M College Chancellor

2024 FALL COMMENCEMENT

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