



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

Fall Commencement

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

F.G. CLARK ACTIVITY CENTER
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

DECEMBER 13, 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" by Sir Edward Elgar</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	The Reverend Bryan Dalco, M.Div. <i>Pastor</i> Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
<i>Anthems</i>	<i>"The Star Spangled Banner"</i> <i>"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"</i> Performed by Southern University Concert Choir
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	John K. Pierre
<i>Commencement Address</i>	Marcus Brown, <i>Executive Vice President and General Counsel</i> Entergy Corporation
<i>Presentation of Commissions</i>	Lt. Col. Joshua Trulock <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>	John K. Pierre
<i>Certification of Honorary Degree</i>	Luria Young, Ph.D. Marcus Brown Doctor of Humane Letters
<i>Conferring of Degrees</i>	John K. Pierre



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*Induction into
Alumni Federation*

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The Alma Mater

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

Benediction

The Reverend Bryan Dalco

Recessional

"Pomp and Circumstance"

*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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Completing their Matriculation with Full Honors
Deadra James Mackie, *Interim Dean, Honors College*
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John Blouin

Degree: *B.S. in Criminal Justice*

Thesis Title: *Punitive Measures vs. Restorative
Justice and How it Affects Recidivism in
Juveniles*

Thesis Advisor: Abiodun Raufu, Ph.D.
Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice
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Chloe Curry

Degree: *B.S. in Psychology*

Thesis Title: *The Effects of Cultural Mistrust and
Spirituality on the Resistance to take the
Covid-19 Vaccine Amongst African*

American College Students

Thesis Advisor: Jaymes Durriseau, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology
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DaMya Darden

Degree: *B.S. in Nursing*

Thesis Title: *Addressing Racial and Ethnic
Disparities: Black Maternal Mortality
Rates in the United States*

Thesis Advisor: Lanell D. Kent-Craig, Ph.D., RN
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Department of Nursing
College of Nursing and Allied Health

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

Cherish Fletcher

Degree: *B.S. in Criminal Justice*

Thesis Title: *A Review of Literature:*

*Implementing Human Trafficking
Awareness Programs in Middle and High
Schools in Louisiana*

Thesis Advisor: Orscini Beard, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice
Nelson Mandela College of
Government and Social Sciences

Jaylon Greening

Degree: *B.S. in Nursing*

Thesis Title: *A Review of Literature: Examining
the Factors that Contribute to Health
Disparities and Outcomes of African
Americans Living in Rural, Suburban,
and Inner Cities in the United States*

Thesis Advisor: Sharon Coulter, PH.D., RN
Department of Nursing
School of Nursing and Allied Health

Zion Ross

Degree: *B.S. in Criminal Justice*

Thesis Title: *A Case Study: Examining the Impact
of Carceral Feminism Sentencing Laws on
Incarcerated Women in the State of Louisiana*

Thesis Advisor: Orscini Beard, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice
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Alexcia Smith

Degree: *B.S. in Biology*

Thesis Title: *The Influence of Heavy Metal Toxins
on Seed Germination and Early Growth
Stages of Cherry Radishes*

Thesis Advisor: Mary K. Beals, Ph.D.
Instructor and Lab Technician
Department of Biological Sciences
and Chemistry
College of Sciences and Engineering

Dyllan Williams

Degree: *B.S. in Electrical Engineering*

Thesis Title: *Empowering Undergraduate
Innovation at HBCUs Through
the Critical Intersection of Patent Law and
Engineering Disciplines for Enhanced
Intellectual Property Protection*

Thesis Advisor: Yasser Ismail, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Engineering
Department of Electrical Engineering
College of Sciences and Engineering

Xontianyah D. A. Williams

Degree: *B.A. in Political Science*

Thesis Title: *The Impact of Reparations
on Tulsa Race Massacre Descendants: A
Study of Economic Power and Social Equity*

Thesis Advisor: Eugene Johnson, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science
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FALL 2024
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Second Lieutenant
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HONOR GRADUATES FALL 2024

Summa Cum Laude

Cumulative Grade-point Average of 3.90 – 4.00

Xontianyah Williams

Magna Cum Laude

Cumulative Grade-point Average of 3.70 – 3.89

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Angela D. Green
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Cum Laude

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Marcus Brown

*Executive Vice President and General Counsel
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Marcus Brown is executive vice president and general counsel of Entergy Corporation, where he oversees the legal, ethics, and compliance, corporate communications, federal policy, regulatory and governmental affairs, and cyber security governance groups. He also provides legal counsel to the chair and CEO, board of directors, and senior management.

Brown helps drive Entergy's leadership in sustainability and corporate social responsibility by focusing on growth, profitability, and societal goals — especially those related to environmental protection, social justice and equity, sustainable development, and economic development.

In addition to helping create a program that dramatically increased the pro bono commitment of the company's lawyers and paralegals, he also helped establish a full-time, in-house counsel role dedicated to pro bono legal assistance — a first amongst Fortune 500 companies.

The *Financial Times* named Brown one of the top in-house general counsels for companies worldwide in 2020. The National Legal Aid and Defender Association presented him with the 2020 Exemplar Award, and organizations like the New Orleans and Louisiana State Bar Associations and United Way of Southeast Louisiana have awarded him their top honors for community service.

He serves as chair of the 2025 Super Bowl Host Committee, chair of the board of directors for Energy Insurance Mutual, on the advisory board of the Tulane Center for Energy Law and the advisory council for the Laborde Energy Law Center at Louisiana State University. He is a frequent lecturer and publisher on topics impacting the utility industry and the legal profession.

Brown earned his juris doctor from the Southern University Law Center, where he was a member of the *Law Review*, and received an MBA from the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business. He has a bachelor's degree from Southern University A&M College.

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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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



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