

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

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he 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.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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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	Maize
Arts	White
Business	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	Brown
Family & Consumer Sciences	Maroon
Mental Health Counseling	Light Blue
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Public Policy & Urban Affairs	White
Rehabilitation Counseling	Golden Yellow
Sciences	White
Speech-Language Pathology	Maize
Speech-Language & Audiology	Maize
Social Work	Citron
Therapeutic Recreation & Leisure Studies	Sage Green
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Spring 2025

John K. Pierre

Chancellor, Southern University and A&M College **Presiding**

Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation	The Reverend Fred Jeff Smith <i>Pastor</i> Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Baton Rouge
Anthems	"The Star Spangled Banner" Performed by the Southern University Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" Performed by Southern University Concert Choir
Introduction of Speaker	John K. Pierre
Commencement Address	Nadja West, M.D., <i>Lieutenant General (retired)</i> United States Army
Presentation of Commissions	Lt. Col. Gary Brooks Professor of Military Science Army ROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College
Certification of Degree Candidates	Luria Young, Ph.D.
Awarding of Posthumous Degree	John K. Pierre
Conferring of Degrees	John K. Pierre

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	John K. Fierre
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.
Benediction	The Reverend Fred Jeff Smith
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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Thesis Advisor: Tanganika Johnson, Ph.D. Department of Biology and Chemistry College of Sciences and Engineering

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Jailyn Rogers Degree: B.S. in Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure Studies Thesis Title: A Literature Review of Louisiana's 2015 Therapeutic Recreational Therapy Staffing Mandates in Psychiatric Facilities Thesis Advisor: Kathryn Jones, Ph.D. Department of Therapeutic Recreation College of Nursing and Allied Health

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Thesis Advisor: Eugene Johnson, Ph.D. Department of Political Science Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences

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Degree: B.S. in Rehabilitation Services Thesis Title: From Diagnosis to Daily Living: Accessing the Lived-In Experiences of African American Families Raising a Child with Autism

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Commencement Speaker **Retired Lt. Gen. Nadja West, M.D.** 44th Surgeon General of the U.S. Army

D r. Nadja West was appointed as the 44th surgeon general of the U.S. Army in 2015, making her the first Black person to be appointed to the position. The appointment came with a third star, making West the first Black female lieutenant general. Her promotion also made her the highest-ranking female graduate of the U.S. Military Academy.

During West's tenure as commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command from 2015 to 2019, she oversaw the highest medical readiness and battlefield wound survival rates in history.

As the Joint Staff surgeon from 2013 to 2015, West was the principal medical advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, where she coordinated all related health services issues, including operational medicine, force health protection, and readiness within the military. Her prior roles include deputy chief of staff for support for the U.S. Army Medical Command and commanding general of the Europe Regional Medical Command. She retired from the U.S. Army in 2019.

West is the recipient of numerous U.S. military awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

West currently serves on boards for the National Recreation Foundation, Mount St. Mary's University, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Johnson & Johnson, The Olmsted Scholar Foundation, The Bob Woodruff Foundation, and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. She is also a presidential appointee to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

A native of Washington, D.C., West graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a bachelor of science degree in engineering, and George Washington University School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine degree.



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 downSpring or victory, wéll 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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