

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

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SUMMER 2020

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# SPRING & SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

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## *History*

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, the new Ashford O. Williams Hall is home to the fifth SU System campus, the Agricultural Research and Extension Center, which is located in Baton Rouge.



## 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

**Spring and Summer 2020**

**Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.**

*President-Chancellor of the Southern University System*

**Presiding**

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>“Pomp and Circumstance” by Sir Edward Elgar</i> <i>Richard Webb, Ph.D., Organist</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Alacia Brew</i> <i>Miss Southern University 2019-2020</i> <i>Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.</i> <i>President-Chancellor</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Bishop Joseph Warren Walker III, DMin</i> <i>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</i> <i>Nashville, Tennessee</i>
<i>Anthems</i>	<i>“The Star Spangled Banner”</i> <i>“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”</i> <i>Performed by Alana Singleton and Nicholas Lockett</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>The Honorable John Bel Edwards</i> <i>Louisiana Governor</i>
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	<i>The Honorable Domoine D. Rutledge, J.D.</i> <i>Chairman, Southern University Board of Supervisors</i>
<i>Commencement Address</i>	<i>Kenneth C. Frazier, J. D.</i> <i>Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Merck &amp; Co., Inc.</i>
<i>Certification and Conferring of Degrees</i>	<i>Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.</i>
<i>Presentation of Chief Student Marshals</i>	<i>Irene Lewis, Spring 2020</i> <i>College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences</i> <i>Keyosha Dunn, Summer 2020</i> <i>College of Nursing and Allied Health</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.</i>
<i>Alumni Oath</i>	<i>Derrick Warren, DBA</i> <i>Director of Alumni Affairs</i>
<i>Graduate Reflections</i>	

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Bijoy K. Sahoo, Ph.D., *Interim Dean*

**CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

**SPRING 2020**

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

Debra Denise Khalid-Abasi, Baton Rouge

**Capstone Title:** *Parental Food Feeding Practices and Choking Risk in Children 1-5 Years of Age*

**Capstone Advisor:** Wanda Spurlock, DNS, RN-BC, CNE, FNGNA, ANEF, FAAN

Monique Landry Calmes, Denham Springs

**Capstone Title:** *Breastfeeding Practices among WIC Participants*

**Capstone Advisor:** Wanda Spurlock, DNS, RN-BC, CNE, FNGNA, ANEF, FAAN

Nicole Chapman Griffin, Gretna

**Capstone Title:** *Infant Oral Health and Bottle-Feeding Practices at a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic*

**Capstone Advisor:** Wanda Spurlock, DNS, RN-BC, CNE, FNGNA, ANEF, FAAN

Alicia Rutherford Restivo, Denham Springs

**Capstone Title:** *Fast Food Consumption and BMI in Children Ages 2-5 Years Old in a Louisiana WIC Clinic*

**Capstone Advisor:** Sandra C. Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAANP, FAAN

Perry Pickering Russell, Madisonville

**Capstone Title:** *Introduction of Complimentary Food and Beverages and Caregiver Perceptions of Hunger Cues in Infants Younger than 4 Months Old in a Louisiana WIC Clinic*

**Capstone Advisor:** Sandra C. Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAANP, FAAN

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Environmental Toxicology**

Prathyusha Bagam, Baton Rouge

**Dissertation Title:** *Role and Regulation of Autophagy Mechanism during Cigarette Smoke Exposure*

**Major Professor:** Sanjay Batra, Ph.D.

Henry Anthony Palfrey, Baton Rouge

**Dissertation Title:** *Effects of Sitagliptin on Cardiovascular Structural and Biochemical Changes in Rats Fed Atherogenic Diets*

**Major Professor:** Subramanyam Murthy, Ph.D.

**Public Policy**

Jerilyn Celestine, Baton Rouge

**Dissertation Title:** *An Empirical Analysis of Child Rape Defendants Based on Their Demographic Characteristics in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana from 2009 to 2018*

**Major Professor:** Judge Donald Johnson, Ph.D.



## Nursing

Erica Denise Thomas Joseph, Plaquemine

***Dissertation Title: Examining Risk and Protective Factors of Suicide among African American Veterans: A Secondary Data Analysis Using the National Survey on Drug Use and Health***

**Major Professor:** Cheryl Taylor, Ph.D., RN, FAAN

## Science and Mathematics Education

Amreen Ajaz, Sugarland, TX

***Dissertation Title: Analyzing the Effects of MyMathLab on Undergraduate College Students Achievement in Pre-Calculus Mathematics I***

**Major Professor:** Christopher Guillory, Ph.D.

Loretta Walker Spruel, Lake Charles

***Dissertation Title: The Impact of Adaptive Learning Technology on Academic Achievement in a Stem Course at an HBCU Institution***

**Major Professor:** Christopher Guillory, Ph.D.

## MASTER OF ARTS

### CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Avis Michelle Dennis Jackson, Denham Springs

Jerry Kinchen, Denham Springs

Anita Awele Osuzoka, Baton Rouge

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### History

Haley Alexandria James, Shreveport

#### Sociology

Alisha Sadé Jarrett, Baton Rouge

Tessica Symone Johnson, Baton Rouge

Jaci Ciara Mosby, Addis

Tracy Nacole Pursley, Baton Rouge

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Sarah Namboozo, Baton Rouge

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Jamaica





## MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Ali H. Al Majed, Al Mubarraz, Saudi Arabia

**Thesis Title:** *Smart Object Detection*

*Algorithms under Different Weather  
Conditions*

**Thesis Advisor:** Yasser Ismail, Ph.D.

Monroe Martez Willis, Sibley

**Thesis Title:** *Fabrication and*

*Characterization of Boron Nitride  
Nanotube (BNNT) Polymer  
Composite Films*

**Thesis Advisor:** Patrick Mensah, Ph.D.

Willson Junior Meli Ngong,  
Beaumont, TX

**Thesis Title:** *Video Based Automated*

*Pedestrian Counting Algorithms for  
Smart Cities*

**Thesis Advisor:** Yasser Ismail, Ph.D.

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Kelly Arnette Eaglin, Prairieville

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Biology

Orielle D. Upshaw, Baton Rouge

### Computer Science

Nidhi Anumula, Baton Rouge

Abdurrahman Basalan, Kirikkale, Turkey

**Thesis Title:** *Intrusion Detection in IoT*

*Devices Using Machine Learning  
Algorithms*

**Thesis Advisor:**

Mohammad Abdus Salam, Ph.D.

Srikanth Reddy Kamati, Wanaparthi,  
Telengana

Vaishnavi Kolluri, Fremont, California

Jade Jean Monet Lewis, Murrieta, CA

**Thesis Title:** *Comparative Study*

*Business Intelligence Tools for  
University Departmental Success*

**Thesis Advisor:** Nigel Gwee, Ph.D.

Shivani Madaram, Baton Rouge

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Bharghava Lakshmi Sarvasiddi, Baton Rouge

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Gloria Dean Brown Perkins, Baton Rouge

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Christi Danielle Carmouche, Lafayette

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## **Speech-Language Pathology**

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Phalon Davis-Barnes, South Holland, IL  
Jasmine E. Griffin, Lake Charles  
Markeya D. Hall, Prairieville  
Kayla D. Harris, Baton Rouge

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Taylor D. Hedrick, New Orleans  
Chrystin D. Johnson, Zachary  
Latris D. Jolla, Baton Rouge  
Tashiera R. Lights, Baton Rouge  
Kayla S. Pierre, Zachary  
Timara L. Thompson, Baton Rouge  
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#### Mathematics and Physics

Rayda A. Lathon, Saint Louis, MO	Angelique S. Mcclellan, Eastpointe, MI
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**Degree:** *B.S. in Speech Language Pathology  
and Audiology*

**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature: The  
Role of Speech Language Pathologist  
in Providing Service to Children  
from Culturally and Linguistically  
Diverse Backgrounds*

**Thesis Advisor:** Elaine Lewnau, Ph.D., CCC., SLP.  
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**Degree:** *B.S. in Mathematics*

**Thesis Title:** *Studying the Effects of Proton  
Therapy on Human Tissue Using  
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**Degree:** *B.S. in Agricultural Sciences*

**Thesis Title:** *A Literary Analysis: The  
Importance of Comparative Medicine  
as it Relates to Human and  
Veterinary Disciplines: The Use of  
Animal Models*

**Thesis Advisor:** Harold Mellieon, Ph.D.  
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**Degree:** *B.S. in Mechanical Engineering*

**Thesis Title:** *Design and Analysis of an  
Optimal Low-Cost Suspension  
System for the First Southern  
University FSAE Motor Vehicle*

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**Thesis Title:** *Using Technology as a Healthy  
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**Degree:** *B.S. in Biology*

**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature: A  
Study of the Effects of Milk  
Alternatives versus Cow's Milk in  
Relation to the Human Body*

**Thesis Advisor:** Tanganika Johnson, M.S.  
Department of Biology and  
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**Degree:** *B.A. in Music*

**Thesis Title:** *Psychological Impacts of Music  
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**Thesis Advisor:** Jonathan Knoll, Ph.D.  
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**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature:  
An Economic Investigation of Factors  
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**Degree:** *B.S. in Animal Science*

**Thesis Title:** *Comparing the Growth  
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Raised Birds vs. Traditionally  
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**Thesis Title:** *Polo-like kinase 5 (Plk5)  
Expression as a Diagnostic Tool in  
Various Cancer Cells*

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**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature: The  
Sociopolitical Influence of Hip Hop/  
Rap Culture*

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**Thesis Title:** *The Antibacterial properties of  
Turmeric, Garlic and Ginger*

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**Degree:** *B.S. in Nursing*

**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature:  
Evidence-Based Interventions for  
the Prevention of Burnout and  
Compassion Fatigue in Nurses*

**Thesis Advisor:** Antionella Upshaw, Ph.D.  
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Allied Health

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**Degree:** *B.S. in Psychology*

**Thesis Title:** *The Relationship between  
Self-Esteem, Need to Belong, and  
Sexual Autonomy among African  
American Female College Students*

**Thesis Advisor:** Reginald Rackley, Ph.D.  
Department of Psychology  
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Social Sciences

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**Degree:** *B.S. in Mathematics*

**Thesis Title:** *Mathematical Modeling: A  
Survey of Medical Applications*

**Thesis Advisor:** Rachel Vincent-Finley, Ph.D.  
Department of Mathematics and  
Physics  
College of Sciences and Engineering

Irene Lewis

**Degree:** *B.S. in Agricultural Sciences with Concentration in Plant and Soil Science*

**Thesis Title:** *Examination of the Dose-Dependent Relationship of Rosselle Hibiscus Extracts of cellular Migration and Drug Resistance of Cancer Cells*

**Thesis Advisor:** Janana Snowden, Ph.D.  
Department of Agricultural Sciences  
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**Thesis Title:** *The Effects of Socioeconomic Status and Standard Based Instruction on Success Rate in Academia*

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**Degree:** *B.S. in Agricultural Sciences with Concentration in Plant and Soil Science*

**Thesis Title:** *The Examination of Health Benefits of Melatonin Found in Muscadine Grapes and Wine*

**Thesis Advisor:** Devaiah Kambiranda, Ph.D.  
Department of Agricultural Sciences  
College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences

Maria M. Morgan

**Degree:** *B.S. in Nursing*

**Thesis Title:** *A Review of the Literature: The Nursing Shortage and Reasons for Leaving*

**Thesis Advisor:** Antionella Upshaw, Ph.D.  
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Niya L. Roberson

**Degree:** *B.S. in Computer Science*

**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature: The Implementation of Virtual Reality in Education*

**Thesis Advisor:** Nigel Gwee, Ph.D.  
Department of Computer Science  
College of Sciences and Engineering

Chloë G. Sims

**Degree:** *B.S. in Nursing*

**Thesis Title:** *A Review of Literature: Post-Partum Complications of New Mothers Related to Ineffective Teaching*

**Thesis Advisor:** Trudy Williams, Ph.D.  
Department of Nursing  
College of Nursing and Allied Health

Aria J. Vaughn

**Degree:** *B.S. in Criminal Justice*

**Thesis Title:** *A Literature Review: Capital Punishment- An Ineffective and Immoral Deterrent to Crime*

**Thesis Advisor:** Orscini L. Beard, Ph.D.  
Department of Criminal Justice  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Mariyhia D. Williams

**Degree:** *B.S. in Agricultural Sciences with Concentration in Animal Science*

**Thesis Title:** *Evaluation of Utilizing Carrasius auratus as a Biological Water through Filter*

**Thesis Advisor:** Harold Mellieon, Ph.D.  
Department of Agricultural Sciences  
College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences





Courtney E. Wright

***Degree: B.S. in Marketing***

***Thesis Title: Social Media: A Tool For  
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***Thesis Advisor:*** George Kirk, Ph.D.

Department of Management and

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Surface Warfare Officer

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Irene Lewis  
Naila Mccraney  
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Paris Daniels  
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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Environmental Toxicology**

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***Dissertation Title: UV-B induced DNA  
damage in Southern Tree Species***

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

**Public Policy**

Ruth Endam Mbah, Cameroon

***Dissertation Title: On Public Policy***

***Perspective of Student***

***Loans and Debts: A Mixed***

***Methods Approach***

***Major Professor:*** Onyumbé Lukongo, Ph.D.

Josephine Nnenna Okoronkwo-Onor,  
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***Dissertation Title: A Perceived Social  
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Immigration: A case study of  
continental Black Africa***

***Major Professor:*** Kingsley Esedo, Ph.D.

**Urban Forestry**

Alexis Cyntel D'wan Smith, Baton Rouge

***Dissertation Title: The Development of  
Flood Hazard Mitigation Practices  
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***Major Professor:*** Yadong Qi, Ph.D.

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## MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Kofi Agyemang Amankwah, Baton Rouge

***Thesis Title: A Three Degrees  
Of Freedom (3dof)  
Dynamic Modeling  
And Simulation Of An  
Unmanned Aerial  
Vehicles***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Stephen Akwaboa, Ph.D.

John Bayelma Konlan, Baton Rouge

***Thesis Title: Sustainability Of  
Glass Fiber Reinforced  
Self-Healable Shape  
Memory Polymer  
Composite Laminates With  
Shape Memory Alloy Z-Pins***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Samuel Ibekwe, Ph.D.

Henry Quansah Afful, Baton Rouge

***Thesis Title: Effect Of Uniaxial  
Compression On The  
Shape Memory Behavior  
Of Unidirectional  
Vitriimer Composite  
Embedded With Tension-  
Programmed Shape  
Memory Polymer Fibers***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Samuel Ibekwe, Ph.D.

Obinna David Nwokonkwo, Magnolia, TX

***Thesis Title: Numerical Evaluation  
Of An Indirect Heating  
Method For Self-  
Healing In Shape Memory  
Fiber-Reinforced  
Polymers Using High  
Intensity Focused  
Ultrasound***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Samuel Ibekwe, Ph.D.

Okunzuwa Austine Ekuase, Baton Rouge

***Thesis Title: Thermo-Mechanical  
Characterization of a Hybrid  
Reinforced Photopolymer Composite  
via DLP 3D Printing***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Fareed Dawan, Ph.D.

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Biology

Dominique Lejoncia Jackson, Greensburg  
Ambur Lyn Orozco, Fowler, CA

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## Computer Science

Kassirer Dunn, Port Allen

***Thesis Title: Protection of Privacy: Securing  
Your Data in the Technology World***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Ebrahim Khosravi, Ph.D.

Marqus A. Woods, Baker

***Thesis Title: Design &  
Implementation  
of Legs to Assist in  
Motion of Inmoov  
Humanoid Robot***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Ebrahim Khosravi, Ph.D.

## Executive Master in Criminal Justice

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Bri'Ante Lacle Richard, Franklin

## Mathematics and Physics

Blaise Awola Ayirizia, Baton Rouge

***Thesis Title: AB-Initio Self-  
Consistent Density  
Functional Theory  
Description Of Rock Salt  
Magnesium Selenide (MgSe)***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Diola Bagayoko, Ph.D.

Peter Adama Quaye, Baton Rouge

***Thesis Title: Optimization Of  
Growth Parameters Of  
Nitrogen Functionalized  
Carbon Nanomaterial  
For Better  
Electrocatalytic  
Performance***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Guang-Lin Zhao, Ph.D.

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Larissa Janae Livingston, Baton Rouge

Sidnie B. Carr, Prairieville

Chastity Semien, Carencro

Keyosha Ashala Dunn, Zachary

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Darrion M. Gros, Zachary

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Completing their Matriculation with Full Honors  
Karen E. Crosby, Ph.D., *Dean, Honors College*  
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***Thesis Title: A Case Study: Marijuana***

***Legalization and its Impact on  
the Disparity in Arrest Rates of  
African Americans***

***Thesis Advisor:*** Melanie Johnson, Ph.D.

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*Commencement Speaker*

**Kenneth C. Frazier**

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**K**enneth C. Frazier has served as the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Merck & Co., Incorporated since 2011. Under his leadership, Merck is delivering innovative lifesaving medicines and vaccines as well as long-term and sustainable value to its multiple stakeholders.

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Frazier joined the company in 1992 and has held positions of increasing responsibility including general counsel and president. Prior to joining Merck, he was a partner with the Philadelphia law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath. His contributions, especially in the legal, business and humanitarian fields, have been widely recognized. He sits on the boards of PhRMA, Weill Cornell Medicine, Exxon Mobil Corporation, and Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, The Business Council, the Council of the American Law Institute, and the American Bar Association.

Frazier received his bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania State University and holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



**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 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,

Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.

*President-Chancellor, Southern University System*

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