



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH ALABAMA

FALL COMMENCEMENT  
DECEMBER 9, 2017



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

## FALL COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Processional.....	Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 The USA Commencement Band William H. Petersen, D.M., Conductor Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music
Presentation of Colors.....	The USA Color Guard
The National Anthem.....	Elizabeth Bemis Senior Music Major The USA Commencement Band
Invocation .....	Michael A. Mitchell, Ph.D. Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Welcome .....	Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D. President
Commencement Address .....	Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D.
Conferring of the Bachelor's Degrees.....	President Waldrop
Introduction of the Deans.....	G. David Johnson, Ph.D. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of the Master's and Educational Specialist Degrees .....	President Waldrop
Conferring of the Doctoral Degrees .....	President Waldrop
Remarks .....	Carl A. Thomas, Jr. President, Student Government Association
Remarks .....	Doug Whitmore '05 President, National Alumni Association

Remarks ..... President Waldrop  
The Alma Mater ..... Elizabeth Bemis  
The USA Commencement Band  
Recessional ..... Coronation March  
The USA Commencement Band

The audience is requested to stand during the Processional, Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, Invocation and USA Alma Mater.



The program contains the names of candidates for degrees and tentative honors for those who may be eligible. Inclusion in the program does not constitute evidence of completion of the required program of study for awarding the degree, certification or honors.

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# KEVIN M. GUSKIEWICZ

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## SPEAKER

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Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is also a neuroscientist and nationally recognized expert on sport-related concussions.

Using both laboratory and on-the-field data, he was one of the first researchers to identify the long-term effects of multiple concussions, including cognitive impairment and depression in later life, through large-scale epidemiological studies of retired professional football players.

Recognizing the inadequacy of traditional concussion screening tools, which relied primarily on an athlete's self-report of symptoms, Guskiewicz demonstrated that postural control, or balance, serves especially well as an objective measure in the evaluation of concussive episodes. His portable and cost-effective Balance Error Scoring System is now widely used by athletic trainers at colleges and secondary schools to diagnose and manage injury more rapidly and accurately.

Most recently, he has focused on the cumulative effects of repetitive, sub-threshold brain impacts. Using accelerometers embedded in the helmets of college football and young hockey players, he and colleagues are investigating the relationship between magnitude and number of head impacts and clinical symptoms of concussion. Taking this research a step further, he is working directly with collegiate football players and coaches to identify dangerous hits in real time and to correct

improper tackling techniques associated with sustaining concussions. While engaging clinicians, coaches, parents and athletes in recognizing the immediate and long-term effects of concussions, Guskiewicz is contributing significantly to state and federal policy discussions concerning development of more stringent return-to-play guidelines and head-gear investigations that will improve the safety of athletes of all ages.

His groundbreaking work has led to numerous awards, including the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, known as "the genius grant," in 2011 for his innovative work on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sport-related concussions. He and his colleagues used the award to help improve safety in high school sports and to help the U.S. military identify and treat serious head injuries, leading to Time magazine naming him a "Game Changer, one of 18 innovators and problem-solvers inspiring change in America."

Both the NFL and the NCAA used Guskiewicz's research when each organization rewrote its concussion guidelines and recommendations.

His research has resulted in 23 funded-research grants, the publication of more than 90 journal articles and six textbook chapters related to concussions in sport. He was awarded a Fellowship in the American College of Sports Medicine in 2003, the National Academy of Kinesiology in 2006 and the National Athletic Trainers' Association in 2008. In 2010, he was named to the NCAA's Concussion Committee, the NFLPA's Mackey-White Committee and the NFL's Head, Neck and Spine Committee.

Guskiewicz is the Kenan Distinguished Professor of Exercise and Sport Science and co-director of the Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center and director of the Center for the Study of Retired Athletes. He holds appointments in the departments of orthopaedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center and the doctoral program in human movement science.

Guskiewicz earned a bachelor of science degree in athletic training from West Chester University, a master of science in exercise physiology/athletic training from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in sports medicine from the University of Virginia.

# PLATFORM PARTY

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## SPEAKER

Kevin M. Guskiewicz

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# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

## A BRIEF HISTORY

**T**he University of South Alabama was founded in 1963 without a single building to call its own. More than 50 years and quite a few buildings later, USA is a vibrant university that continues to serve as a catalyst for transformational change in the city, the state and the Gulf Coast region.

USA's story began in the early 1960s, when Mobile's civic leaders saw the need to improve access to higher education in southwest Alabama. Realizing the region had outgrown the small extension program that operated out of a building downtown, they

formulated plans for a four-year, degree-granting institution. On May 3, 1963, a bill creating a new, independent university successfully passed the Alabama Legislature, and USA was born.

Classes began in June 1964 at a new, \$1 million building in west Mobile. Initial enrollment totaled 276. The extent of the pent-up demand for education became obvious when the first fall semester began. Enrollment leaped to 928 — and it continues to grow. Today, USA enrolls more than 15,000 students annually and has awarded more than 85,000 degrees.

The first campus building is now named the Frederick Palmer Whiddon Administration Building, after USA's first president. Whiddon helped establish the University and remained at its helm until retiring in 1998. His successor, longtime faculty member and administrator V. Gordon Moulton, oversaw a new era of growth into the 21st century. Dr. Tony G. Waldrop, selected in 2014 as USA's third president, continues the USA tradition of visionary leadership focused on discovery, health and learning.

As new programs attracted more students, the University's footprint and facilities expanded. Almost from the moment USA accepted its first students, its leaders began ambitiously working toward establishing a medical school. The College of Medicine charter class began in 1973, and USA's focus on health education was later complemented by the College of Nursing and the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.

Today, USA provides high-quality education in business, the liberal arts, education, engineering, computing, the sciences and health care. It offers more than 100 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees through its colleges and schools. The University campus includes USA Technology & Research Park, an incubator of economic development and technological innovation. On the east side of Mobile Bay, USA's Baldwin County Campus provides Eastern Shore residents convenient access to educational programs.

The University of South Alabama includes a comprehensive health system composed of two hospitals — USA Medical Center and USA Children's & Women's Hospital — along with the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute and the USA Physicians Group. This network of advanced health care services has improved the lives of countless residents throughout the region.

A charter member of the Sun Belt Conference, USA fields 17 Division I sports teams, including baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, cross country and track and field. The Jaguars football program, established in 2009, played in its first bowl game, the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, in 2014.





## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia can be traced back to European universities and ecclesiastical practices of the Middle Ages. As early as 1321, costumes identified the status of the wearer. In addition to signaling differences of degree, the garments had functional purposes, providing necessary warmth in sparsely heated buildings.

Regalia differentiate among the three degree levels used by our University; bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Common to all three levels is the headwear; the familiar square black mortarboard, although soft velvet tams may be worn by those holding doctorates. The gowns appropriate to the three ranks differ in the shape of the sleeves and in the special trim found on the doctoral gown. The bachelor's gown, which is unadorned, has wide sleeves that are pointed at the bottom. The master's gown has curiously designed sleeves, which are elongated at the rear and reach downward to the gown's bottom hem. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is distinctively trimmed with velvet facings down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve. These trimmings may be black or the color appropriate to the discipline in which the degree was awarded.

The hoods worn by those holding the master's and doctoral degrees provide the color of the academic procession. These garments are draped over the shoulders and back of the wearer to display the linings, which present the colors of the university awarding the degree. Those holding degrees from the University of South Alabama wear hoods lined with chevrons of red, white, and blue. The hoods also have velvet binding, three inches wide for the master's degree and five inches for the doctorate, in a color designating the discipline.

## THE MACE

Originally used as a medieval weapon, the mace evolved as a symbol of academic dignity and authority by colleges and universities in the 16th century. Traditionally, the mace is carried as a part of formal academic processions. The University of South Alabama mace, carried by the president of the Faculty Senate acting as chief marshal of commencement ceremonies, was designed by Dr. James Conlon, a professor of art at USA from 1967-1997.

In Conlon's words, his goal was to create a design that captured "an open form which symbolizes the primary functions of the University — that of support and protection for the growth of knowledge and scholarship represented by the golden orb." The engraved attributes of Responsibility, Virtue, Charity, Dedication, Fidelity, Fortitude, Honor, and Industry surround and uphold the symbol of knowledge.



# UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE GONFALONS

The students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are the flags or banners, hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. The top portion of each college's gonfalon is the designated color for each unit; white is the background color for each of the colleges' symbols, as well as one of the University's colors. To help identify each college gonfalon, a description of each follows:

## University Gonfalon

The University of South Alabama's colors of red, white and blue predominate with the University's official seal in the center of the white section.

## College Gonfalons

**Arts and Sciences:** The globe in the College of Arts and Sciences' gonfalon symbolizes study of human societies, cultures and behaviors. The microscope represents the scientific study of nature. The paintbrush, palette and lyre connote artistic performance and appreciation of the arts, and the book is symbolic of a life informed by learning.

**Education and Professional Studies:** The flourishing flame blazoned with red and light blue signifies the burning zeal of the three missions of education - teaching, research and service. The hands hold the spiritual, social and intellectual flame of education.

**Engineering:** The Earth is the ground stability, a foundation for life and for the structure of humanity and nature. The College of Engineering invites discovery and investigation into the realm of ever-changing worldwide technologies. The bridge is a symbol of engineering design. It is the essence of learning, the container of intellect and the spirit of wisdom that creates destinies.

**Medicine:** The caduceus is a wing-topped staff intertwined by two snakes and was carried by Hermes, Greek messenger of the gods. In early cultures the intertwined snakes symbolized healing. The caduceus has been a symbol of medicine since the 16th century.

**Mitchell College of Business:** The Mitchell College of Business uses the symbol of a club which is associated with money, wealth, work and luck. The color purple symbolizes the rank of authority. The gold lozenges represent the flow of order.

**Nursing:** Three blue stars blazoned with gold symbolize caring, innovation and empowerment. The two shafts of wheat represent nourishment and strength, while the globe illustrates the universal presence of nursing. The burning lamp of Florence Nightingale and the red cross signify the history and origins of nursing.

**Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions:** This symbol depicts the many health care professions that make up the health care team. The supporting hands and the red center represent the caring nature and the heart of the various professions represented in the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.

**School of Computing:** The design of the School of Computing is made up of two symbols appropriate to the School; the flame of knowledge and the globe. The flame of knowledge is derived from three distinct disciplines: Science represented by the blue, Engineering represented by the orange, and Business represented by the tan. The globe symbolizes both the wide reaching effect of the discipline and the diversity of the School's population.

**The Graduate School:** The columns are indicative of the pursuit of advanced knowledge built on the strong foundation of earlier educational attainments. The earth represents the wide range of studies pursued in graduate studies and their broad applications for the betterment of the world. The oak spray represents strength and endurance in pursuit of goals.

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

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## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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College of Arts and Sciences

Mitchell College of Business

College of Education and Professional Studies

College of Engineering

School of Computing

Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions

College of Nursing

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## MASTER'S AND EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREES

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College of Arts and Sciences

Mitchell College of Business

College of Education and Professional Studies

College of Engineering

School of Computing

Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions

College of Nursing

Graduate School

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## DOCTORAL DEGREES

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Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions

College of Nursing

Mitchell College of Business

College of Education and Professional Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Medicine

Graduate School

### Academic Honors

Undergraduate students graduating with distinction receive academic honors based on grade-point average: 3.90 – 4.00 summa cum laude; 3.70 – 3.89 magna cum laude; 3.50 – 3.69 cum laude. Gold honor cords will be worn to designate academic honors. A distinction will be noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma. Students who have completed an Honors Senior Project and Thesis and have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, graduate with “Departmental Honors” and it is so noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma.

### Honors College

Students who complete all Honors College requirements including Honors course work, community service, Honors Senior Project and Thesis, and who maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, graduate with “University Honors.” A distinction will be noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma. In the commencement ceremony, University Honors students wear a distinctive undergraduate hood.

# CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Andrzej Wierzbicki, Ph.D., Dean

### Bachelor of Arts

Maryam Hussain Almousa	Katharine Ann Guessford	Ashley Delane Mogler
Fahad Abdullah Alyosef *	Robert Sidney Gwin III	Joshua Lavoyd Moore
Oyende Jomo Anderson	Alisha Danielle Harris	Daniel X. Moore, Sr.
Taylor Grey Appleyard	Alexis LeMoyné Hempfleng	Joseph Russ Mosley, Jr.
Shelby R. Arnold	Trent David Hemphill	Ashley Guy Nelson
Jeffrey Leon Austin	James Leo Henkel **	Megan My Huyen Newell
Sargos Thomas Barkett	Brittney Nicole Highland **	Julia Grace Newman
David Scott Barnett	Cody Joseph Hill	Carol Delaune Newsome
Estefania Barrios	Timothy Charles Holloway	Michael Nixon Noblitt
Garrick Forrest Bilbrey	Cassandra Lynn Holmes	Joshua Jared Nunn
Brandon Allan Bilek	Jay Skylar Holmes	Joseph Robert Pannone
Cameron Semmes Bosarge	Aaron LaFrance Howard	Natalya N. Percy
Hamilton Joseph Boudreaux IV	Eunicekriza F. Iglesia **	William Chase Pope *
Aprica Shantelle Bradley	Janae Shakeese Ivory	Caleb Patrick Quave
Alexandra Diane Brashears **	Jalyn Simone Johnson	Kristina Marie Quillen
Lindsey Kayla Bullard ***	Malcolm X. Johnson	Valante Latrice Reed
Rowland Burrell *	Theodore Edwin Johnson, Jr. ***	Ashley Caroline Reeves
Deidra Lashae Bush	Ashlynn Sophia Jones	Madison Elizabeth Ritter
Laura Helen Ann Carpenter	Kimberly Anne Jones	Emma Vivian Royal
Thomas J. Casteel II	LaTonja Kellicia Jones	Charmaine Miyang Rutherford
Richard Philip Chatham III	Jonathan Harty Keating	Pepsy Tip Sathchakham
Chase Dwayne Clanton	Faith D. Kilpatrick	Treasure Raine Scarbrough
Amber Michelle Clausell	Kaitlyn Paige Koch	Abigail Rose Scioneaux
Nena Alexandra Coarsey	Jordan Delani Kosick	Kyle Matthew Seber
Madeline Hatch Cody	Trysha L. Krasnosky	Samantha Katherine Shaw
Eboné Nicole Collins	Jeremy Lee Ladnier	Josie Diane Sheaffer *
Andrew Theo Crawford	Miranda Lynn Lambert	Rikki Danielle Shumate
Colin Wesley Cutright	Adam Joseph Langan	Karla Fabiola Silva *
Jerry Lee Davis, Jr.	Raul Lisboa Pereira Basilio *	Elizabeth Haas Simison **
Kelly Anne Dunn	Antonio Monte London	Cynthia Reid Slover
Joshua Quentin Dyer	Amelia Lynn Looney	La'Jarad Bernard Smith
Molly M. Espanan **	Montoya Latrice Malone	Paul Randall Smith, Jr.
Madison Carol Franklin ***	Chancelor Allen Mancuso	Bryanna Lynn Stephens
Kelly Nicole Frazier *	Jayla Raynita McAdory *	Joseph Scott Stephens
Bradley Chase Ganey	Daniel Parker McCormick	Lauren Rebecca Sullivan *
Michelle Renee Garcia	Brittany Nicole McMillian *	Kenneth Trent Thomas
Sarah A. Glenn **	Alejandra McMurphy	Torris G. Thomas, Jr.
	Emily Danielle Mims *	Daniel Joseph Thompson
	Haley Faith Mitchell ***	Caroline Jacy Torrens ***

\* cum laude \*\* magna cum laude \*\*\* summa cum laude

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‡ Departmental Honors Program

Tiina Trutsi \*\*\*  
 Kassy Ashley Urena-Rodriguez  
 April Michelle Vaughn  
 Mimi Leigh Walker  
 Ella Jane Weishaar  
 Lauren Elizabeth Wheat \*\*  
 Mark A. Wicks II  
 Alexandra Cecil Williams  
 Harrison C. Williams  
 Savannah Ida Jean Williams  
 Shelby Marie Williamson  
 Jade Larel Withers  
 Bianca Wright

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Laura E. Bell  
 Frederick Gerald Blache, Jr.  
 Victoria Elaine Blackmon  
 Susan Elizabeth Hancock  
 Alexandra Charmere Jackson  
 Larry Johns III  
 ElizaBeth Ann Donovan Matthews  
 Meghan Lynn Pine

**Bachelor of Music**

Steven Reed Gilmore \*  
 Lee Arron Klosterman, Jr.  
 Sean Michael Rowell

**Bachelor of Science**

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 Julius Armstrong

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 Brandon C. Beech  
 Aaron M. Black  
 Matthew Byron Blagburn  
 William Hayden Brown  
 Derrius Jaquan Burns  
 Adrianna Jenae' Carpenter  
 Cody Garrett Cassity  
 Thomas J. Casteel II  
 John H. Cleverdon, Jr.  
 Bethany Lynn Cobb \*\*\* ‡ ‡  
 Brandy Elizabeth Comer  
 Hannah Marie Conner  
 Jacob Aaron Crawford  
 Samantha Marie Creamer  
 Denver James Crumpler  
 Lillian Rebecca Joy Dickson  
 Nicholas John Engle-Wrye  
 Grace L. Forster  
 Tramon Marcellus Harrell  
 Kurt McKay Hellmich  
 Michael H. Vanden Heuvel  
 Steven Michael Hinson  
 Madison Michelle Laduron  
 Richard Wilson McAll  
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 Autumn D. Nitz  
 Zachary T. Normandin  
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 Alex Benjamin Parker  
 Sha'Torrie Emira Parrish  
 Dante Baldwin Piccini \*\*\*  
 Kristen Nicole Prevost \*\*  
 Nikolaus Pruitt

Mary Jennifer Reeves  
 Ramon Antonio Richardson  
 Roderick Martez Robinson  
 Anuar Nassim Sahori  
 Gavin Sawyer Shotts  
 David Bates Skinner  
 Holly Jean Tetreault  
 Cole A. Wainwright  
 Tommie Walker IV  
 Carson Leigh Watson \*\*\*  
 Glynisha Ny' Ketrui Whitfield-Moss  
 Elizabeth Nicole Williamson

**Bachelor of Social Work**

De'Aira Ann Alexander  
 Britnie Nicole Allen  
 LaTonia Ankerson  
 Katelyn Barber  
 Shamika Renae Baxter  
 Loritha L. Bee  
 Brittney A. Calvert  
 Chantini La Trice Craig \*  
 Sharina Danyell Duncan  
 Morgan A. Greene  
 Marquia To'Nae James \*  
 Courtney Sherrell Johnson  
 Kimberly Anne Jones  
 Sandra Oakley McGadney  
 Destyne Pound  
 Melba D. Presnall \*\*  
 Kyle Rebekah Sneed  
 Vanessa E. Vandehey  
 Edwina Wynemia Walker

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# MITCHELL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bob G. Wood, Ph.D., Dean

## Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Yosef Aborady  
Amro Abualsaud  
Abdullah Ibrahim Aleidan  
Briana Marie Archey  
Rylee Elizabeth Ardis  
Emilie B. Armstrong  
Jonathan Bradford Ashley  
Ashley D'Nae Monique Bailey  
James Michael Barlow  
Sean Christopher Basham  
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Johnny De'Von Brannon  
John William Brierly  
Hakim Rashad Brown  
Jessica D. Brown \*  
Kayla DeAnne Brown  
Catherine B. Burgess  
Thomas Morgan Cochran  
Jamison LaBarion Coleman  
Jesse L. Cornelson III  
Cristina Elaine Cox  
Anette Creekmore  
Stephanie Kayla Cronier  
Kellsey Leigh Daggett \*\*\*  
Jonathan Carey Daniels  
Michael O'Neal Darrington II  
Michael Davis  
Reanna W. Davis  
Stephen A. Ehlers II

Dominic Michael Esposito  
Chad B. Evans  
Elizabeth Marie Everette  
Juan Cruz Soria Forcada  
Charles Christopher Francis \*\*  
Lili Ge  
Nathan A. Graham  
Brianna Rose Greiner  
Kassidy K. Griffin  
Nikeith Guillory-Mukura  
Kristin Michelle Hardin  
Tyler L. Holenbeck \*  
Arica S. Holloway \*  
Ronnie M. House, Jr.  
Haoxiang Huang  
Sarah Donovan Hughes  
Hongyu Jin  
Thomas Cameron Johnson  
Althaler Delmonte Johnson, Jr.  
Joseph S. Jordan II  
Mridul Joshi  
Ulugbek F. Kuchkarov  
Russell A. Lange, Jr.  
Vivian Nguyen Le  
LaShawn L. Lewis-May \*\*  
Mounira Mahdy  
Vidya Malla  
Daniel Lloyd Mann  
Morgan McDaniel  
Molly Lynn Moore  
Brandon D. Morgan  
James T. Mullek-Russell  
Amanda Lynn Nadeau  
Paige Lindsey Nelson  
Alexander Colby Nicholson

Aaron Pate  
Sierra Dawn Patterson  
John Curtis Peoples  
Tiffany Rose Rau \*\*  
Ali Stringfellow Ray \*  
Kyle E. Regas \*  
Margaret LaTrice Reid  
Nicholas Robert Richards  
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Paige Nicole Romanko  
Jonathan Allan Rowe \*\*  
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Alan Michael Smith  
Camellia Leigh Sturtz  
William D. Sundbeck  
Dillon S. Sutton  
Alexander Theo Theodore \*\*\*  
Megan R. Thompson \*  
Elijah J. Tucker  
Darian Vandiver  
Hang Vu \*\*\*  
Julius Michael Wall  
David Andrew Waller  
Yang Wang  
Edward Andrew Whitsett  
Brooklyn Paige Williams  
Evelyn Louise Williams \*  
Joseph Michael Wilson  
Shiyang Yi

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# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Andrea M. Kent, Ph.D., Dean

## Bachelor of Arts

Sylina Kaye Barlow  
Phillip Michael Hall  
Xavier Jerome Johnson  
Michael Perhaes  
Michelle Latrice Thomas-Mitchell

## Bachelor of Science

Abigail Victoria Akey  
Justin D. Alexander  
Joseph Michael Alexander, Jr.  
Marlon Ordell Anderson  
Jazlynn Chanell Baker  
Roxanne Alease Bates  
Megan Lane Brady  
Peyton Lynn Brannon \*  
Nicole Renee Brewster  
Mia Renee Britton  
Darrian Blair Brown  
Dylan A. Brown  
Samuel Brown  
Katelyn Guy Busby \*  
Murdoch Newton Campbell \*\*  
Colton Bray Carlisle  
Elizabeth Marie Chaltain \*\*\*  
Trey Charles Chambers  
Marissa Gianna Chardon  
Kaleigh Anne Collins \*\*\*  
Someryn Paige Cooper \*\*\*  
Abigail Dye Cortopassi \*\*  
Taylor LeAnne Craig  
Frank Casey Crawford  
Taylor Blythe Crowley \*\*  
Nicole Venise Cumbo  
Cheryl A. Dade \*  
Haley J. Dapremont  
Kaylee S. Daughdrill

Summer Davis  
Katarina A. Dean \*\*\*  
Meagan P. Dobbins  
Lindsey Nicole Donald  
Kaitlyn Ansley Doyle \*\*  
Chanta M. Ellzey \*\*  
Ariana Morgan Falkner \*\*  
Guy Jordan Fluckum  
Megan Nichole Flurnoy  
Benjamin Taylor Gann  
Kaitlyn Louise Gayle  
Mora Caroline Gratton \*  
Megan Emily Green  
Shannon René Guidroz  
Laura Ashley Hamilton  
Samantha Ashleigh Harrington  
Amber J. Harris  
Kayla Hensarling \*\*  
Alisha Colette Hill \*\*\*  
Brooke Nicole Holmes  
Kaylin L. Jackson  
Steven Tyler Jarrett \*\*\*  
Kaylee Jemison  
Bryson Denzel Johnson  
Savannah Gail Johnson  
Khadijah MaryAm Jones  
Morgan Jeanine Jordan \*\*  
Catherine Sue Kennedy \*\*\*  
Heather Michelle Kennedy  
Mckenzie Renee Kidd  
Natashcia Nashay Kidd  
Ryan Monique Knight  
Richard Andrew La Bounty  
Hannah Nicole Larsen \*\*\*  
Dederick Deandre Lee  
Gabrielle Elizabeth Leifur  
Brandon Jerel Lockhart  
LeCrystal Shytaye Lofton \*  
Janelle L. Loney

Kai Alan Lopez  
Emily M. Martin  
Ruben Deangelo McCants  
Cortnee Marie Meyers  
Molly E. Mikkelson \*\*  
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Catherine C. Popple  
Jessica Latrice Porter  
Constance Evonne Ray  
Jeremy Antoine Reaves  
Robbie Daniel Reed \*  
Andrew Matthew Reinkemeyer  
Taylor Renée Rice \*\*\*  
Elizabeth Maria Rivers \*\*  
Anna Meitzler Robinson  
Jennifer Peacock Sanders  
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proud colors we revere.*

*Nestled midst the hills of pine  
enduring throughout time,  
Upward, onward may your fame  
continue in its climb.*

*So with thy blessings now send us  
pray that highest be our aim,  
South Alabama may we ever  
lift and glorify your name!*

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