



SHAW
UNIVERSITY
—1865—

2026 *Commencement*

Saturday, the Ninth Day of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Six
Ten in the Morning

Raleigh Convention Center
500 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh North Carolina



“Pro Christo et Humanitate”

Welcome to the 2026 Commencement of Shaw University. The pageantry of today's ceremony is the pinnacle and recognition of years of study, preparation, and achievement of our graduates. We hope you will find the ceremony both meaningful and impressive, a reflection of the collective effort of all members of the Shaw University family – faculty, staff, students, friends, and the community.

The University solicits your cooperation in sustaining the dignity and solemnity of this happy occasion. We respectfully request that you refrain from engaging in conversation as well as moving about while the Commencement Exercise is in progress. Once the exercises have begun, only members of the authorized working press, authorized photographers, and staff are permitted on the floor. Individuals wishing to take photographs may do so outside the facility following the exercises. We further ask that all guests turn off their cellphones or set them to silent.

Commencement begins with the academic procession of students, faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, the President's Cabinet and platform guests. The final person to enter the hall is the President of the University who is escorted in during the processional.

The audience is asked to rise as the procession enters the hall and remain standing until the platform party has taken its place, the invocation has been given and the hymns have been sung.

The President will close the ceremony with a farewell statement. The audience is asked to rise and remain standing for the singing of the Alma Mater and the Benediction, followed by the recessional of the platform party and the graduates. The ceremony is then concluded.

SYMBOLS OF AUTHORITY—THE CEREMONIAL ACADEMIC MACE

The ceremonial Academic Mace appeared in European universities during the fourteenth century and represented the amalgamation of two much older staff-like devices of similar length and shape. These were the regal scepter and the medieval battle mace. Throughout history, kings have carried scepters as insignia of the lawful authority of just rulers. Medieval princes first used the battle mace as an effective hand weapon in combat.

In the fourteenth century, the royal scepter and the battle mace were combined to produce the ceremonial academic mace. It was carried before royalty, mayors of cities, and chief officers of the medieval universities.

Today, the mace is used on ceremonial occasions in the life of the university. In commencement exercises, the mace indicates explicitly the authority of the university president to award degrees. The Chief Marshal, who immediately precedes the presidential party in the ceremonial procession, most often carries it.

The Shaw University Mace consists of a twenty-four inch base of hard cherry and applied dark finish. The large flat ends of the upper mace have been fitted with banks of fine sterling silver. Over this is an open work design with several solid areas, which are decorated with garnets, long regarded as the stone of compassion and peace of mind. This stone also reflects one of the University's colors and the other color is white. The mace design is inspired, in part, by the burning torch depicted in the University's crest.

Dr. Paulette Dillard, President, has been handed the University Mace, designed and executed in 1988 by the noted Shaw University artist and former Associate Professor, Minnie McMillian.

The caps and gowns worn by those in the procession are of ancient origin and have been the traditional attire of the scholar since the Medieval Period. Today's modern academic attire in the United States is based on an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The intercollegiate code regulated the cut, style, and materials of gowns as well as the specification of different colors for different disciplines. These early agreements have been revised periodically to standardize the cap, gown, and hood.

The distinctions set up by the Intercollegiate Code are simple. Each degree has its own distinctive gown and hood. The gown, commonly black, differs in sleeves and trimming according to the level of the degree. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple in design. It is full cut, falling in a straight line from an elaborate yoke, with long pointed sleeves as its distinguishing feature. The master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except for its peculiar arrangement of the oblong sleeves, which terminate in square ends at the wearer's knees. The wearer's arms emerge through slits in the sleeves made at the elbows.

The doctoral gown, full and flowing, is distinguished by velvet panels down the front and around the neck and by three bars of velvet on the voluminous bell-shaped sleeves. The velvet is usually black, or it may be a color designating the field of study, for example, dark blue for philosophy.

The academic cap was a later development. It was conferred as a symbol of the Master of Arts degree. Some of these master's caps were stiff, some soft, some square, and some round with a tuft in the center. Today's tassel is an elaboration of the tuft. Although round caps are still used at some universities, Oxford University's mortar board style is more common.

The most distinguishing feature of academic attire is the hood, which was originally a practical element of dress but has evolved into a separate, purely ornamental article draped over the shoulder and down the back. The length of the hood and the width of its velvet designate the level of the degree. The color of the velvet edging on the hood specifies the wearer's field of learning.

These colors include:

Agriculture - <i>Maize</i>	Library Science - <i>Lemon</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities - <i>White</i>	Mathematics - <i>Gold</i>
Commerce/Accountancy/Business - <i>Drab</i>	Medicine - <i>Green</i>
Communication/Journalism - <i>Crimson</i>	Military Science - <i>Gold</i>
Dentistry - <i>Lilac</i>	Music - <i>Pink</i>
Divinity/Theology - <i>Scarlet</i>	Nursing - <i>Apricot</i>
Economics - <i>Copper</i>	Oratory/Speech - <i>Silver/Gray</i>
Education - <i>Light Blue</i>	Pharmacy - <i>Olive Green</i>
Engineering - <i>Orange</i>	Philosophy - <i>Dark Blue</i>
Fine Arts/Architecture - <i>Brown</i>	Political Science - <i>Dark Blue</i>
Foreign Affairs - <i>Aquamarine</i>	Public Administration - <i>Peacock Blue</i>
Forestry - <i>Russet</i>	Public Science - <i>Golden Yellow</i>
Health - <i>Salmon Pink</i>	Social Work/Social Science - <i>Citron</i>
Human Ecology - <i>Maroon</i>	Sociology - <i>White</i>
Law - <i>Purple</i>	Theater/Dramatics - <i>Brown</i>

Colors of the silk lining in the center of the hood are those of the college or university that conferred the degree. The tassel may be either black or the color of the field of learning. The tassel of the doctor's cap may be gold.

Edwina Findley Dickerson
Author and Award-Winning Actress



Edwina Findley Dickerson is a distinguished actress, producer, and humanitarian whose work reflects a profound commitment to storytelling, social justice, and global advocacy. A graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, she has built an accomplished career in film, television, and theater, earning critical acclaim for her powerful performances and dedication to authentic representation.

Mrs. Findley Dickerson is widely recognized for her roles in groundbreaking productions, including *The Wire*, *Treme*, *If Loving You Is Wrong*, and the award-winning independent film *Free In Deed*, for which she received numerous accolades. Through her artistry, she brings depth and humanity to complex narratives, illuminating stories that challenge, inspire, and uplift audiences worldwide.

A visionary producer and storyteller, Mrs. Findley Dickerson co-founded ventures that amplify diverse voices and create space for underrepresented narratives. Her work exemplifies the power of the arts as a vehicle for transformation and social progress.

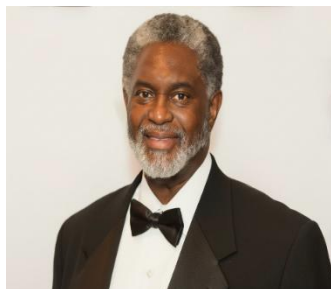
In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the arts, her unwavering commitment to humanitarian causes, and her enduring influence as a cultural leader, we are proud to confer upon Edwina Findley Dickerson the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

Done by order of this Administration on this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six

Paulette R. Dillard, Ph.D., President
Joseph N. Bell, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Bobby Sanders '71

Educator, Championship Coach
Community Leader



Bobby Sanders is a distinguished educator, championship coach, entrepreneur, and community leader whose lifetime work exemplifies an unwavering commitment to mentorship, service, and the transformative power of education and athletics.

A proud alumnus of Shaw University, Mr. Sanders distinguished himself early as a student-athlete, excelling in both basketball and baseball. As a leader on and off the field, he served as basketball team captain and was a four-year starter in baseball, helping lead his team to a Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship. As a coach, Mr. Sanders built a legacy of extraordinary achievement. He made history by leading teams to multiple CIAA Baseball Championships across decades, earning Coach of the Year honors nine times, which is a testament to his consistency, strategic brilliance, and ability to inspire excellence.

His greatest victories are measured not in championships but in transformed lives. Deeply committed to student success, Mr. Sanders ensured that his student athletes completed their degrees, while also mentoring many to pursue professional athletic opportunities. Throughout his 50 years of service to Shaw University, his dedication to recruitment and access to higher education has opened doors for countless young people, often through personal sacrifice and unwavering advocacy for his alma mater.

A man of deep faith and service, Mr. Sanders is an active member of Wake Chapel Church and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. His leadership in higher education governance, including his service as President of the Faculty Senate and as a member of the Board of Trustees at Shaw University, reflects his enduring dedication to institutional excellence and shared governance.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to education, athletics, and community development, his lifelong commitment to mentorship and service, and his profound and lasting impact on generations of students and families, we are proud to confer upon Bobby Sanders the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

Done by order of this Administration on this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six

Paulette R. Dillard, Ph.D., President
Joseph N. Bell, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Evelyn Lane Sanders '71

Visionary Leader, Healthcare Executive
Transformational Community Leader



Evelyn Lane Sanders is a visionary leader, pioneering healthcare executive, and devoted servant of the community whose life's work reflects an unwavering commitment to equity, access, and the well-being of underserved populations. A proud alumna of Shaw University, Class of 1971, she earned her Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Sociology and Political Science, laying the foundation for a career defined by purpose and impact.

A licensed clinical social worker with a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Ms. Sanders has consistently combined professional excellence with compassionate service. Her leadership extends beyond healthcare into civic engagement and community development through her work with numerous organizations, including the Bridges Pointe Foundation, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

As founder, president, and chief executive officer of Southeastern Healthcare of North Carolina, Ms. Sanders has transformed a modest adult day care center into a far-reaching healthcare organization serving communities across the state. Under her leadership, Southeastern Healthcare has become a trusted provider of critical services in marginal and underserved communities. In recognition of her extraordinary leadership in healthcare, her steadfast commitment to community empowerment, her distinguished record of service, and her profound impact on society and her alma mater, we are proud to confer upon Evelyn Lane Sanders the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Done by order of this Administration on this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six

Paulette R. Dillard, Ph.D., President
Joseph N. Bell, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Senator Alessio Butti

Italy's Undersecretary for
Technological Innovation



The Honorable Alessio Butti, Senator of the Italian Republic, is a distinguished public servant whose career reflects a steadfast commitment to democratic governance, civic responsibility, and the transformative power of innovation. Senator Butti began his journey in public service in Italy at the local level, serving his community with dedication as a municipal councilor and later as Vice Mayor, where he worked to strengthen civic infrastructure and expand opportunity for citizens. From these early roots emerged a lifetime of leadership grounded in service, accountability, and vision.

As Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy, he is responsible for Technological Innovation and Digital Transformation. Senator Butti has played a vital role in shaping national and international strategies that guide the ethical, inclusive, and forward-looking development of digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, and advanced computing.

Through his leadership, Shaw University has been invited into the Q-Alliance, Europe's flagship quantum computing consortium, creating unprecedented opportunities for collaboration and discovery. This partnership provides access to cutting-edge quantum computing resources, including time on one of the world's most advanced quantum systems, enabling groundbreaking research in fields such as drug discovery, cybersecurity, and complex systems optimization.

Throughout his career, Senator Butti has demonstrated an enduring dedication to public service, institutional leadership, and the advancement of knowledge as a force for societal progress. His work stands as a model of how thoughtful governance can ensure that innovation serves humanity with integrity, purpose, and inclusiveness.

In recognition of his distinguished leadership in public policy, his transformative contributions to global innovation ecosystems, his commitment to equitable access to emerging technologies, and his profound impact on advancing international collaboration, we are proud to confer upon Senator Alessio Butti the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

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Paulette R. Dillard, Ph.D., President
Joseph N. Bell, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

President

Presiding

Academic Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Sir Edward Elgar

Shaw University Band

Mr. Andrae King, Director

Invocation

Dr. Mark. G. Harden

Dean, Shaw University Divinity School

Anthems

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Frances Scott Key

O! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

Were so gallantly streaming

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,

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there
O! 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"

James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamund Johnson

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening 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 till victory is won

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the day when hope unborn had died:
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been
watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of
the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Welcome

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

Greetings

Dr. Joseph N. Bell, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

**Conferring of Honorary
Degrees**

Edwina Findley Dickerson
Evelyn Lane Sanders
Bobby Sanders

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard
Trustee, Dr. Adrian Allen
Citations

Musical Selection

“March Jubiloso”

Darren W. Jenkins
Shaw University Band
Mr. Andre King, Director

Presentation of Speaker

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

Commencement Address

Mrs. Edwina Findley Dickerson
Award-Winning Actress and Author

Musical Selection

“Lincoln Legend”

William G. Harbinson
Shaw University Band
Mr. Andre King, Director

Conferring Degrees

Undergraduate Degrees

*Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Social Work*

Dr. Kimberly Raiford

*Department Head,
Health, Human & Life Sciences
Arts, Sciences & Humanities*

Professor Levi Beckwith

*Department Head
Management & Accounting,
Business & Professional Studies*

Graduate Degrees

Master of Science in Early Childhood Education

*Master of Arts in Christian Education
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership
Master of Divinity*

Professor Levi Beckwith

Dr. Mark G. Harden

Dean, School of Divinity

Challenge to the Graduates

Miss Ugo Onyeani

Senior Class President

Induction into the National Alumni Association

Mr. Stanley Eric Howard

President, National Alumni Association

Oath of Allegiance

I hereby solemnly pledge perpetual allegiance to Alma Mater in appreciation for the development opportunities afforded me as a student at Shaw University.

I will sustain my interest in Shaw University, and I will affiliate with the Alumni Chapter nearest me. I will, on a regular basis, support the University by participating in Alumni Chapter activities and, as my circumstances permit, send my financial support to Alma Mater. Through involvement with fellow alumni, I shall do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of Alma Mater.

I pledge as a citizen to portray the standards thus implied, performing positive service to community, state, and nation, and to bring honor and adoration to Alma Mater.

President's Farewell Statement to Graduates

Dr. Paulette R. Dillard

Alma Mater

<i>Written by Alumnus Harry Edgar Payne, Sr., '35</i>	
Hail, Dear Old Shaw U	Noble thy hallways
Thy sons revere thy name	Noble thy grassy plains
Long shall thy works be proud	Nobler the hearts of men
Undimmed thy fame	Where thou dost reign
Time shall thy praises sing	All we who love thy name
Glory repay thy tears	Stout hearts that shall not fail
And loud thy praises ring	All rise and loud proclaim
Thru' all the years	Alma Mater, Hail!

Benediction

Dr. Mark G. Harden

Recessional

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Shaw University Band

Applause is the most appropriate method of conveying congratulations as your graduate's name is called. Other methods may keep your neighbors from hearing their graduate's name. As a courtesy to the graduates and families being recognized today, we ask that you remain in your seat. Please silence any cell phones or electronic devices and refrain from talking during the ceremony. Thank you.

Bachelor of Arts

Christian Ministry

La-Kiesha Dannette Ellis-Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Early Child Development

Mikyia Olana Musa
Union, New Jersey

General Studies

Juqaketta Regina Alston
Henderson, North Carolina

Jamyson Jamara Boyd
Greenwood, South Carolina

Ta'Juan Brown
Jonesboro, Georgia

Da'Naja Campfield
Washington, District of Columbia

Davino Lorenzo Latori Dickerson
Raleigh, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Dymond Koi Echevarria
Smithfield, North Carolina

Velma B. Edwards
Greenville, North Carolina

Julius T. Guest
Bayside, New York

Trenton Maurice McIntyre
Greensboro, North Carolina

Stacey Thorpe Mitchell
Henderson, North Carolina

Davetta Ogunlola
Charlotte, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Gregory Jerome Pinkney, Jr.
Savannah, Georgia

Ashanti Alyisa Pledger
Manteo, North Carolina

Kiara Ariana Shepherd
Chesapeake, Virginia

Jermaine Mendrell Vereen, Jr.
Locust Grove, Georgia

Mass Communications

Justin Quishawn Harris
Ellenwood, Georgia

Evan Tyler Henderson
Jacksonville, North Carolina

Mario Kasawn Matthews
Reidsville, North Carolina

Avril Rodriguez Melillo
Knightsdale, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Jayla McDougald
Rockingham, North Carolina

Kalia Lisette Morris
Kansas City, Missouri
Magna Cum Laude

Political Science

Darius G. Barnett
Raleigh, North Carolina

Ayana Theresa Williams
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Psychology

Carlos Adrian Alcala Alarcon
Chicago Heights, Illinois
Cum Laude

James Boyd
California, Maryland
Cum Laude

Makayla Brown
Maricopa, Arizona
Summa Cum Laude

Glynda Taniah Cabbagestalk
Raleigh, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Iona Ava-Jane Davis
Smithfield, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Litzy Alvarado Hernández
Springfield, Virginia
Summa Cum Laude

Zania Nikol James
Roxboro, North Carolina

Lovie O. Judd
Raleigh, North Carolina

Johanna Lilja
Summa Cum Laude

Galicia Monforte
Rio Rancho, New Mexico
Magna Cum Laude

Lorena Gonzalez Ortega
Summa Cum Laude

Tionna Mone` Mayo
Greensboro, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Sociology

Vanaia Deloria Diggs
Peoria, Arizona
Magna Cum Laude

Sociology:Criminal Justice

Ariah Hunter
Raleigh, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Ajayla Danisha Waddell
Durham, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Sociology:Criminal Justice

Arotte Ali Abbo
Saint Joseph, Missouri

Asia Aaliyah Drayton
Baltimore, Maryland

Ti'Nasia Lachelle Mason
Raeford, North Carolina

Tarejh T. Miller
Nassau, Florida
Summa Cum Laude

Malachi J. Pittman
McDonough, Georgia

Dreveon Montez Scott
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Kija Ashton Summerlin
Clayton, North Carolina

Visual & Performing Arts:Music/Instrumental Track

Ashanti Monae' Pridgen
Wilson, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Biology

Kaylin Laniyah Evans
Lexington, South Carolina

Sanhaji Hafsa
Cum Laude

Kalissa Lenora Jameson
East Hartford, Connecticut

Sharon Chelimo Kurui
Raleigh, North Carolina

Iysis Alyssa Martinez
Gibsonville, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Dasia Phillips
Elizabth City, North Carolina

Veronika Phiippova
Raleigh, North Carolina

Latricia Nicole Richardson
Elm, North Carolina

Business Administration: Accounting

Christopher J. Brown
Cary, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Jean Jacques Craane
Cum Laude

Imani Beyonce Norton
Whiteville, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Makayla Breanna Pittman
Harker Heights, Texas

Brandon Diaz-Reyes
Raleigh, North Carolina

Laurel A. Rolle
Raleigh, North Carolina

Nicholas A. Smelser
Garner, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Brooke Nicole Smith
Raleigh, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Ashanti Wright
Kingston, Jamaica
Summa Cum Laude

Business Administration: Management

Skylar Olivia Adams
Apex, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Gail D. Arrington
Newark, Delaware

Ismael Khiyati Azzouzi
Cum Laude

Natalia Katherine Avalos
APO, Armed Forces Europe
Magna Cum Laude

Deneatra L. Barfield
Clayton, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Tyrique Belle
Cary, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Kristian I. Bilojelic
Cum Laude

Michael J. Chouprouta
Wake Forest, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Maelie Chupin
Summa Cum Laude

Anaestasia Zeranek Allaya Collins
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Amie Jeng Jammeh
Raleigh, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Shanna Jones
Greensboro, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Christopher Koger
Cary, North Carolina

Sthepanie Juliette Sierra Medina
Raleigh, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Matthew William Mensia
Chesapeake, Virginia

Kaylee Tamia Milburn
Accokeek, Maryland

Casanova Noah
Tyler, Texas

Noe A. Nunez, Jr.
Zebulon, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Shynasti N. Parker
Raleigh, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Delicia A. Pinnick
Rosedale, Maryland
Cum Laude

Tevinn Pittman
Kinston, North Carolina

Michael Boris Richards
Raleigh, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Calique Shaquan Simon
Brooklyn, New York
Cum Laude

Erica Jalia Smith
Midland, North Carolina

Indiya Spooner
Battleboro, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Jaden Lavan Valentine
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Freddy Mejia-Vega
Lexington, North Carolina

Ja'Laun Tyreke Walton
Georgetown, South Carolina
Chesapeake, Virginia

Bachelor of Science

Naiya Y. White
Conyers, Georgia
Cum Laude

Computer Science

Aaron Colton Humes
Raleigh, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Alondra Deionah Jordan
Winterville, North Carolina

Ronald Kimurgor Kipkemboi
Beatrice, Nebraska

Alejandro Roa Reyes
Gastonia, North Carolina

Arsheen Taj Syed
Durham, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Bapange Grace Kasonga
Youngsville, North Carolina
Magna Cum Laude

Chrichom A. Williams
Charlotte, North Carolina

Florence Gmasnoh Satta Wreh
Aubrey, Texas
Magna Cum Laude

Ugo Blessing Udensi Onyeani
North Chelmsford,
Massachusetts
Summa Cum Laude

Arsheen Taj Syed
Durham, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Florence Gmasnoh Satta Wreh
Aubrey, Texas
Magna Cum Laude

Ronald Kimurgor Kipkemboi
Beatrice, Nebraska
Cum Laude

Cyber Operations

Cameron Deonte' Kelly
Picayune, Mississippi
Summa Cum Laude

Simbiso Abel Ngoni Chideya
Greensboro, North Carolina

Jesse Junior Salas
Fort Worth, Texas
Magna Cum Laude

Exercise Science: Fitness & Wellness

Alex Kiprono
Magna Cum Laude

David M. Williams
Raleigh, North Carolina

Edric McDade
Miramar, Florida

India Jade Pulphus
University Heights, Ohio

Jaden Jones
Tifton, Georgia

Kevin K. Kiptarus

Nakevion S. Bryant
Enfield, North Carolina

Prerana Koirala
Magna Cum Laude

Shaliyah Hammond-Hart
Charlotte, North Carolina

Virginia A. Ollison
Raleigh, North Carolina

Exercise Science: Preathletic Training

Armani Marte'a Boozer
Eastpointe, Michigan

Lemar Miguel Catlyn
Bridgetown, Florida
Magna Cum Laude

Mikyah A. Finley
Detroit, Michigan

Jordyn Olivia Gifford
Tamarac, Florida

Shatia Ayane'-Nashae Johnson
Snowhill, North Carolina

Karla Andrea Paniagua-Marin
Thomasville, North Carolina

Daina Leann Morrison
Magna Cum Laude

Innocent Mosley
Fort Worth, Texas

Nayara Pereira
Summa Cum Laude

Thea Schillaci
Summa Cum Laude

Rhianna Smith
Summa Cum Laude

Tanas Z. Thorne
Magna Cum Laude

Tasya Zarine Troxler-Scott
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Summa Cum Laude

Ayden Turner
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Nathaniel Woodside
Magna Cum Laude

General Studies

Ameera Karimah Mela-Kamara
Hiram, Georgia

Recreation Management

Niaja Claybrielle Belle
Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Jarvis Goode
Norlina, North Carolina

Patrick Jerome Blake
Garden City, Georgia

Amarion Wainde Mbaye
Fairburn, Georgia

ShaRon Omage Thomason
Gastonia, North Carolina
Cum Laude

Corbin Malik Umble
Athens, Georgia
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Social Work

Vinesha Hateese Cannon
Williamston,
North Carolina

Shaquela Tashay Renee Pate
Cary, North Carolina
Summa Cum Laude

Takiyah England
Shelby, North Carolina

Santia Sargent
Raleigh, North Carolina

Lakesha D. Monroe
Laurinburg, North Carolina

———— **Master of Science in Early Childhood Education** ————

Samantha Latoya Canteen
Fayetteville, North
Carolina

Villiette G. Dion
Erwin, North Carolina

Jade Nicole Johnson
Charlotte, North Carolina

Emily Livingston Leonhardt
Taylorsville, North Carolina

Ashley Nicole Patterson
Raleigh, North Carolina

La'Shannie Dominepte Reid
Knightsdale, North Carolina

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

———— **Master of Arts in Christian Leadership** ————

Jonathon E. Young, Sr.
Raleigh, North Carolina

———— **Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry** ————

Sheryl A. Ayeni
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Martha Marie Evans
Winterville, North Carolina

Benjamin B. Foster
Raleigh, North Carolina

John Peter Martin
Cary, North Carolina

Rickelle Moore
Raleigh, North Carolina

Pleshette Cordice Nicholson
Spring Lake, North Carolina

———— **Master of Divinity** ————

Patricia A. Oneal
Willow Spring, North Carolina

Markesce A. Patton-Williams
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Quanisha T. Surgeon-Witcher
Greensboro, North Carolina

Disclaimer:

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