



# *2026 Spring Commencement*

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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

## Our Mission

Texas Southern University is a comprehensive metropolitan university. Building on its legacy as an Historically Black institution, the University provides academic and research programs that address critical urban issues and prepare an ethnically diverse student population to become a force for positive change in a global society.

## OFFICERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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*Interim Chief Information and*

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*Associate Vice President for Faculty*

*Affairs and Community Engagement*

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*Academic Affairs*

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*Interim Dean, Thurgood Marshall*

*School of Law*

### **Dr. Mahesh Vanjani**

*Interim Dean, The Graduate School*

### **Dr. Gregory Maddox**

*Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts*

*and Behavioral Sciences*

### **Dr. Claudius Claiborne**

*Interim Dean, Jesse H. Jones*

*School of Business*

### **Dr. Alan Caldwell**

*Interim Dean, School of Communication*

### **Dr. Calvin Johnson**

*Dean, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland*

*School of Public Affairs*

### **Dr. Aisha Morris Moultry**

*Interim Dean, Joan M. Lafleur*

*College of Pharmacy and*

*Health Sciences*

### **Dr. Mark Weatherspoon**

*Dean, College of Science, Engineering*

*and Technology*

### **Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil**

*Interim Dean, College of Education*

### **Dr. Hector Miranda**

*Interim Dean, Thomas F. Freeman*

*Honors College*

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*Interim Dean of the College of*

*Transdisciplinary Studies and*

*Executive Director of TSU Online*

### **Ms. Leocadia Hooks**

*Interim Executive Director of*

*Libraries and Museums*

## TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S 14TH PRESIDENT

### **JAMES W. CRAWFORD III**

VICE ADMIRAL, JAGC, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)

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**J**ames W. Crawford III, Vice Admiral, JAGC, U.S. Navy (Retired) is the 14th President of Texas Southern University.

He was appointed by the TSU Board of Regents in May 2024. Crawford is a decorated veteran, strategic planner and decisionmaker, academic leader, collaborator, and problem solver governed by three guiding principles: faith, family, and service.

He was appointed by President Obama as the 43rd Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy. He served as the principal military legal counsel to the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations, and the Department of Defense

Representative for Ocean Policy Affairs (REPOPA). He also led over 2,300 attorneys, enlisted paralegals, and civilian employees of the worldwide Navy JAG Corps community.

A 1979 student-athlete graduate of Belmont Abbey College, he was commissioned through the JAG Corps Student Program in 1983, following graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. He later earned a Master of Laws degree (Ocean and Coastal Law) from the University of Miami School of Law and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. In 2008, he was named an MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.

Crawford previously served as a consultant on International Humanitarian Law for Palantir Technologies for developing artificial intelligence solutions to improve protections for civilians and civilian infrastructure during armed conflict. From 2020 to 2023, he served as the first male president of Felician University, a 2,100-student Roman Catholic university in Lodi and Rutherford, New Jersey.

Crawford and his wife, Elizabeth, have twin teenage sons, Nicholas and Alexander.

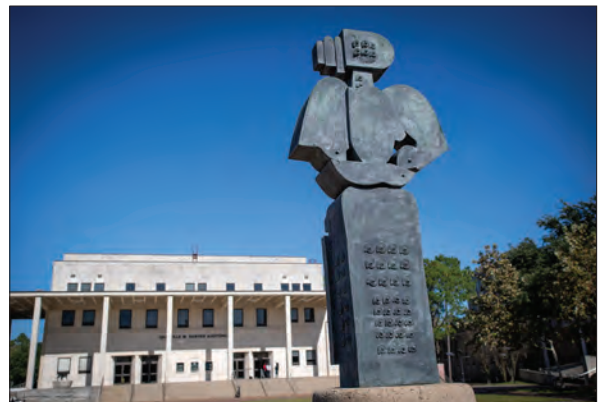
## A CONCISE HISTORY OF TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

**T**exas Southern University, a special purpose institution for urban programming, has a history that dates to 1927. The University's earliest antecedents were characterized by a progression of institutional constructs; extension classes, a junior college, a four-year private institution, and, ultimately, a state-supported institution. The University's status as an institution of higher learning came during the era of segregation when the State of Texas denied Heman Marion Sweatt, an African American, entrance into the University of Texas Law School. Consequently, on March 3, 1947, the Texas State Senate of the 50th Legislature passed Senate Bill 140 providing for the establishment of the institution, including a law school, to be located in Houston. This bill was complemented use Bill 788, which called for the purchase of a 53-acre site to house the campus. Thus, was born Texas State University for Negroes; its name changed in June 1, 1951, to Texas Southern University.

Designated as an institution of the "first class," when the University opened its doors in September 1947, it had 2,300 students, two schools, one division and one college — the Law School, the Pharmacy School, the Vocational Division, and the College of Arts and Sciences. Responding to the changing times, in 1973, the 63rd Legislature designated Texas Southern University as a "special purpose" institution for urban programming. As a result, four more academic units were added — the College of Education, the School of Public Affairs, and the School of Communications. This designation described what Texas Southern University was doing from its inception — embracing diversity.

Today, Texas Southern University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in the following academic colleges and schools: the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences; the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; the College of Science, Engineering and Technology; the College of Education; the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs; the School of Communication; the Thurgood Marshall School of Law; the Jesse .H. Jones School of Business; the Graduate School; and the College of Transdisciplinary Studies.





## SPRING COMMENCEMENT II SPEAKER

### **DENISE MALLOY-DEADERICK**

IMMEDIATE PAST, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND  
CHIEF BELONGING OFFICER, WALMART INC.

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**D**enise is a senior corporate executive skilled at developing new markets, developing people, and generating unparalleled revenue and market growth globally. Her success as a global sales and people leader afforded her the opportunity to work alongside CEO's and corporate board members. Personally tapped to develop and sustain corporate culture and sustainability programs is what landed Denise in the DEI space. Prior to joining Walmart, Denise served as Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion at Johnson Controls, where she spearheaded the company's

diversity, equity and inclusion strategy across 150 countries. Denise particularly focused on incorporating DEI practices into ways of working across every level of the company, in both business and philanthropy. This work led to Johnson Controls' addition to the Forbes 2021 Best Companies for Diversity & Inclusion list.

Denise served in several senior leadership roles at Johnson Controls, including vice president of commercial real estate services, where she excelled in sales, customer experience and growth strategies. She also held senior management and business development positions at Enron Energy Services, J.P. Morgan, and Xerox.

Denise has always been passionate about creating a culture where people feel and know they belong. This has led her to serve on numerous non-profit and corporate boards, all of which are dedicated to the causes of women and children. Her corporate board experience focused on breakthrough medical advances and aiding women and minority start-ups success.

Throughout her career Denise has embraced reaching back and pulling forward, reflecting her legacy of advocacy and support of others. She continues to divide her time between family, business interests, community service and philanthropy.

# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

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Presiding  
James W. Crawford III  
*President*

**Friday, May 8, 2026 • 2:00 p.m.**

Prelude †	– <i>Various Composers</i> Wind Ensemble conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II
Call to Order and the Announcing of the Processional	Dr. Brian Armstrong <i>Assistant Vice President for Student Enrollment</i>
Academic Processional	“Processional March” – <i>by Edward Elgar arr. James D. Ployhar</i> Wind Ensemble conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II
	Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy Degrees
	Candidates for the Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees
	Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees and Master’s Degrees in the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology
	Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees and Master’s Degrees in the School of Communication
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	Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees and Master’s Degrees in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
	Members of the Faculty
	Officers of the Administration
	Members of the Dais
National Anthem †	“Star Spangled Banner” – <i>by Francis Scott Key</i> Wind Ensemble conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II
Invocation †	Reverend Deric D. Dawson (2007) <i>Senior Pastor of the New Providence Baptist Church</i>
Welcome	Honorable James Benham <i>Board of Regents</i>
	Honorable Al Green <i>United States Congressman – Texas 9th District</i>
	Honorable Chrisitan D. Menefee <i>United States Congressman – Texas 18th District</i>
Greeting & Recognitions	President James W. Crawford III
Honors Recognition	Dr. Carl B. Goodman <i>Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>

† Please Stand. †† Please remain in your seats until the Recessional is completed.

Musical Selection	“Thank You Lord for All You’ve Done for Me” — <i>by Walter Hawkins</i> TSU University Choir <i>conducted by</i> Dr. Ashton D. Jones												
Commencement Address	Denise Malloy-Deaderick <i>Immediate Past, Senior Vice President and Chief Belonging Officer, Walmart Inc.</i>												
Musical Selection	“The Circus Bee March” — <i>by Henry Fillmore</i> Wind Ensemble <i>conducted by</i> Mark Wayne Martin II												
Presentation of the Candidates	Dr. Carl B. Goodman <i>Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i> Academic Deans <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Dr. McKen Carrington</td> <td>Dr. Aisha Morris Moultry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Mahesh Vanjani</td> <td>Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Gregory Maddox</td> <td>Dr. Mark Weatherspoon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Claudius Claiborne</td> <td>Dr. Hector Miranda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Alan Caldwell</td> <td>Dr. Cheree Daniels</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Calvin Johnson</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Dr. McKen Carrington	Dr. Aisha Morris Moultry	Dr. Mahesh Vanjani	Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil	Dr. Gregory Maddox	Dr. Mark Weatherspoon	Dr. Claudius Claiborne	Dr. Hector Miranda	Dr. Alan Caldwell	Dr. Cheree Daniels	Dr. Calvin Johnson	
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Dr. Calvin Johnson													
Conferral of Degrees	President James W. Crawford III  The appearance of names on this program is presumptuous evidence of graduation, but it must not in any sense be regarded as conclusive. The diploma of the University, signed and sealed by its proper officers, remains the official testimony of the possession of the degree.												
Alumni Pledge	Mr. Donald Greer (2000) <i>President, Texas Southern University National Alumni Association</i>  <i>We, the alumni of Texas Southern University, pledge ourselves to uphold the principles and ideals for which she stands and to move forward with our Alma Mater in the vanguard of its educational, cultural, and economic progress.</i>												
Alma Mater †	TSU Wind Ensemble & TSU Choir — <i>arr. Campbell Tolbert</i>												
Benediction †	Reverend Deric D. Dawson												
Dismissal	Dr. Brian Armstrong												
Recessional ††	“Recessional March” — <i>by Edward Elgar</i> Wind Ensemble <i>conducted by</i> Mark Wayne Martin II												

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\*The Commencement Committee requests all attendees refrain from video recording during the speaker’s address.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

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The Candidates will be presented by  
**DEAN MARK WEATHERSPOON, PH.D.**

The mission of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology is to prepare students to be proficient in the application of basic science and technology in order for them to pursue career opportunities in various public and private sectors, such as industry, government, education and business.

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Ashwaq Ibrahim A. Bahkali**

Environmental Toxicology  
B.S., Jazan University  
M.S., Texas Southern University

**Dissertation:** *Green Technology: A Sustainable Chitosan-TEMPO Oxidized Cellulose Filter for Multi-Contaminant Water Treatment*

**Advisor:** Dr. Bobby Wilson

#### **William Hamilton**

Environmental Toxicology  
B.S., Texas Southern University  
MED, Texas Southern University

**Dissertation:** *Environmental Toxicology Assessment of Houston's Tap Water: A Chemical and Regulatory Analysis Utilizing ICP-MS*

**Advisor:** Dr. Bobby Wilson



## CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN THE JOAN M. LAFLEUR COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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The Candidates will be presented by  
**INTERIM DEAN AISHA MOULTRY, PH.D.**

The primary mission of the Joan M. Lafleur College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences is to produce quality health care professionals, especially African-Americans and other underrepresented groups, who are competent and competitive in pharmacy and the health sciences.

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Fatima Omobolaji Muili**

Pharmaceutical Sciences  
B.S., University of Lagos  
MBA, Texas Southern University

**Dissertation:** *Pharmacological Actions of Polysulfides in the Anterior Segment of the Eye*

**Advisor:** Dr. Ya Fatou Mbye

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE IN THE JOAN M. LAFLEUR COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

The Candidates will be presented by  
**INTERIM DEAN AISHA MOULTRY, PH.D.**

The primary mission of the Joan M. Lafleur College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences is to produce quality health care professionals, especially African-Americans and other underrepresented groups, who are competent and competitive in pharmacy and the health sciences.

## DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Princillar Agyapong  
Saqlain Akhtar  
Adriana Alvares  
Divora Asghedom  
Sydney Batiste  
Nicholas Birjah  
Ruszariah Brookes  
Chelsea Burgess  
Latarsha Carpenter  
Raegan Charles  
Miracle Chiwuzie  
Chikondi Daka  
Iris Deschenes  
Ariana Ezell  
Zadaria Haynes  
Kyerra Hutchison

Minh Huynh  
Clifford Jackson III  
Jayla Jefferson <sup>HC</sup>  
Sneha John  
Donovan Jones  
Eun Taek Lee  
Mohammed Marmash  
Latifah Muridi  
Thu Nguyen  
Elham Nurhussen  
Callista Nwaorie  
Anierobi Nwora  
Chasity Perio  
Ezell Perkins  
Marcel Ramirez  
Mohammed Redwan

Santos Sanchez  
Jazzmin Smith  
Clara St. Julien  
Grecia Vence  
Isabel Watson  
Morgan-Marie Wesley



# CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

The Candidates will be presented by  
**DEAN MARK WEATHERSPOON, PH.D.**

The mission of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology is to prepare students to be proficient in the application of basic science and technology in order for them to pursue career opportunities in various public and private sectors, such as industry, government, education and business.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### BIOLOGY

**Vivek Mann**

M.D., Russian State Medical University

**Kamryn Benet McGuire**

B.S., Xavier University of Louisiana

**Ke'andrea Page**

B.S., Texas Southern University

**Antonio Damonte Rainey**

B.S., Norfolk State University

### CHEMISTRY

**Carla Hyppolite**

B.S., San Diego State University

**Breianne Evette Seymore**

B.S., Texas Southern University

### COMPUTER SCIENCE (MS)

**Abiola Samuel Ajayi**

B.S., Ladoke Akintola University of  
Technology

**Chukwuma Felix Okelue**

B.S., Yaba College of Technology

**Drayton Rolle**

B.S., Texas Southern University

### ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

**Morris T. Fomba**

B.S., Texas Southern University

**Jerome Jackson**

B.S., University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Michael Pierce**

B.S., Morgan State University

### MATHEMATICS

**Joshua Lee Farley**

B.S., Texas Southern University

**Arsha Raycole Platt**

B.S., Texas Southern University

### TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

**Lexus Lewis**

B.S., Texas Southern University

**Chadrick Jordan Williams**

B.S., Texas Southern University

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### AVIATION SCIENCE MANAGEMENT

**Yrejali Corbin Ball**

**Christopher Amari Berry**

**Othneil Isiah Drew \***

Mitchell Joseph Dye III  
 Anna Aigi George  
 Mennigiahtaylor Nikko Madison \*  
 Folahan Daniel Odewabi  
 Matthew Joseph Ratleff Jr  
 Bianca Santos  
 Jailee Michelle Snodgrass \*\*  
 Kennon Ivory Walker  
 Majesty Wilder  
 Andrew Lawrence White  
 Russell Young Wong \*  
 Jesus Zavala \*\*

**BIOLOGY**

Esther Titilola Aina \*\*\*HC  
 Deja'Nelle Ke'Shawna Allard \*  
 Alexis Ariza - Lugo  
 Bryanna Naejhon Armstrong \*\*\*HC  
 Serenity Branet Bailey  
 Kalyse Ayana Brookins \*  
 Nathan Angelo Carandang  
 Marli Sade Chapa \*  
 Zyaire Ashari Chapple  
 Trinidie Davis  
 Tyler Jordan Davis  
 Dontishe Tamesia Foster \*  
 Keori Freeman \*  
 Mia Noel Hall \*  
 Jaila Keshey Lannette Hassell \*\*  
 Jasmine Hailey Hurd  
 Shakkiya Jackson  
 Keithen Laanthonny Se Johnson

Elijah Tré Jolivet \*  
 Samantha Linda Keenja \*\*  
 Oujeng Kim \*\*\*  
 Lashawn Kayla Lofton  
 Amahjia Kiyanna Lovings  
 Osamagbe Destinee Omokaro \*  
 Danyelle J. Posey  
 Jonathon Nicholas Richards  
 Amyhia Marquel Robertson  
 Akiya Zyene Saine <sup>HC</sup>  
 Johnelle Gbeh Sayee \*  
 Lucyna Smith  
 Brittany Lashae St Jules  
 Brodrick Cornelius Sykes  
 Stephanie Chiamaka Ugwu \*  
 Danielle Nikole Walker \*\*\*HC  
 Diamond L. Watkins  
 Iyunna Sincere Watson \*  
 Jada Lashone Webb  
 Deona Raquel Marie Williams

**CHEMISTRY**

Jaymie Evon Armstrong  
 Michelle Jones \*\*  
 Taylor Danyelle Smith  
 Michael Wotonwo Vouffo <sup>HC</sup>  
 Korbin Warren  
 Jayda Devyne Williams \*\*

**CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Jemima Ayebatonte Allagoo \*\*\*HC  
 Tyrone Tommy Carradine \*  
 Willie Earl Handy Jr

**COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

Tevin Raymond

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Abdul-Hakeem Adeleye Sr  
 Oluyemi Victoria Adeoso  
 Charles Henry Arnold III  
 Sincere K. Barrette †  
 Yushaw Ebrahim Baloch  
 Quentin Javon Bellard  
 Marquis Buckley \*\*  
 Carl L. Clay Jr  
 Keyaudre Marquise Conaway \*  
 Michael J. Dupas \*  
 Theodore Iheanyichukwu Echegiri  
 Jerry Jeremiah Edose Jr  
 David Olugbeminiyi Ewetuga  
 Darrel Keith Johnson Jr  
 Jada Neekol Levels-Burch \*  
 Harif Olusheje  
 Job N. Payne  
 Tajhaun Price  
 Tevin Raymond  
 Uttam Dev Sapkota  
 Russell Yaba

**ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

Gbolahan Oluwamayomikun Adegbola  
 Cameron Rashad Boglin \*  
 Donovan J. Brooks \*\*  
 Sean Reynold Charles Carr \*  
 Kerry Keith Douglas Jr \*\*  
 Bryce Julien Harris  
 Lauren Michelle Myers \*\*HC  
 Harif Olusheje  
 Mustafa Ismail Wari  
 Theotis Williams III \*

**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY**

Alsandria Elizabeth Jones

**MARITIME TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY**

Olivia Cristine Bivins \*\*\*  
 Andre Armando Fields Jr \*  
 Carter Alexander Henson \*\*  
 Jose-Manuel Ruiz \*\*  
 Harlon C. Tanner \*\*

**MATHEMATICS**

Lillian Angela Bell Hooten  
 Jau'ron Michael Walker



\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude | \*\* Magna Cum Laude | \* Cum Laude | <sup>HC</sup> Honors College | † Posthumous

# CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

The Candidates will be presented by  
**INTERIM DEAN ALAN CALDWELL, PH.D.**

The mission of the School of Communication, which includes the center for radio, television and print professional services, is to educate professionals in mass and human communication for strategic societal roles in the 21st century.

## MASTER OF ARTS

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Victoria Lynn Bennett**

B.A., Texas Southern University

**Jailyn M. Bolden**

B.S., Stephen F. Austin State University

**Bria V. Ferrier**

B.A., Sam Houston State University

**Alexis Danaisha Harper**

B.B.A., Texas Southern University

**Derian Harper**

B.A., Clark Atlanta University

**Alaina G. Hawkins**

B.A., Stephen F. Austin State University

**Odyssey M. McDonald**

B.A., Clark Atlanta University

**Natalie Natania Quinteros**

B.S., Central Methodist University

**Lauren Natascha Fra Robertson**

B.A., Prairie View A&M University

**Nitiya L. Spearman**

B.A., University of Houston

**Kennedi Williams**

B.A., Hampton University

### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA

**Briannah Renee Dilworth**

B.A., Texas Southern University

**Jonalyn A. Fair**

B.S., Southern University and A&M College

**Ivana Isabel Murillo**

B.A., Idaho State University

**Anthony Ogbo**

B.A., Institute of Management and Technology at Enugu

**Travis Maverick Marshall Pendergrass**

B.A., Institute of Management and Technology at Enugu

**Cherelle Selena Marie Rojas**

B.S., Arizona State University

**Sterling J. Seriale**

B.A., Clark Atlanta University

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### COMMUNICATION STUDIES

**Khiara Moore \***

**Treveen Devonte Simon**

**Amayah Tollefson \***

### ENTERTAINMENT & RECORDING INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT

**Selecia Taylor Renee Brown**

**Myles C. Cox**

**Evan Laymonde Lee \***

**Damari Pinkney**

**Tammarious Dewayne Scott \*\***

**Nicole Lynn Toney Clark**

### JOURNALISM

**Paris Janaie Blaylock Temb \*\***

**Sacha Adaher Flynn**

**Catriona Taylor-Marie Gatson**

**Leighanne Guidry**

**Kailey D. Jones \***

**Reign Vicktoria Lankford**

**Jerry LeDoux, III \***

**Shalom Marcus McNeil \***

**Jamarion Elijah Owens \***

**Kalin Dnai Pickett \***

**Laurin Starr Session Smith \*\***

**Erin Javonni Slaughter**

**Tamia Starr Triplett**

**Gianna Trotter \*\***

### RADIO, TELEVISION & FILM

**Patrick X. Clark**

**Bailey Elizabeth Doucet \*\*\***

**Teonnie Dnya Gray \***

**Laney Phonicia Hart**

**Kameron Hightower**

**Serenity Marge Hines \***

**Kentariyah Denise Jackson**

**Kailey D. Jones \***

**Maurielle Jadore McIntosh**

**Claude Oliver Oatis III**

**Precious Oginni Jr \*\***

**Tori Mackenzie Poole \*\*\***

**Karen E. Reyna \*\***

**Miyhia Eunique Rhone \***

**Isaiah Andrew Rocha \***

**Brianna Nicole Scott**

**Nicholas Ryan Stafford \*\*\***

**Elliott A. Tyler**



\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude | \*\* Magna Cum Laude | \* Cum Laude | <sup>HC</sup> Honors College | † Posthumous

# CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The Candidates will be presented by  
**INTERIM DEAN GREGORY MADDOX, PH.D.**

The mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences is twofold: (a) to offer students of varied scholastic levels access to higher education by providing the academic foundations necessary for accessing educational programs at the university and (b) to prepare competent professionals and leaders capable of contributing effective service and developing solutions to the problems of the state, nation, and the world, especially in urban environments.

## MASTER OF ARTS

### ENGLISH

#### Celise Alanna Foster

B.A., University of St. Thomas

#### Raven S. Hurst

B.A., University of Houston

#### Matilda Alexandra Robyn Martinez

B.A., Texas Southern University

#### Britney Ausha-Monique Rossman

B.A., California State University-Sacramento

#### Donmonique Streater

B.A., Texas Southern University

#### Ina Williams

B.A., University of Arizona-Global Campus

### PSYCHOLOGY

#### Jahi Blount

B.A., Texas A&M University - San Antonio

#### Saman S. Butt

B.A., University of Houston

#### Micayla Carter

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## THE SYMBOLS OF COMMENCEMENT

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The academic costumes worn today originated in universities of the Middle Ages. They varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. At that time, it was decided that all robes would be black. Subsequently, in the past few years, many universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet and does not usually have long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's, but has regular length, pointed sleeves. The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. Only the lining of the hood indicates the university by its color. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned. The color facing the hood, whether it is black or some other color, indicates the following:

Architecture and the Fine Arts .....	Brown	Library Sciences.....	Lemon Yellow
Arts, Letters, and Journalism .....	White	Medicine.....	Green
Business.....	Light Brown	Music.....	Pink
City Planning .....	Blue-Violet	Oratory .....	Silver Gray
Dentistry .....	Lilac	Pharmacy .....	Olive
Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Education .....	Light Blue	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Engineering .....	Orange	Psychology.....	Gold
Geography.....	Blue and Green	Public Health .....	Salmon Pink
Home Economics & Technology .....	Golden Yellow	Science.....	Yellow
International and Public Affairs .....	Peacock Blue	Social Work .....	Citron Yellow
Law.....	Purple	Theology.....	Scarlet

The most common head-piece (or cap) for the ceremony is the black, square, flat topped or mortarboard type with a gold or black tassel. It is called a mortarboard because it is shaped like the board of the mason that holds the mortar. Recently, we have seen large velvet Tam-o-Shanter styles of head-pieces, replacing the mortarboard. Some of the velvet tams are brilliantly colored, such as bright blue.

The tassel on the doctor's cap is usually gold and permanently fastened on the left side. The master's cap has a black tassel worn on the left. The bachelor's cap has a black tassel worn on the right prior to graduation, then moved to the left during the ceremony.

## TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S SYMBOLS AND NOTATIONS

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## ALMA MATER

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Verse:

The air is filled as our voices ring  
From earth to the heav'ns above. With voices  
raised; we're singing praise, To the  
school we dearly love.

Refrain:

Hail, Hail, Hail! to Texas South-ern  
Hail to our dear Maroon and Gray,  
Undivided we will stand  
By the greatest in the land;  
T-S-U, T-S-U, we love you.

All roads lead to Texas South-ern,  
Paved with light for one and all.  
T-S-U're a shining star  
And we're proud of what you are;  
T-S-U, T-S-U, we love you.

Hail, Hail, Hail! to Texas South-ern,  
Hail to our Chiefs in reverence we sing.  
In our hearts you'll always stay  
As you lead us on our way;  
T-S-U, T-S-U, we love you.

— WORDS AND MUSIC BY C. A. TOLBERT —

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