





FALL COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 12, 2025
USA MITCHELL CENTER

Processional	Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 The USA Commencement Band William Petersen, D.M., Conductor Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music
Presentation of Colors	The USA Color Guard
The National Anthem	Chandler A. Young Graduate Music Major
Invocation	KC Crusoe Student Government Association President
Welcome	Josiah (Jo) Robins Bonner, Jr. President
Commencement Address	Katie Boyd Britt United States Senator
Presentation of Candidates	Andi M. Kent, Ph.D. Executive Vice President and Provost
Remarks	President Bonner
Recessional	The USA Commencement Band

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



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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U.S. SENATOR KATIE BOYD BRITT (R-ALA.)

SPEAKER



In 2023, Senator Katie Boyd Britt was sworn in as Alabama's first elected female Senator and the youngest Republican woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate. She is an important voice in Congress as one of the only moms of school-aged kids serving in the Senate. Senator Britt is proud to champion hardworking families as she fights to grow opportunity and preserve the American Dream for generations to come.

In the 119th Congress, Senator Britt serves on the Committee on Appropriations, where she is Chairman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee; the Senate Committee on the Judiciary; the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, where she is Chairman of the Housing, Transportation, and Community Development Subcommittee; and the Committee on Rules and Administration. Her committee portfolio strongly positions her to fight effectively for Alabama's people, interests, and values as she continues to identify and achieve tangible, meaningful solutions to the pressing challenges facing Alabama and America.

The proud daughter of two small business owners in Enterprise, Alabama, the foundational values of faith, family, and freedom were instilled in Senator Britt from an early age. Senator Britt holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Alabama and a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law. A Christian, wife, and mother, faith and family are at the heart of her life. She now resides in Montgomery with her husband, Wesley, and their two children.

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

DEANS

Todd R. Andel, School of Computing

Angela T. Barlow, College of Education and Professional Studies

Michael L. Capella, Mitchell College of Business

Susan Gordon-Hickey, Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions

Heather R. Hall, College of Nursing

Darryl L. James, College of Engineering

Douglas A. Marshall, Honors College

J. Harold Pardue, The Graduate School

R. Franklin Trimm, Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine, Interim Dean

Andrzej Wierzbicki, College of Arts and Sciences

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

A BRIEF HISTORY

After starting without a single building in 1963, the University of South Alabama continues to grow as an academic, research and healthcare Flagship of the Gulf Coast.

USA's story began in the early 1960s. Mobile's civic leaders realized that the region had outgrown its small university extension program downtown. They formulated plans for a four-year, degree-granting institution. On May 3, 1963, a bill creating a new, independent university passed the Alabama Legislature. USA was born.

Classes began in June 1964 at a new, \$1 million building in west Mobile. Initial enrollment totaled 276. The pent-up demand for education became obvious when the first fall semester began. Enrollment leaped to 928. Fall 2025 welcomed the largest freshman class ever and marked the third consecutive year of enrollment growth.

That first building is now the Frederick Palmer Whiddon Administration Building, named after USA's first president. Whiddon retired 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, president from 2014 to 2021, continued the USA tradition of visionary leadership focused on discovery, health and learning. Waldrop's successor, President Jo Bonner, enthusiastically promotes a South education as a "first-class ticket to a brighter future." Fall 2024 marked the second consecutive year of enrollment growth. One of South's newest initiatives is the creation of the Office of Military Services, an expansion of the University's support for active-duty members of the U.S. military, their dependents and veterans.

Almost from the moment USA accepted its first students, its leaders ambitiously worked toward establishing a medical school. The College of Medicine charter class began in 1973. The College of Nursing and the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions later complemented USA's focus on health education.

Today, USA provides high-quality education in business, the liberal arts, education, engineering, computing, the sciences and healthcare. It offers more than 115 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees through its 10 colleges and schools.

A charter member of the Sun Belt Conference, USA fields teams in 17 Division I sports, including baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, cross country and track and field. In 2020, the football team played its first game in the new Hancock Whitney Stadium.

USA Health is the University of South Alabama's academic health system. With its hospitals and physician practice sites throughout the region, the health system integrates clinical care, research and healthcare education to deliver the most advanced medical care in the region. The recently acquired Providence Hospital joins University Hospital, Children's & Women's Hospital and the Mitchell Cancer Institute as major healthcare centers. USA Health also includes the region's largest multispecialty practice and the only academic physicians group on the upper Gulf Coast.

Work is underway on a new Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine building that will allow South to increase its physician class size. The \$230 million facility will round out a medical education hub on campus that includes the College of Nursing, the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions, the Health Simulation Building and the Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library.

The University of South Alabama is driven by purpose and practice to be a coastal-made force for good. Here, opportunity roars.



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 back 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 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.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

DOCTORAL DEGREES

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

The Graduate School

Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine

MASTER'S DEGREES

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

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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

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 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

J. Harold Pardue, Ph.D., Dean and Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs

Haley Christine Adams

B. S., Kent State University, 2019
M.S., University of South Alabama, 2021

Clinical & Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: *Media Use and Parenting: Observations of Technoference*
Major Professor: Dr. Kimberly Zlomke

Marwa Alafoo

B.Ed., University of Bahrain, 2012
M.A., University of Bahrain, 2018

Instructional Design and Development

Dissertation: *Learning Engineering: Investigation of the Current State of Practice and the Perceptions of Instructional Designers and Directors in Higher Education Institutions Across the United States*
Major Professor: Dr. James Van Haneghan

Erin Marie Bosarge

B.A., University of West Florida, 2009
M.A., Sacred Heart University, 2014

Instructional Design & Development

Dissertation: *A Mixed-Methods Exploration of Knowledge and Perceptions of Artificial Intelligence Among High School Students*
Major Professor: Dr. James Van Haneghan

Ania Brown

B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2008
M.A., CUNY Hunter College, 2015

Marine Sciences

Dissertation: *Cetacean Perturbation: Linking Freshwater Discharge and Water Quality to Health of Bottlenose Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and Implications for Human Health*
Major Professor: Dr. Ruth Carmichael

Tina Camba

B.S., University of California, Berkeley, 2000
J.D., University of San Francisco, 2003
M.P.P., Vanderbilt University, 2006
M.B.A., Southern Adventist University, 2019

Business Administration

Dissertation: *Examining the Roles of Coworker Neuroticism and Reciprocated Help in the Relationship between Workplace Friendship, Coworker-Directed Helping Behavior, and Citizenship Fatigue*

Major Professor: Dr. Mickey Smith

Catherine Marie Naylor Cooper

B.S., University of South Alabama, 1999
M.S., University of South Alabama, 2006

Instructional Design & Development

Dissertation: *The Impact of CTML-Based Multimedia Material on Student Performance and Perceptions in Radiographic Positioning*

Major Professor: Dr. James Van Haneghan

William Robert Cooper

B. S., Faulkner University, 2006
M.B.A., Pepperdine University, 2019

Business Administration

Dissertation: *Human Capital, Immigration, and Growth: A State-Level Dynamic Panel Study*
Major Professor: Dr. Ermanno Affuso

Paola Estefania Fernandez

B.S., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2014
M.S., University of South Alabama, 2022

Clinical Counseling & Psychology

Dissertation: *Exploring the Role of Social Factors in a Veteran Service Organization to Improve Mental Health Outcomes*
Major Professor: Dr. Joseph Currier

Keone Kaukawele Fuqua

B.A., University of South Alabama, 2003
M.F.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 2006

Instructional Design & Development

Dissertation: *Investigating the Impact of Instructor Presence in Lecture Videos on Learning Experiences: A Comparative Study*

Major Professor: Dr. James Van Haneghan

Sage Creek Garriss

B.A.S., Applied Science, Thomas Edison State University, 2015
B.S., Biology, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2015
M.B.A., Business, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2016
M.S., Biology, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2016

Basic Medical Sciences

Dissertation: *Flow Induced Changes in Endothelial Calcium Handling Protein Expression and Calcium Dynamics in a Modified Partial Ligation Model*

Major Professor: Dr. David Weber

Nanako Alexis Hawley

B.S., University of California, San Diego, 2012
M.A., California State University, Northridge, 2018

Clinical Counseling and Psychology

Dissertation: *An evaluation of cognitive intra-individual variability and biomarkers of neuropathology in a diverse sample*

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Hill

Katey Nicole Hayes Flowers

B.S., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 2018
M.S., University of South Alabama, 2020

Clinical & Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: *Not just surviving, thriving: Feasibility and effectiveness of a coping and resilience intervention for youth with sickle cell disease*

Major Professor: Dr. Kimberly Zlomke

Matthew Robert Hodanbosi

B.S., The Ohio State University, 2014
M.S., Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 2016

Marine Sciences

Dissertation: *Freshwater Influence on the Ecology of Common Bottlenose Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in Mobile Bay, Alabama, United States*

Major Professor: Dr. Ruth Carmichael

Jeffrey Kerry Holifield

B.S., Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 1987
M.A., George Washington University, 1997
M.M.A.S., Air University, 2002
M.S., University of South Alabama, 2012

Computing

Dissertation: *Out-of-band Anomaly Detection for Real Time Operating Systems*
Major Professor: Dr. Jordan Shropshire

Mohammad Nasfikur Rahman Khan

B. E.E, Sheffield Hallam University, 2014

M.S. in Biomedical Engineering, Newcastle University, 2015

M.S. in Systems Engineering, University of South Alabama, 2023

Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Designing an Unconscious Bias Triggering System by Virtual Patients*

Major Professor: Dr. Sean Walker

Mark Leveto

B.S., Rochester Institute of Technology 1995

M.S., Rochester Institute of Technology 1999

Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Innovative KPIs for Systems Engineering: Measuring Performance to Adapt and Strengthen Systems Engineering Role in Various Programs.*

Major Professor: Dr. Bhushan Lohar

Hannah Jane Makarczyk

B.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University, 2020

M.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University, 2021

Business Administration

Dissertation: *Social Media Influencer Marketing: Exploring the Impact of a Body-Positive Influencer on a Brand*

Major Professors: Dr. Joseph Hair

Laurel Elise Money

B.S., University of South Alabama, 2018

Communication Sciences & Disorders

Dissertation: *The Dual-Task Interaction between Vestibular Function and Cognitive Processing Using the P300 Event-Related Potential*

Major Professors: Dr. Ashley Flagge and Dr. Nicholas Stanley

Naveen Reddy Pendli

B.Tech., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2011

M.S, Wilmington University, 2015

M.S, University of The Cumberlands, 2021

Computing

Dissertation: *A Novel Blockchain Based Framework for Secure and Privacy Preserving E-Governance System*

Major Professor: Dr. J. Todd McDonald

Jasmin Hare Pizer

B.S., Springhill College, 2017

M.S., University of South Alabama, 2022

Clinical and Counseling Psychology

Dissertation: *S.C.A.N.S. (SCD /Sickle Cell Disease) Child and Adolescent Neurocognitive*

Screening): The Utility of the LANSE in Pediatric SCD

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Hill

Sarah Grace Salcone

B.S., Gordon College, 2014

M.S., University of South Alabama, 2022

Clinical Counseling and Psychology

Dissertation: *Addressing the dark side of spirituality in mental health: a longitudinal investigation of methods and outcomes of attending to spiritual struggles in psychotherapy*

Major Professor: Dr. Joseph Currier

Charles Edward Smith

B.S., University of Tennessee, 2007

M.A., Western Kentucky University, 2021

Business Administration

Dissertation: *Analytics Insights from Text: Machine Learning, AI, and Sentiment Analysis on Beige Books*

Major Professors: Dr. Ermanno Affuso and Dr. Joshua Lambert

Pavithra Ganesh Srinivas

B.Ed., Visveshwariya Technological University, 2016

M.S., University of South Alabama, 2019

Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Design and Development of an On-board Space Weather Prediction/Alert Delivery Module Part of a Space Weather Prediction System(SWPS)*

Major Professor: Dr. Edmund Spencer

Candra Selene Taylor

B.S., Samford University, 1998

M.S., University of Alabama-Birmingham, 2003

M.B.A., Auburn University, 2014

Instructional Design and Development

Dissertation: *Exploring clinical reasoning in occupational therapy students using think aloud during computerized patient simulation*

Major Professor: Joél Lewis Billingsley

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

J. Harold Pardue, Ph.D., Dean and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kimberly Gail Kelly

B.A., University of South Alabama, 2006
M. A. T., University of West Alabama, 2010
M. Ed., University of West Alabama, 2013
Ed. S., University of South Alabama, 2022

Educational Leadership

Project: *A Systematic Literature Review of Effective Character Education Pedagogy Improving Outcomes For K-12 Schools*

Major Professor: Dr. James Stefurak

Tiara Nicole Kouadio-Bailey

B.S., University of South Alabama, 1995
M.Ed., University of South Alabama, 2004
Ed.S., University of South Alabama, 2023

Educational Leadership

Dissertation: *Cultural Relatedness and Teacher Self-Efficacy: A Quantitative Study Exploring the Assumed Correlation Between Cultural Relatedness and Teacher Confidence Gained Through Professional Development in a Title I School*

Major Professor: Dr. James Stefurak

Jessica DeAnna McCarty

B.A., University of South Alabama, 2016
M.E.D., University of South Alabama, 2019

Educational Leadership

Project: *Mentorship in Motion: Exploring the Dynamics of Effective Mentor-Mentee Relationships for African American Women in Early Career Administrative Roles in Higher Education*

Major Professor: Dr. James Stefurak

Joseph Edward Pettaway, Jr.

B.S., University of Mobile, 1995
M.E.D., Alabama State University, 2002
M.E.D., Alabama State University, 2009
ED.S., The University of West Florida, 2011
M.A., The University of West Alabama, 2016

Educational Leadership

Project: *The Experiences of School-Based Mentors with African-American School-Aged Males.*
Major Professor: Dr. James Stefurak

Alani Marie Rodgers

B.S., University of South Alabama, Bachelor of Science, 2020
M.E.D., University of South Alabama, 2022

Educational Leadership

Project: *Navigating Higher Education: The Experiences of Adult Learners At A Public University*
Major Professor: Dr. James Stefurak

Taraethia Rocker Sullivan

B.S., University of West Alabama, 2004
M.E.D., University of South Alabama, 2006
M.E.D., University of West Alabama, 2011
E.D.S., University of South Alabama, 2020

Educational Leadership

Project: *An Organizational Improvement Program Culminating Action Research Project*
Major Professor: Dr. James Stefurak

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY DEGREE

PAT CAPPS COVEY COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Susan Gordon-Hickey, Au.D., Ph.D., Dean

Laurel Elise Money

BS

University of South Alabama

2018

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

J. Harold Pardue, Ph.D., Dean and Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs

Phoebe Onedinma Akaneme Aguoru	BSN	University of Texas at Arlington	2017
	MSN	Texas State University	2021
Mary Ranti Alabi	BSN	Coppin State University	2016
	MSN	Walden University	2020
Brittnee Nicole Beck	BSN	University of West Florida	2019
	MSN	University of South Alabama	2022
Hannah Bender	BSN	Bob Jones University	2014
	MSN	University of South Alabama	2023
Angela C. Berege	BSN	University of South Alabama	2010
	MSN	Walden University	2023
Regina Brigman-Lake	BSN	Medical University of South Carolina	2000
	MSN	Walden University	2011
Synethia Yolanda Brown	BSN	Walden University	2018
	MSN	Walden University	2021
Gwendolyn Burnside	BSN	University of Alabama at Birmingham	2014
	MSN	William Carey College	2019

Floyd Butz IV	BAS MPH MSN	St. Petersburg College University of South Florida University of South Alabama	2007 2010 2020
LaDonna Lee Chacon	BSN MSN MSN	Eastern New Mexico University University of Phoenix Eastern New Mexico University	1998 2005 2023
Shana LaVonne Cook-Peek	BS MSN	University of Hartford University of Phoenix	2001 2013
Sharah Davis	BSN MSN	Clayton State University Chamberlain College of Nursing	2012 2018
Kattie Hollen Duplessis	BSN MSN	Southeastern Louisiana University University of South Alabama	2007 2023
Ann Nkechi Duru	BS BSN MSN	University of Nigeria Nsukka/Enugu Immaculata University University of South Alabama	1996 2009 2023
Rickiesha Ambreyana Evans	BSN MSN	Northwestern State University University of South Alabama	2015 2021
Miranda Elizabeth Garner	BSN MSN	University of South Alabama University of South Alabama	2019 2024
Lauren Chyann Grantham	BSN MSN	University of Tennessee Health Science Center University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	2016 2020
Carolyn Janelle Green	BS BSN MSN	Florida Gulf Coast University University of Miami University of South Alabama	2017 2018 2023
Victoria Cooper Grise	BSN MSN	University of West Florida University of South Alabama	2009 2013
Lekunga Enanga Hene	BSN MSN	Chamberlain University University of South Alabama	2018 2022
Latricia Deloris Hickenbottom	BSN MSN	University of South Alabama University of South Alabama	2011 2017
Ashley Marie Hodgens	BSN MSN	University of South Alabama University of Alabama at Birmingham	2014 2018

Raven Parker Hodges	BSN MSN	University of Mississippi Medical Center University of South Alabama	2017 2021
Turquoise Alexis Holmes	BS BSN MSN	Mississippi University for Women University of South Alabama University of South Alabama	2011 2013 2017
Tatiana Y. Jimenez	BSN MSN	California Baptist University California State University	2014 2020
Siddy Kanyembo	BS BSN MSN	Dalton State University of West Georgia University of West Georgia	2006 2013 2016
Angela Rae Knight	BSN MSN	Arkansas Tech University Western Governors University	2017 2020
Laura Nicole Lanier	BSN MS MSN	Florida State University University of Central Florida University of South Alabama	2002 2010 2023
Derrick Laughlin	BSN MSN	Liberty University University of South Alabama	2021 2023
Sereyrath Lim	BS MS MSN	Royal University State University of New York College At Buffalo University of South Alabama	2009 2014 2023
Erin Elise Macsay	BS BSN MSN	Ohio State University Baldwin Wallace University University of South Alabama	2017 2018 2022
Kanesha Raquel McDowell	BSN MSN	Georgia Southwestern State University University of South Alabama	2017 2022
Aimee McLaurin	BSN MSN	Mississippi University for Women University of South Alabama	2004 2022
Maricia Namkung	BA BSN MSN	Thomas Edison State College University of Maryland at Baltimore Penn State University	2008 2016 2019
Chelsea Lynn Neri	BSN MSN	Florida State University University of South Alabama	2013 2023

Rachel Oben	BSN MSN	Walden University Walden University	2019 2020
Titilayo Olagundoye	BSN MSN	University of Maryland Coppin State University	2018 2022
Tawakalitu Olanrewaju	BSN MSN MBA	Marymount University Chamberlain University Keller Graduate School of Management	1996 2019 2020
Chinyere Opara	BSN MSN	Azusa Pacific University Azusa Pacific University	2018 2020
Alyssa Gabrielle Piparo	BSN MSN	Saint John Fisher College University of South Alabama	2017 2023
Gwendolyn A. Porche	BA MSN	Southern University at New Orleans Walden University	2014 2020
Hannah Schonenberg Provost	BSN MSN	Simmons University University of South Alabama	2019 2024
Kellye Richardson	BS BSN MSN	Georgia State University Clayton State University University of South Alabama	2006 2014 2023
Schayla Ruth Rinker	BSN MSN	Washington State University University of South Alabama	2013 2024
Kaylee Sue Rousey	BSN MSN	Brenau University University of South Alabama	2016 2023
Raquel Saint-Hilaire	BA BSN MSN	University of Florida University of Florida University of South Alabama	2011 2018 2023
Ira Chanell Sandifer	BSN MSN	Excelsior College Excelsior College	2015 2015
Gabriela Rivadeneira Self	BSN MSN	Western Governors University University of South Alabama	2018 2021
Roshini Singh	BSN MSN	Nova Southeastern University Florida Atlantic University	2010 2014

Staci Nichole Stough	BSN MSN	Texas Women's University Walden University	2009 2015
Chelsa Holmes Stubbs	BS MPH BSN MSN	Florida A&M University Florida International University Florida Atlantic University University of South Alabama	1999 2001 2012 2020
Cynthia Sewoyeba Tanjong	BSN MSN	University of Texas at Tyler University of South Alabama	2018 2022
Santosha Marevel Thompson	BSN BSN MSN	University of West Alabama University of South Alabama University of South Alabama	2017 2018 2023
Vito Tonazzi	BSN MSN	Grand Canyon University University of South Alabama	2018 2021
Brandon Tucker	BSN MSN	Pennsylvania Western University Western Governors University	2018 2021
Jonathan Walker	BSN MSN	Florida A & M University University of South Alabama	2016 2020
Heather Warner	BSN MSN	Weber State University University of South Alabama	2014 2021
Jalen Xavier Wesley	BSN MSN	The University of Alabama at Birmingham University of South Alabama	2019 2023
Jimwesley Williams	BSN MSN	The University of Mississippi Medical Center University of South Alabama	2016 2022
Jackson Yeboah	BSN MSN	Liberty University University of South Alabama	2013 2023

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER'S AND EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREES

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

J. Harold Pardue, Ph.D., Dean and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

College of Arts and Sciences Master of Science

Master of Arts

Paul Thomas Brueske
Anindita Islam
Sadiya Jannath
Dannie Eugene Mixon
Chloe Alyssé Reaves
Morgan Faye Umstead

Master of Fine Arts

David Michael Bridwell
Vincente David Alexander Fischer
Ashley Nicole Pollock

Master of Music

Jeremy Terrell Perryman

Master of Public Administration

Teara Lashay Bullard-Reed
Benjamin Thomas Dennis
Lauren Taylor DeVine
Amos Jack Ephriam
Tamia Lachele Garrett
Josue Daniel Guevara
James Ichitey
Sarah Mariea Lambeth
Caroline Grace McMahan
Gregory Charles Moore
Taylor Elyse Pettway
Shania Lanai Plemons
Lashoy Russell
Deja Constance Alisha Thompson
Clement Odell Williams, Jr.

Master of Science

Jean-Pierre Ardit
Sara Azadi
Stefan T. Bednarczyk
Kayla Rose Beitzel
London G. K. Bowers
Mustapha Nyenye Issah
Nusrat Jahan
Md. Foyselur Rahman
Md. Arafat Rashid

Master of Science in Environmental Toxicology

Daniel Marcus Servos

Mitchell College of Business

Master of Accounting

Kristy Walton Hamm
Miranda Leigh-Ann Powell
Nejiba Soualhia
Anne M. Swearingen
Emily Trumbaturi

Master of Business Administration

Amari Khaleel Reeves
Brien Chase Wilson

College of Education and Professional Studies

Master of Education

Abigail Reilly Allen
Taylor Rheadon Atkinson
Anna K. Blankenship
Kimberly Snowden Bolden
Hanna Louise Dalgety
Angeleca LaShell Harris
Mikki Wise Hendry
Lauren Ashlee Lambert
Haley Lee
Stephanie Hall Majewski
Leona Shanta Marshall
Sara Lynn Hyder McGough
Ragan Leah Percherke
Meagan Michelle Petite
Ashley Briann Pettway
Meghan Lynn Pine
Aldona A. Ploplys
Leslie Nan Rhodes
Tracie Roberson
Annie B. Rockwell
Hope Zuri-Khamiah Rush
Rachelle Elaine Rush
Imani Dianne Stone
Jordan Kevin-Wayne Taylor
Shaquita Demille Thomas
Kala Breanna Tolbert
Deondrea Renee Westbrook
Davonte Shaquille Williams
Hayley Xandreas Williams
Destine Wilson
Hillary Anne Wright

Master of Science

Allegra Mone Bailey
Nicoletta C. Capizzi
Odalys Cordova
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You'll have a hard time even pinpointing its origin.

But the USA Way is very real.

It describes how we conduct ourselves with integrity, dedication and class,
simply because it is right to do so.

The USA Way is being proud, with a grateful heart and a big smile,
when our students walk across the stage to receive their diplomas
in a Mitchell Center filled with glistening eyes
and pure happiness from fellow graduates, families, faculty and friends.

The USA Way is being passionate about our role in teaching, research and service —
three elements of a single mission with a common theme:
to be the best we can be in all that we do.

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providing world-class care from exceptional talents
through the region's only academic health system.

Being the biggest has never been the goal.

Instead, we choose the path of being better —
better every day than we were the day before.

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like a Jaguar on the prowl,
giving each play and every game our very best effort
while representing the ideals of sportsmanship, character and honor.

The USA Way is being humble,
knowing that ours is a tradition steeped in decades, not centuries.

Each person who came before has helped blaze the trail that we travel today,
allowing us to build on the success of the past
as we embrace the future.

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A university built on a solid foundation
is like the wise man's house built on rock.

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Sometimes we are called to lead.

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throwing our J's with confidence and pride for all to see.

Our destiny was not predetermined.

Achieving it will never be easy.

But from our very first days,

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moving onward and upward,
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