





## 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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Josiah (Jo) Robins Bonner, Jr.

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

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SPEAKER

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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

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## DOCTORAL 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  
The Graduate School  
Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine

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## MASTER'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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## BACCALAUREATE 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

### 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 Inferencer 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

**Business Administration**

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

Major Professors: Dr. Joseph Hair

**Naveen Reddy Pendli**

B.Tech., Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, 2011

M.S, Wilmington University, 2015

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

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

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

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

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# THE USA WAY

You will not find it etched on the cornerstone of an ivy-covered building,  
nor in a book on a library shelf.  
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.  
The USA Way is being caregivers and healers who give hope to patients,  
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.  
The USA Way is being fierce,  
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.  
The USA Way is being fiscally prudent, not wasting what we have been given.  
A university built on a solid foundation  
is like the wise man's house built on rock.  
The USA Way is about discovering the servant leader in each of us.  
Sometimes we are called to lead.  
Other times, we are meant to serve.  
No matter which, the USA Way is the north star that we choose to follow.  
Finally, the USA Way is being a member of Jag Nation,  
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,  
the USA Way has led us to be ambitious, determined and bold,  
moving onward and upward,  
as the Flagship of the Gulf Coast.  
Go Jags!