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PRESIDING	Dr. Richard A. Carvajal
OPENING OF EXERCISES	Mr. John D. Crawford
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Dr. Mark McQuade
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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Dr. Robert T. Smith
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION	
ALMA MATER	Dr. Mark McQuade
PLATFORM PARTY RECESSIONAL	Faculty & Graduates stay seated.
GRADUATE CELEBRATION	Please join the graduates on the floor.

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Commencement Speaker



Jessie Tuggle

In the storied history of Valdosta State Athletics, Jessie Tuggle stands as one of the most iconic individuals to ever don a Blazer uniform. A native of Griffin, Georgia, Tuggle used a work ethic unmatched by his peers to piece together an incredible and lengthy football career and all of it took place right here in the Peach State.

As just one of two athletic programs to offer Tuggle a scholarship out of high school, Valdosta State welcomed the Griffin High standout with open arms in 1983. Tuggle made the most of his opportunity and in Blazer football's second year of existence, he set a high standard for a program that would go on to win three national championships. During his four-year career, Tuggle earned three All-Gulf South Conference honors, was named an All-American in 1986, and with 340 career tackles, he set a record that would stand over 25 years.

His efforts on the field made him a surefire selection for the Valdosta State Athletics Hall of Fame, and he was one of the first selections in its 1997 inaugural year. In addition, the number 88 which he wore on his back throughout his career is one of just three numbers that have been retired by the VSU football program. Furthermore, the Athletic Field House was dubbed the Jessie Tuggle Strength and Fitness Complex upon its opening in 2009.

After graduating from Valdosta State, Tuggle earned a spot on the Atlanta Falcons' roster as an undrafted signee. Once again, he silenced naysayers and transformed the unlikely opportunity into a dedicated 14-year professional career in Atlanta that led to five Pro Bowl selections and an appearance in the 1998 Super Bowl. With 2,065 career tackles and an incredible run of 12 consecutive seasons with over 100 tackles, it is no wonder how he earned his famous nickname, "The Hammer."

Throughout his incredible career, Tuggle has remained true to his roots. Since his departure, he has continued to support Valdosta State University and has publicly credited the institution for giving him an opportunity to launch his professional career.

Tuggle is married to DuJuan Tuggle and has three adult children. His eldest son, Justin, currently plays defensive end for the Toronto Argonauts in the Canadian Football League, and his son, Grady, is a defensive tackle for the Atlanta Falcons. Tuggle's daughter, Jessica, served as a student-athlete with the Lady Blazer tennis program and was named VSU's Homecoming Queen in 2013. Jessica followed in her father's footsteps and graduated from Valdosta State in 2014.

DOCTORAL DEGREES – DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Sherry H. Beasley

A Basic Interpretive Study of Teachers' Perceptions of Empowerment Dr. Rudo E. Tsemunhu, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Lynn M. Boettler

Student Retention and Performance in Four Different Versions of a First-Year Seminar: A Casual-Comparative Study Dr. Donald W. Leech, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Kayla K. Capers

Exploring Former Teachers' Experiences of Georgia's Teacher Keys Effectiveness System Dr. Rudo E. Tsemunhu, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Andrew W. Cooper

A Qualitative Case Study of How a Title I High School Principal Strategized for Student Achievement Dr. Robert Green, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Anna Denson Cutts

The Effects of an Assignment that Incorporated Reading, Writing, Discourse, and Reflection for Honors Advanced Algebra Students: A Quasi-Experimental Study

Dr. Gerald Siegrist, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Leslie Dombrowski

Through the Artist's Lens: A Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experience of Expressive Writing with Former Writer's Workshop Students

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Andrea Latresa Lovett Dozier

An Investigation of Nursing Faculty Teacher Efficacy in Nursing Schools in Georgia Dr. Dianne Dees, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Charles Grayson Day, Jr. Exploring the Teacher-Student Relationship in a High School Advanced Placement Classroom: A Hermeneutic Phenomenology Inquiry Dr. Rudo E. Tsemunhu, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

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Through a Strangers Eyes: From Stranger to Familiar A Phenomenological Journey Exploring High School Students' Understanding of Culture Through Participation in the Human Geography Class

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A Balm in Gilead: Portraits of African American Women Faculty Bearing Witness to Striving, Surviving, and Thriving at Predominately White Institutions in the Deep South Dr. Richard W. Schmertzing, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

Marci Marshall*

The Transition of Dual Enrollment Students Pursuing Competitive Admission Programs Dr. Vesta R. Whisler, Adult & Career Education

Johnnie L. Marshall, Jr.*

High School to College Pipeline: The Impact of an Early College Experience on the Educational Journey of African American Male High School Students

Dr. Karla M. Hull, Higher Education Leadership

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The Identification and Prioritization of the Professional Development Needs for Teachers of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Subjects within Georgia Metropolitan Area School Systems Dr. Reynaldo L. Martinez, Adult & Career Education

Meghan Rose McBride

A Narrative Analysis of the Lived Experiences of Nontraditional Black Female Students Who Attend an Historically Black College or University Dr. Richard W. Schmertzing, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

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A Qualitative Narrative Study Investigating Nursing Student Attrition in an Associate Degree Nursing Program Dr. Dianne Dees, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

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Coaching Winners: A Case Study of Two of the Most Successful Head High School Football Coaches in Georgia Dr. James L. Pate, Curriculum, Leadership, & Technology

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An Examination of the Relationship Between Students Participating in A College Readiness Course and Success Outcomes at a Community College Dr. James Archibald, Higher Education Leadership

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Gender Differences in Concussion Symptoms of High School Soccer Players Dr. Katherine Lamb, Communication Sciences & Disorders and Special Education

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A Qualitative Analysis of Elementary Teachers' Perceptions of a Non-Traditional Classroom Dr. Karla Hull, Higher Education Leadership

Deborah Renée Scott Webb

Customer Service Implementation in Public Higher Education: Case Study of Employees' Customer Service Satisfaction in a University System Dr. James Archibald, Higher Education Leadership

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First-Generation College Students and Co-Requisite Mathematics: A Phenomenological Study Dr. Iris C. Ellis, Adult & Career Education

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DOCTORAL DEGREES - DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Anthony W. Duva

The Right to Die' With Dignity: A Policy Evaluation Study of Assisted Suicide Laws in 20 Jurisdictions in the United States of America Dr. James Peterson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science

Hallie G. Eckdahl

Training Education Assistants to Facilitate Grammatical Development of Adolescents Who Use AAC Dr. Matthew D. Carter, Communication Sciences & Disorders and Special Education

Timothy S. Hallmark

Comparison of Crime Rates Experienced on the Campuses of Higher Education Institutions with On Campus Housing and Those Institutions without On Campus Housing Dr. Rudy Prine, Criminal Justice

Audrey Susan Luke-Morgan*

Analysis of Agricultural Policy: Effectiveness of Crop Insurance as a Safety Net for Representative Peanut Farms in the U.S. Dr. Russell Scarborough, Political Science

Scarlette Chelsei Norris

Identifying Social Deficits Using the Social Thinking Dynamic Assessment Protocol Dr. Mary Gorham-Rowan, Communication Sciences & Disorders and Special Education

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Investing in the Future. Evaluation of the Activities of the Developmental Core of Emory University Center for AIDS Research: A Case Study Dr. James W. Peterson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science

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VSU's School of Nursing is proudly celebrating its 50th anniversary, five decades of producing nurses of the highest quality who impact communities and touch people's lives every day.

Ms. Sandie Delk, Assistant Professor of Nursing, is marking this monumental milestone at commencement by carrying the 50 Year Anniversary banner.

In 1966, Judge Harley Langdale, chairman of the Hospital Authority of Pineview Hospital, now South Georgia Medical Center, approached President S. Walter Martin of Valdosta State College and asked for help in preparing registered nurses for the South Georgia region.

In September 1967, Valdosta State was authorized to begin the program, effective fall 1968.

In June 1972, the first six students graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Today the School of Nursing, which is part of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, offers the following nursing-related programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing in Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, or Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
- Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Second Degree Students

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The President's Award for Academic Excellence is presented to the graduating student with the highest grade point average in each of VSU's six colleges — Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, College of the Arts, James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education & Human Services, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, and College of Science & Mathematics. These students serve as the banner carriers for their respective colleges.

HARLEY LANGDALE JR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



SUVI ALICE SAVOLAINEN of Espoo, Finland, is the recipient of the Fall 2018 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics.

"I am honored that I had the opportunity to study at Valdosta State University and

learn from my professors and fellow classmates," she said. "When I started my college career, I never thought I would be receiving any kind of honors. I truly appreciate this honor; it proves to me that hard work pays off. I am excited about the opportunity to represent the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration and lead my fellow graduates to the commencement area."

As a student at VSU, Savolainen played midfield for the Women's Soccer Team. She served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma: The International Business Honor Society and the Society for International Students.

Savolainen's commitment to academic and athletic excellence resulted in her earning 2018 Google Cloud Division II Women's Soccer Academic All-Region honors, 2017 Gulf South Conference All-Academic honors, and the 2017-2018 Student-Athlete Academic Award. She was also a member of the Dean's List during her time at VSU.

Savolainen plans to return to Finland after graduation. She wants to earn a master's degree and then start building her career. Her dream is to "have a job that I enjoy doing while achieving something that leaves a mark on those around me." She is the daughter of Jaana Leivo and Timo Savolainen.

College of Humanities & Social Sciences



THIBAULT DENEVE of Lessines, Belgium, is the recipient of the Fall 2018 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Valdosta State University. He graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

"It is an honor to be here," he said. "I owe to my family and friends for their support and my officers, non-

commissioned officers, brothers and sisters in arms, as well as my professors here at VSU, that made me the person I am today."

Deneve came to VSU after serving five years in the French Armed Forces and four years in the Belgium Armed Forces.

As a student at VSU, Deneve was a member of the Society for International Students, Alpha Lambda Delta: National Honor Society for First-Year Success, the Society of Physics Students, and the Valdosta Society of Astronomy Students. He was an honorary member of Pi Delta Phi: The National French Honor Society.

Deneve's commitment to academic excellence resulted in him earning the Outstanding Criminal Justice Student of the Year Award and the Outstanding Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Student Award and being named to the Dean's List during his time at VSU.

Deneve hopes to earn a graduate assistantship and pursue a Master of Science in sociology during the Spring 2019 semester at VSU. His ultimate goal is to work in law enforcement. He is the son of Pascal Deneve and Veronique Deroche.

College of Science & Mathematics



CAYLOR RAE MARK of Tifton, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2018 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Science and Mathematics at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry.

"This is an incredible opportunity and such an honor to be asked to lead my fellow classmates and graduates into commencement this fall," she said. "Our degree is the physical proof of how hard work and determination lead to success, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for the Class of 2018."

As a student at VSU, Mark was a Zell Miller Scholar and a member of Student Members of the American Chemical Society, the Pre-Dental Club, the University Ambassadors Program, and the Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi, where she served as scholarship chairwoman and vice president of finance, helped raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities, and supported other student groups on campus. She logged more than 200 hours of community service, including weekly volunteering with the Miracle League of Valdosta, and worked as a chemistry tutor and supplemental instructor.

Mark traveled twice to Peru on medical mission trips with her church, First United Methodist Church of Tifton. She participated in VSU's 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium, where she presented research on vitamin C and cancer at the Three-Minute Video Competition and a poster on the medical efficacy of Taxol as a cancer drug.

Mark's commitment to academic, service, and research excellence resulted in her earning the Hoyt-Jolley Foundation Scholarship and the 2018 Department of Chemistry Optima Chemical Award. She was also a member of the Dean's List during her time at VSU.

Mark plans to attend dental school after graduation. She hopes to live a life that allows her to help as many people as possible. She is the daughter of Tom and Nancy Mark.

College of Nursing & Health Sciences



TESSA ASHLYN WELCH of Homerville, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2018 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Valdosta State University. She graduates magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

"There are no words to express what an honor it is to be receiving this prestigious recognition," she said. "I have had the chance to get to know

and care for each and every person in my nursing cohort. To be able to lead these people into the area where they will receive a degree indicating one of the greatest accomplishments of their life makes me ecstatic. Every person in my cohort has unique characteristics to offer growth in the nursing profession. I am honored to even know these students. I see nothing but present and future success when I look at them. It is with overwhelming joy that I hold the College of Nursing and Health Sciences banner high as I lead my fellow graduates into the commencement area." As a student at VSU, Welch was a member of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Student Affairs Committee, the Valdosta Association of Nursing Students, and Sigma, formerly known as Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She volunteered her time to support the American Cancer Society, the Alzheimer's Association, Hungry at Home, Hospice of South Georgia, and Ronald McDonald House Charities. She helped the Lowndes County Health Department provide free HIV testing on campus, collaborated with other nursing and health sciences majors to host a health fair for the community, conducted free blood pressure screenings at the South Georgia Pride Festival, and offered free health screenings at the Hahira Community Day.

Welch conducted research on the impact of the perioperative surgical checklist on morbidity and mortality rates in surgery, the mental health of the homeless, and effective communication and leadership.

Welch's commitment to academic, service, and research excellence resulted in her earning the 2018 Valdosta State University Foundation Scholarship, the 2017 Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship, the 2015 Clinch Foundation Scholarship, and the 2015 Dr. Lewis F. and Audrey H. Chisholm Healthcare Scholarship. She was a Zell Miller Scholar and a regular on the Dean's List. She earned a spot on the School of Nursing Dean's List in 2018.

Welch plans to find a job in a hospital-based Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit and work for at least six months before pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing. "I will work towards an online degree part time while obtaining more nursing experience at the bedside. My long-term career goals are to have a family practice serving a rural community as a family nurse practitioner." She is the daughter of Ray and Pam Welch.

JAMES L. & DOROTHY H. DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES



ANNA JOY HOLTON of Valdosta, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2018 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services at Valdosta State University. She graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education in middle grades education, emphasis in mathematics and social studies, and an Honors College Certificate.

"I am humbled and honored to represent the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services and lead my fellow graduates into the commencement ceremony," she said.

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"I did not make it this far on my own. First, I would like to thank my Lord and Savior for giving me the strength and wisdom to complete my degree. Second, I would like to thank my parents and family for loving, supporting, and encouraging me to pursue my dream of becoming a teacher. To my middle grades education classmates, I will forever be thankful for the friendships cultivated with each one of you and for the memories made. I cannot wait to see all that you all accomplish in the future. Finally, I would like to thank my professors, supervisors, and mentor teacher. Each one of you has played a unique role in my college education, guiding, teaching, and encouraging me on my way. I will always be grateful for the time you devoted and invested in my life."

As a student at VSU, Holton was a Zell Miller Scholar and a member of Alpha Chi: National College Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: International Honor Society in Education, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Chi, and Sigma Alpha Pi: The National Society of Leadership and Success. She was also a member of the Dean's List during her time at VSU and a recipient of the Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation Scholarship.

Holton had an article titled "Learning from High-Performing Middle Schools in High-Poverty Areas" published in the Reflections, an official publication of the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She co-authored this piece with Dr. Greg Harrell, a professor in VSU's Department of Mathematics.

Holton serves middle school girls as a Sunday School teacher and youth leader at Morningside Baptist Church of Valdosta. She also helps with Vacation Bible School every summer. For the past three years, she has volunteered at the Colton Shaw Foundation Skeet Shoot, which raises funds for scholarships.

Holton plans to continue her education after graduation by pursuing a master's degree in the areas of curriculum and instruction. She plans to work as a long-term substitute in mathematics at a local elementary school during this time and then pursue a full-time position teaching either mathematics or social studies at the middle school level. She is the daughter of Ward and Julie Holton.

College of the Arts



MACY ASHTON SEYMOUR of Leesburg, Georgia, is the recipient of the Fall 2018 President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of the Arts at Valdosta State University. She graduates cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in communication, emphasis in public relations.

"I am honored to receive the President's Award for Academic Excellence for the College of the Arts," she said. "It is a

reminder that hard works pay off and nothing is impossible. My time at VSU has cultivated great relationships, and I have been inspired by my fellow classmates and faculty. I am thrilled to lead my fellow graduates and friends in the commencement ceremony. We have worked hard for this moment, and we can finally say, 'We did it.'' As a student at VSU, Seymour served as an executive board member for the Public Relations Student Society of America and as a member of Lambda Pi Eta: National Communication Association. She was also a member of the Dean's List during her time at VSU.

Seymour completed three mission trips to Wyoming, Honduras, and Peru. She said she was fortunate to be able to take two cross country road trips and become involved in her community, including become a Young Life leader and serving in her church, Greenbriar Church of Albany, Georgia.

"Aside from academics, traveling is my passion and coffee is my fuel," she shared. "I want to spend my days loving people and serving those around me."

Seymour plans to continue her education after graduation and pursue a master's degree. She is the daughter of Jackie Russ and Rick Seymour.

"As long as my work fosters joy, community, generosity, and simplicity, then I am on the road to success," she said. "I am thankful for the road that has brought me to where I am now, and I am excited to see what the next journey brings. Eleanor Roosevelt said it best when she said, 'The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1906, Valdosta State University celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2006. The VSU Centennial was an opportunity to appreciate and honor the living legacy of its founders. These individuals not only rallied public resources for what would become a major regional university, but they also established ongoing partnerships for both continued community and private support to the university.

VSU, a comprehensive university of the University System of Georgia, was established as an institution of higher learning. The institution officially opened in 1913 and was called South Georgia State Normal College. Between the years of 1913 and 1950, the institution underwent two name changes. On July 1, 1993, the Board of Regents authorized Valdosta State College to become Valdosta State University.

Today VSU's enrollment is approximately 11,300 students. The university maintains a student-to-faculty ratio of 19:1 with more than 600 highly qualified, talented and motivated faculty. VSU has six academic colleges: the College of the Arts; the College of Humanities & Social Sciences; the College of Science & Mathematics; the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration; the James L. & Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education & Human Services; and the College of Nursing & Health Sciences; plus the Honors College. Degrees are offered at all levels, from the associate to the doctorate.

The University consists of two major campus areas, north and main campus, located less than a mile apart as well as numerous satellite facilities. In all, 87 buildings house the varied activities of the University.

VSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Upon graduation, you will join over 60,000 other Valdosta State graduates as a member of the VSU Alumni Association. The Association does not require you to pay dues to be a member, but encourages you to give back through the annual fund each year.

The Alumni Association has implemented chapters across the Southeastern United States in Atlanta, South Georgia, Middle Georgia, and Savannah, as well as a combined Coastal chapter, which includes Jacksonville and the Golden Isles. Events are planned throughout the year to keep alumni engaged across the state and beyond in order to grow the Blazer community.

Stay connected! Follow Valdosta State alumni on all your social media networks, download the V-State alumni app. on your mobile devices, and tell us when you move, marry, or get a new job so that we can celebrate your successes with you.

To ensure you receive the most up to date information from the office of Alumni Relations, be sure to provide us with your current contact information by visiting www.valdostastate.org and create your personal alumni account.

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you at an alumni event near you!

THE MACE

The mace has evolved through the years from a "hand combat" weapon of the middle ages, employed by archers and other unmounted warriors, to a club-shaped staff used as a symbol of authority by legislative, religious, academic, and other assemblies to give a ceremonial character to official functions.

The Valdosta State University Alumni Association commissioned Hollis Barnett, VSU professor of art, to design and sculpt the mace. It was first used at the June 12, 1994 commencement ceremony presided over by President Hugh C. Bailey.

The design of the Valdosta State University mace is based on the dome of West Hall. It was sculpted by hand in wax and cast in bronze using the lost wax casting process. Black onyx and red carnelian stones,



representing the University's colors, are set into the bronze. The shaft is carved in a dark mahogany. The mahogany base, is engraved with the University's logo.

The mace is carried by a VSU faculty marshal for ceremonial occasions.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

The President's Chain of Office is based on the university seal and a rendition of West Hall, the centerpiece of VSU's campus. The antiqued sterling silver medallion, crafted by Medallic Art Co., made its debut in 2008.

The first use of the seal occurred in 1955 and was used until the 1960s, when it was no longer featured on official documents. In 1987, the seal reappeared as a simple image of the West Hall Dome and Star with "Valdosta State College; Valdosta, Georgia; 1906" around the outside of the image. In 1992, shadows and palm leaves were added to enhance the image. The seal was last modified in 1993 to reflect VSU's university status.



THE CODE OF ACADEMIC COSTUME

An 1894 conference of representatives of leading American institutions adopted a uniform code of academic dress. The code was revised by the American Council on Education in 1932 and again in 1959.

Black gowns recommended for use have certain characteristics. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's oblong sleeves and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. The bachelor and master gowns have no trimmings. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The velvet may be the color distinction of the subject to which the pertains, agreeing in color with the edging of the hood.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, colors associated with different subjects are: Agriculture, Maize; Arts, Letters, Humanities, White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business, Drab; Economics, Copper; Education, Light Blue; Fine Arts, Brown; Journalism, Crimson; Law, Purple; Library Science, Lemon; Music, Pink; Nursing, Apricot; Speech, Silver Gray; Philosophy, Dark Blue; Physical Education, Sage Green; Public Administration, Peacock Blue; Public Health, Salmon Pink; Science, Golden Yellow; Social Work, Citron; Theology, Scarlet.

The bachelor's hood length is three feet, the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. The hood for the latter has panels at the side. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university which conferred the ; more than one color is shown by the division of the field color.

The hood binding or edging is velvet or velveteen, in widths of two, three and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's respectively. The color of the edging should be distinctive of the subject to which the pertains. The black academic cap is usually shaped like a mortar board. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject to which the pertains. The only exception is the doctor's cap which may have its tassel of gold thread.

(Prepared by Louis E. Schmier, Professor of History)

BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia was created in 1931 as a part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governing and management authority. The governor appoints members of the Board to a seven year term and regents may be reappointed to subsequent terms by a sitting governor. Regents donate their time and expertise to serve the state through their governance of the University System of Georgia the position is a voluntary one without financial remuneration. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 19 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large, and one from each of the state's 14 congressional districts. The Board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System. The Board oversees the 30 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography and The Georgia Public Library System.

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