

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY



SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025	3:00 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025	9:00 AM
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025	12:00 PM

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CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT

May 9, 2025 | 3:00 PM

Dr. Jill Drake
Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs
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PROCESSIONAL†	<i>"Pomp & Circumstance–March No. 1" - Edward Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM†	<i>"The Star-Spangled Banner" - Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music</i>
WELCOME	Dr. Jill Drake
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Dr. Georj Lewis, <i>President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS	Dr. Jill Drake
STUDENT ADDRESS	Jahedy Rojas, Bachelor of Arts
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Veronica Maldonado-Torres <i>President and CEO, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE HOODS	Dr. J. Celeste Walley-Jean, <i>Associate Provost/Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Faculty Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Dr. Dwayne Hooks, <i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Dean, College of Health</i> Dr. Jacob Chacko, <i>Dean, College of Business</i> Dr. Ebrahim Khosravi, <i>Dean, College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics</i>
CONFERRING & PRESENTATION OF DEGREES	Dr. Georj Lewis
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Joseph Echols '06 '11, <i>Alumni Association President</i>
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Dr. Georj Lewis
ALMA MATER	<i>"Walking in Love and Strength" - Dr. Brigitte Byrd, poem Dr. Richard Bell, music</i>
RECESSIONAL†	<i>"Grand March From Aida" - Giuseppe Verdi</i>

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FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025
3:00 PM CEREMONY

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Keenan Kade, vocalist

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VERONICA MALDONADO-TORRES

PRESIDENT AND CEO, GEORGIA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Veronica Maldonado-Torres is a visionary leader, business strategist, and champion for inclusive economic growth. Since 2021, she has served as President and CEO of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC), where she has expanded its statewide reach, secured historic funding, and forged transformative partnerships that have boosted job creation and economic impact across Georgia.

Under her leadership, GHCC has launched its first global delegations in over a decade, strengthening international ties and earning her recognition in global economic diplomacy. Veronica is a dynamic speaker known for her bold energy and heartfelt message that inspires others to lead with purpose.

She has been honored among Georgia Trend's "100 Most Influential Georgians," Atlanta Magazine's "500 Most Influential Atlantans," and Expo Latina's "Top 12 Most Influential Women in Business." A devoted wife, mother, and mentor, Veronica's Driven to Thrive philosophy continues to uplift communities and empower the next generation of leaders.



JAHEDY ROJAS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jahedy Rojas is graduating from Clayton State University with a Bachelor's in English and a Minor in Psychology. She is a first-generation graduate, and through hard work and with the support of her mother and brother, she is graduating Cum Laude.

During her time at Clayton State, Jahedy has been deeply involved in the English Department. She works for the Writers' Studio as a consultant and Peer Academic Mentor, which means she has helped students and staff with every step of the writing process. This position has allowed her to express her love for helping individuals become the best writers they can be! Jahedy is the treasurer and a proud member of the Creative Writing Club. Her commitment to the department has shown as she was recently awarded the Bill Pasch Senior English Award.

Jahedy plans to continue her education by acquiring a master's in fine arts in creative nonfiction and then a PhD in Rhetoric and Composition, so she can become an English professor and continue teaching her love for the written word.

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KEITH PARKER
PRESIDENT AND CEO, GOODWILL NORTH GEORGIA

Keith T. Parker is a renowned CEO with a record of turning struggling organizations into profitable and reputable entities. As the former CEO of the Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transit Authority (MARTA), he successfully transformed what was once deemed the worst public transit system in the U.S. into an economic asset, generating over a quarter billion dollars in operating surplus.

Currently, as president and CEO of Goodwill of North Georgia, Parker has expanded the nonprofit's retail footprint while enhancing the organization's mission to put people to work. Under Parker's leadership, the organization has connected more than 120,000 people to new jobs in the past five years. His leadership style has resulted in one of the lowest overhead rates in the nonprofit sector.

Additionally, Parker serves on multiple boards and has received numerous accolades for his impactful contributions, most recently, the Atlanta Business League's 2024 Herman J. Russell CEO of the Year Award.



KRUSHALIBEN PAREKH
MASTER'S IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Krushali Parekh is an international student from India and a proud first-generation graduate, earning her Master's in Health Administration from Clayton State University. Her journey from across the globe has led her to this milestone, where she now serves as the student speaker for the Class of 2025.

While adapting to a new country and educational system, Krushali fully embraced leadership opportunities. She represented Clayton State at the national NAHSE conference and case competition, championing the value of diversity in healthcare leadership.

Her passion for improving healthcare systems has earned her a full-time role in Quality Assurance with FEHE Enterprise Inc., a Georgia-based company supporting individuals with developmental disabilities, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.

Driven by a belief in purposeful leadership and cultural connection, Krushali is committed to using her voice and vision to uplift others, lead with compassion, and help create a more inclusive and effective healthcare system.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FACULTY MARSHALS, READER & SPEAKERS

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025
12:00 PM CEREMONY

MARSHALS
Faculty Marshal
Dr. Michael Lindsay
Deputy Faculty Marshal
Dr. Matthew Sansbury
Student Marshal
Dr. Mya Richardson-Echols

READER
Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

ANNOUNCER
Deborah Davis

MUSICIANS
Dr. Michiko Otaki, DMA, keyboard
Kayla Hart, vocalist

USHERS
Clayton State University
Department of Campus Life
provided volunteers



BETH CAMP
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 135

State Representative Beth Camp proudly serves House District 135, covering parts of Lamar and Spalding counties and all of Pike County. Her public service journey began at 17 as a 911 dispatcher, later becoming a licensed EMT. These early experiences inspired her passion for social sciences and leadership. She holds degrees from Georgia Military College, Clayton State University, and a master’s in Communication Studies with a focus on Organizational Leadership from the University of Alabama.

A successful entrepreneur, Rep. Camp is the owner and managing broker of Camp & Associates, LLC, and a “Lifetime Multi-Million Dollar Realtor.” She also serves on the board of CASA Advo-Kids, supporting foster children in the Griffin Judicial Circuit.

Before joining the Georgia House in 2020, she served on the Pike County Board of Education. Rep. Camp lives on a cattle farm in Concord with her husband of 30 years, Mark, and their lively menagerie of animals.



ANGEL ARUNA
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Angel Oshiokalame Aruna is graduating from Clayton State University with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. As a college student and Army ROTC cadet, Angel’s journey has been defined by resilience, leadership, and a deep commitment to service.

At Clayton State, she served as a two-time Resident Assistant and President of the African Student Association, where she promoted cultural pride, unity, and student engagement. She also earned the title of Miss Alpha Phi Alpha and placed as 2nd runner-up in the Miss Old Gold & Black Scholarship Competition.

Outside of campus life, Angel has served as a Logistics Specialist in the Army National Guard since 2021 and is now preparing to commission as a Logistics Officer on active duty. She also contributes to the Army Honor Guard, honoring the fallen and supporting community events with pride and precision.

Angel is driven by a passion for servant leadership and strives to create spaces where people feel seen, heard, and empowered—whether in uniform, in leadership, or in everyday life.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The tradition of academic regalia dates back to the Middle Ages, when scholars, often clergy, wore heavy gowns for warmth in unheated buildings. Today, American academic dress follows a similar tradition, first adopted by Harvard in 1636.

- **Gowns:** Associate degree candidates wear gray gowns; bachelor's, black; master's gowns feature long, closed sleeves with arm slits; doctoral gowns are trimmed with velvet and bear three velvet sleeve bars.
- **Hoods:** The hood's length and velvet trim indicate the degree level—master's (3.5 feet, 3-inch velvet), doctorate (4 feet, 5-inch velvet). The velvet color represents the field of study (e.g., Science—Yellow; Arts—White; Business—Drab). Hoods are lined with the colors of the granting institution.
- **Caps:** All graduates wear the mortarboard. Tassels are black or match the field of study; doctoral graduates may wear a velvet cap or a mortarboard with a gold tassel.



ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND SYMBOLS

The commencement procession has ecclesiastical roots, reflecting the church's historic role in education.

- **University Mace:** Symbolizing presidential authority, Clayton State's mace—crafted from a lightning-damaged campus tree by Lyceum artist Mark Barr—is carried by the Chair of Faculty Senate.
- **Presidential Medallion:** Worn by the President, it features the Georgia state seal and university name.
- **Honors:** Graduates with a GPA of 3.5 or higher wear gold cords. Final honors are recorded on diplomas and transcripts. Honors status is pending final grades and maintained by the Office of the Registrar.

Degrees are awarded upon verification of all academic requirements. Due to printing deadlines, not all listed candidates may have completed their degrees. An asterisk (*) denotes members of the Clayton State Honors Program.

PRESIDENTS

Dr. Georj Lewis 2023
Kerry L. Heyward, Interim President 2022 – 2023
Dr. T. Ramon Stuart 2021 – 2022
Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr. 2009 – 2021
Dr. Thomas K. Harden 2000 – 2009
Michael F. Vollmer, Interim President 1999 – 2000
Dr. Richard A. Skinner 1994 – 1999
Dr. Harry S. Downs, Founding President 1969 – 1994

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President

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CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Walking through your majestic pines,
We embrace your simple splendor,
Our hearts and spirits full of hope,
Our minds wide open and ready.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking by your beautiful lake,
We find a new community
Of people from all nations
All joined as one in learning.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking proudly among our peers,
We wear your colors true.
Now shaped and prepared by Clayton State,
We are ready for our future.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.

Walking through our unfolding lives,
We take you on the path,
Knowing that the years will change us,
And your standard will remain.
O our dear alma mater,
You give us love and strength.



**SPRING 2025
COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Andrea Clark
Ashlee Spearman
Cedric Giles
Ceimone Henderson-Strickland
Cephas Archie
Charles Bridges
Chris Hunt
Darren Thomas
Don Stansberry
Gayron Taylor
Heidi Benford
James Kaiser
Jermaine Rolle
John Keener
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Lindsay Chandler
Matthew Sansbury
Michael Lindsay
Michael Little
Michael Perkins
Michiko Otaki
Mya Richardson-Echols
Naomi Leader
Nicholas Bennett
Norman Grizzell
Penelope Cliff
Rebecca Gmeiner
Shelia Arkwright
Tamika Chase
Tammy Wilson
Thanh Dong
Tony Berry



Congratulations!!

Through your passion, tenacity, and initiative, you have officially joined the ranks of more than 30,000 members worldwide in the mighty Laker Alumni community!

Now, it's time to show your Laker Spirit by taking the next step: becoming an official member of the Clayton State University Alumni Association.

As a new graduate, you'll enjoy exclusive benefits, including:

- A discounted membership rate
- Savings on Continuing Education courses
- Special rates at the Health and Fitness Facilities
- Periodic discounts at the Loch Shop
- And more exciting perks to come!

Membership also connects you to opportunities for networking, volunteering, mentoring, and celebrating your Laker pride at alumni-focused events.

Take the next step today—visit
www.clayton.edu/alumni/membership
or scan the QR code and join your
alumni community!



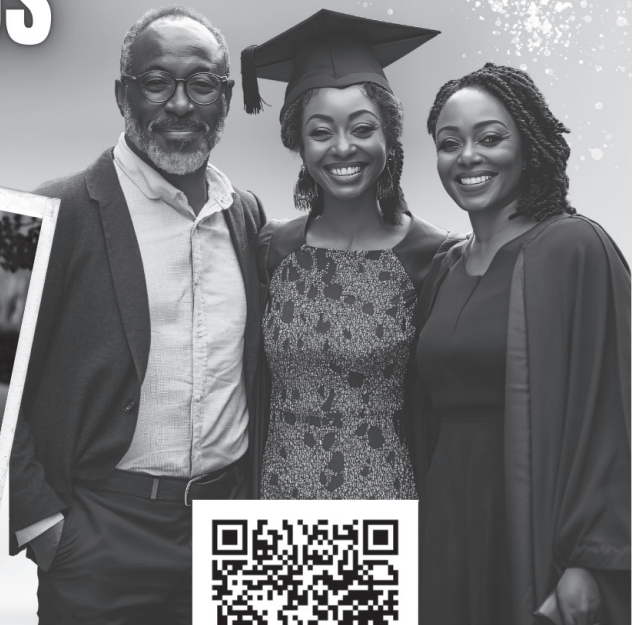
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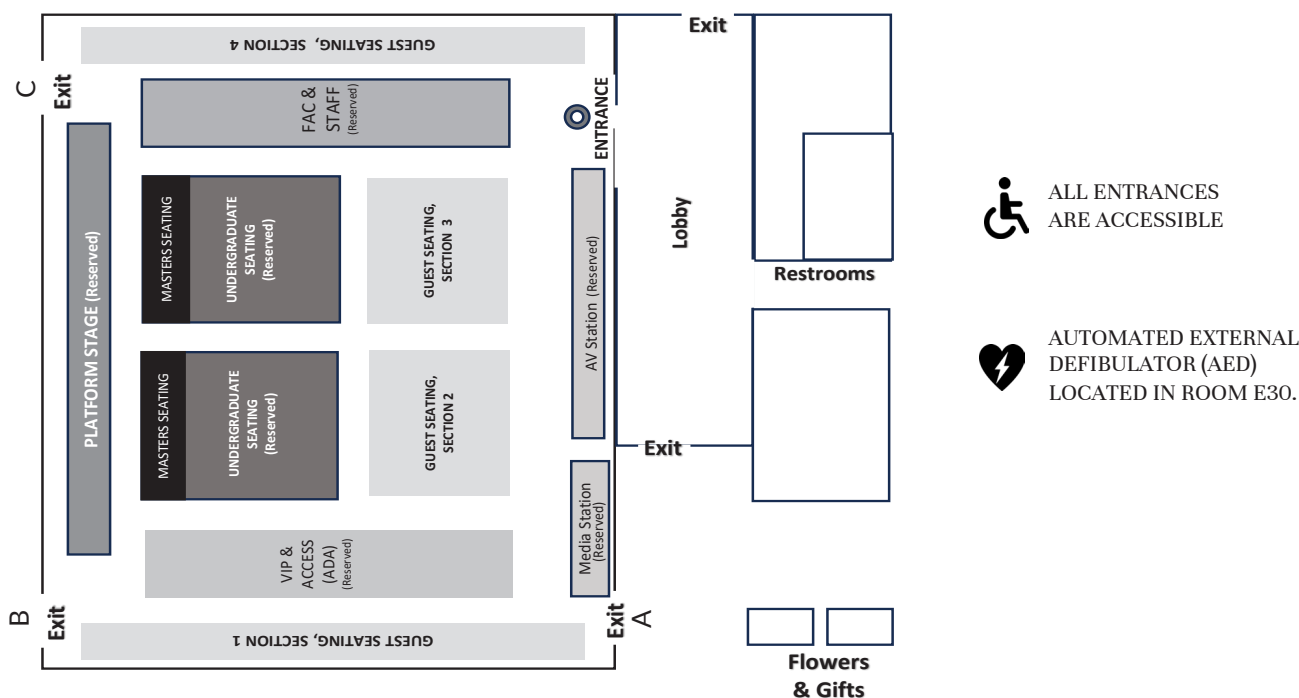
FAMILY GRADUATION PHOTOS



CLAYTON STATE
UNIVERSITY

Scan QR code to register
for photos

ATHLETIC CENTER MAP AND FACILITIES INFORMATION



AMBULANCE

An ambulance will be stationed in lot B, near the east end close to the Athletic Center.

EMERGENCY EXITS

In case of emergency, please proceed to the nearest exit in an orderly manner.

FLOWERS AND GIFTS

Flowers, CSU logo items, and diploma frames are available at the concession cart outside the Athletics Center before and after each ceremony. CSU logo items and diploma frames are 15% off at the concession cart only, May 9-10, 2025.

GUEST ASSISTANCE

Ushers are available for assistance and information.

LOST AND FOUND

For lost and found items, please contact the Office of Public Safety, Edgewater Hall, Room 207, 678-466-4050.

NO ENTRY/NO EXIT (PROCESSIONAL)

No entry/no exit will be permitted into the Athletic Center 15 minutes prior to the start of commencement in preparation of processional exercises.

PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional photographer will take a photo of the graduates as they cross the stage. Please do not approach the stage area for personal photos as this can disrupt the flow of the ceremony and obstruct the view of others.

PROGRAM

A PDF of this commencement program is available at clayton.edu/commencement

PUBLIC SAFETY

Officers will be stationed inside the Athletics building and outside in the circle area.

RESTROOMS

Restroom locations are indicated on the map above. Restrooms are closed during procession and recession proceedings.

SMOKING

Smoking and tobacco use are not permitted on campus.