



AVERETT

UNIVERSITY

— SINCE 1859 —

Commencement

E. Stuart James Grant North Campus
Convocation and Athletic Center

December Twelfth

Two Thousand and Twenty

To Our Graduates and Guests

We acknowledge with gratitude the role that our graduates' parents, spouses, and family members have played in helping them arrive at this day. Our heartfelt congratulations and ongoing good wishes are with you today and in all your future endeavors.

We welcome you to this reimagined Winter 2020 Commencement in this, our 162nd academic year. As our country faces challenges of historical proportions due to the global pandemic, we applaud our graduates, student body, faculty and staff for their determination and resilience. Although there have been many changes and challenges during this pandemic year, we are proud of our graduates who have persevered to their finish line at Averett University.

Averett was founded on a spirit of boldness and innovation in 1859 as a school for young women at a time when educating women was not thought to be particularly important. This spirit persisted as Averett transformed itself into a four-year, coeducational college in 1969. Averett continued to expand, awarding its first master's degrees in 1980 and adding its Graduate and Professional Studies Program in 1988, evolving to Averett Online in 2020. Averett is proud of its diversity and global reach. Each flag on display at today's Commencement is from a country represented in our student body.

At this, our 29th Winter Commencement, we honor our heritage by remaining true to our central identity as an academic community that both nurtures students and challenges them to achieve more than they ever thought possible. We are committed to preparing students to serve and lead as catalysts for positive change, to providing opportunities that will be transformative for our region and beyond, and to addressing needs with our high quality academic programs. We move forward with a youthful spirit of adventure, recognizing the pioneering spirit and innovative thinking that brought Averett into existence and has sustained us. Today we invite all graduates to journey forward with us.

Academic Procession and Regalia

The centuries-old pageantry of the academic procession dates from ancient traditions rooted in the early universities. Today's academic procession is comprised of the Mace Bearer, the candidates for degrees, faculty and staff, and the platform party.

The faculty's academic robes and hoods, worn for special occasions such as this, indicate the degrees they have earned and the universities where they earned them. Professors have worn distinctive regalia since medieval times.

The gowns are designed to rate the highest degree earned by the wearer (Bachelor, Master, or Doctor), and the hoods have particular colors for the specific degrees and universities. The lining notes the official color, or colors, of the college or university conferring the degree (Averett's colors are blue and gold). The color of the edging (two, three, and four inches for the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctor's respectively) shows the discipline to which the degree pertains, for example: Arts – white; Business – drab; Education – light blue; Fine Arts – brown; Law – purple; Music – pink; Nursing – apricot; Philosophy – dark blue; Physical Education – sage green; Science – golden yellow; Social Work – citron; Theology – scarlet. In recent years, many universities have incorporated the university's colors into academic robes and hoods.

Mace

The mace is carried by Dr. Jennifer Hughes, Associate Professor of English and Department Chair, Language, Literature and Culture and the 2019-2020 Faculty Member of the Year. It is a symbol of the University's authority, and its arrival signals the beginning of an official University gathering. Averett's mace was created in 1979 for the inauguration of Dr. Howard Lee, Averett's 21st President. It was made by Gary Johnson, one of Danville's outstanding furniture makers and the son of former Danville School Superintendent G.L.H. Johnson.

Commencement Exercises

Dr. Tiffany M. Franks, President
Presiding

Processional

Highland Cathedral Michael Korb and Ulrich Roever
Mr. Timothy R. Carpenter

Invocation Rev. Skyler R. Daniel
University Chaplain

National Anthem Matthew Doss, '07

Opening of Winter 2020 Commencement Exercises Dr. Tiffany M. Franks
President

Welcome Dr. Annie Wimbish, '81
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Recognitions and Awards Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Fulop
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success

Commencement Address Dr. Franks

Presentation of Graduates and Conferring of Degrees Rev. Dr. Fulop and Dr. Franks

Degree of Associate of Science
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Science
Degree of Bachelor of Science
Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Degree of Bachelor of Arts
Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts
Degree of Master of Education
Degree of Master of Business Administration
Degree of Master of Accountancy
Degree of Master of Applied Data Analytics
Degree of Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration

Closing Remarks Dr. Franks

Alma Mater Dr. Anne Lewis
Professor of Music

Benediction Rev. Daniel

Recessional

Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Graduating Class

Fall 2020 Graduates

Associate of Science

- Melissa Marie Hart
* Frank Edward Miller, Jr.
Cum Laude
* Elizabeth Jamain Yates-Merit
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Business Administration

- * Tracey R. Bowman- Stone
* Laura Anne Bradford
Summa Cum Laude
* Timothy Gordon Brewer, II
Summa Cum Laude
* Brian Wayne Brooks
* J. Thomas Burke
Cum Laude
Kimmie Lashon Burrell
Cum Laude
Dinky Byers
Magna Cum Laude
* Ellen H. Campbell
Cum Laude
* Laurence Bernadette Frazier
Ashlyn Elizabeth Hagee
* Corey McCabe Heck
Summa Cum Laude
* Mallory Elizabeth Jamerson
Summa Cum Laude
Mary Lee Jernigan Muse
Cum Laude
Lolita Saunders Martin
Cum Laude
* Holley Adkins McBride
Summa Cum Laude
* Traci Ruth Mcneill
Summa Cum Laude
* Ana Maria Rancourt
Magna Cum Laude
* Duane Russel Rancourt
Magna Cum Laude
Mark W. Sheets

Bachelor of Applied Science

- Kenneth Smith, Jr.
* Heather Dawn Tranbarger
* Julie Matherly Trent
Cum Laude
* Derrick Paul Workman
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

- * Shelby Nicole Alcorn
Magna Cum Laude
* Michael Thomas Allen
Katlyn Joy Anderson
Ella Annika Astrom
* Nadia L. Ballard
* Christopher Devin Baugh
* Patrick Earl Bergantin
Cum Laude
Emily Ann Bradsher
Aariyana Renee Britton
Justin Laquan Culp
Tonya Foley Davidson
* Keri Maria Campbell Davis
Moriba Diaby
Shakeva Frazier
Dante William George
* Mikayla May Greenway
Allison Nicole Haran
Summa Cum Laude
Michael Benjamin Head
* Tyler Lewis Henley
Romello Jamarr Herbin
* Haleigh Clark High
* Chelsea Thomas Hogan
Cum Laude
Aniyah Vashé Hubert

- Brittanny Elizabeth Jennings
Alvaro Jimenez Ros
Magna Cum Laude
* John Cody Jones
* Triston Jacob Kechter
* Ronny Petteri Lehmussaari
* Zachary Everett Lester
* Janiyah M. Logan
* Cody Dylan McGregor
* Gary Patrick McGregor
Summa Cum Laude
□ Devin Leith Merritt
Cum Laude
* Christopher Raymond Mohr
Magna Cum Laude
* Naomi Rice Moir
Thomas Jackson Nelson
Krystal Kangmin Pak
Magna Cum Laude
Caitlin Michelle Perkins
* Ericka Lei Pool
* Leanna M. Ross
Cum Laude
Christen Gayle Seamster
Magna Cum Laude
Amari Sadé Stone
Cum Laude
* Owen H. Story
Magna Cum Laude
Corey Alexander Wall
Trysten Milton Wiggins-Fralin
Summa Cum Laude
Maria Taylor Willhite
* Jacob Ansel Wright

Bachelor of Arts

- † Katelyn Grace Dewberry
Summa Cum Laude
* Malcolm Colby Edge
Thomas Dwayne Gilreath, Jr.
* Harper Camille Scollo
Magna Cum Laude

Delaney Marie Frances Sullivan
Magna Cum Laude
Brandon Neal Swain
Cum Laude

Master of Education

- * Richard Michael Agosta
- * Patricia Lynn Ascue
- * Mary Beth Balzer
- * Jason Eugene Banks
- * Whitney Anne Beck
- * Leslie Duffer Bohanon
- * Audrey Cashwell Bowyer
- * Candace Lynette Boyd
- * Mignonne Spellmeyer Bratten
- * Catherine Stankovich Brown
- * Austin Jack Campbell
- * Amy S. Cardwell
- * Angela Madalyn Castaldy
- * Brian Ashley Chitwood
- * Jeremy Blaine Clark
- Stephanie Root Curnalia
- Manuel Thomas Dodson, III
- Breann Michelle Dooley
- Jawaad Desha Douglas
- * Alexis Marie Gersbacher
- Mindy Ann Greiner
- Brenda Gale Hairston
- * Jordan Christina Hales
- Rian Sabree Hayes
- * Angelia Denise Henry

- * Aislinn Marie Holmes
- * Megan Kay Howell
- * Angela Cassandra Kidd
- Holly Beth Kilby
- * Nathan Allen Lantor
- * Nicholas Steven Liberatore
- * Brooke Cassady Lloyd
- * Austin Lynn Lynch
- * Kerri Lynn Manyo
- Hannah Wetherald Masi
- * Sarah Beth Mullins Milko
- * Nancy Michelle Moore
- * Erin Elizabeth Prokopchak
- LisaMarie Roberson
- Sandra Ann Sokol
- * Maggie Hosmer Spohn
- * Darrick Richard Summiel
- * Dana N. Switzer
- * Julia Renee Watts
- Stephanie Marie Whitehead
- * Heather D. Whittaker
- * Sarah Monroe Yost

Master of Business

Administration

- Brandon Joseph Baker
- * Amber Bridges
- * Ibrahim Bunduka
- Johnathan David Collins
- * Laura Elizabeth DeWitt
- Courtney E. Dickerson

- * Samantha Tickner Frederick
- * Clifton Glover, Jr.
- Alexis Simmone Harris
- Taylor A. Harris
- * Nia Je’Nae Johnson
- * Lucinda Kathryn Kopp Mitchell
- * Daniel Forrest Lacy
- * Carlos Luis Lora
- * Katherine Virginia Loving
- * Micah Samuel Rodriguez
- * Octavius Javon Ross
- * Blake Austin Roulo
- * Fallon Nichole Saunders
- * Alex Todd Smith
- * Thomas Joseph Viracola, IV
- DaQuila Latisha Washington

Masters of Accounting

- * Tyler Matthew Fetherolf

Master of Applied Data Analytics

- * Sis Nasael Nina Ramirez

Masters of Science in Criminal Justice

Dawn Stultz Vaughn
John Blaine Wilt

Associate of Science

- * Sharon Chapman-Pryor
- Summa Cum Laude*
- * Mark Allen Jones, I.
- Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Business Administration

- * Hannah Angel
- * Le’Andrea Michelle Bishop-Robinson
- Cum Laude*
- * Thomas Dean Clark
- * Lakisha Morgan Davis

Spring 2020 Graduates

- * Sergio Fuentes-Calderon
- * Cory Andrew Gauldin
- * Michael Brandon Goodwin
- Magna Cum Laude*
- * Robert Wayne Hicks, Jr.
- * Matthew Robert Higgs
- Magna Cum Laude*
- * Rachel Marie Hogmire-Lowther
- Magna Cum Laude*
- Debra Lin Joyner
- Denise LaSalle Lindsey
- Summa Cum Laude*
- * Kimberley Jane Mangum
- Cum Laude*
- * David Lee Manning
- Magna Cum Laude*
- * Steven Mark Neville
- Summa Cum Laude*
- * Corven DeShunn Owens
- Cum Laude*
- * Michael James Perdomo
- * Takoda Woodrow Poindexter
- * Katie Callow Whisenant
- Summa Cum Laude*
- * Justin Lee Whiting

Bachelor of Applied Science

- * Fredrick Lamar Betts
- * David Richard Biggs
- * Jermaine Ja'Von Kidd
- * Timothy Ray Robertson

Bachelor of Science

- *† Jordan Jean Anderson
Summa Cum Laude
Alexander Thomas Ansted
Taylor Gray Bailey
Ariana Gail Beasley
- * Ian Kiamba Best
Cum Laude
Ka'seim Tyriek Black
Summa Cum Laude
Austin Reid Blankenship
Summa Cum Laude
- * JenaMarie Brearley
- * Dejon O'neal Brooks
- * Rodney Jay Buckland
Michael Kevin Cagle, Jr.
Brooke Evette Lorine Carthon
Bryce Stephen Casey
- * Ashton Nicole Cauthen
- *† Lester Oren Chambers
Summa Cum Laude
- * Zenise Ronnae Chambers
Diana Lizbeth Cisneros-Morales
- * Victoria Nicole Collie
Cum Laude
- * Vicente Alexander Contreras
- * Hunter Logan Crews
Cum Laude
Becca Marie Crute
Magna Cum Laude
Madison Paige Dadez
Marcia Leigh Dameron
Caroline Nichole Davis
- * Ridge Forrester Davis
Summa Cum Laude
- * Zackary Paul DeCarlo
- * Robert Austin Dickerson
- * Taylor Hayden Dillow
- * Elizabeth Hayley Dinkle
- * Jacquelyn Mei Louise Dodd
Cum Laude

- Taylor Marie Doss
- * Huso Dukic
Ronisha Elizabeth Dunlap
- * Joshua Charles Ellis
- * Nygle Raye Farmer
Victoria Brooke Faulkner
- * Allegra Gail Febbo
- * Christopher Jaleel Francis
- * Harrison Ratliff French
- * Shanice D. Fuller
- * Adam Thomas George
- * Hannah Ruth Glass
Brady Austen Goode
- * Miska Ilmari August Granlund
- * Mallory Rene Griffiths
- * Christopher Lee Harbin
- * Makenna Drew Harris
Summa Cum Laude
- * Timothy Tyrae Henry
Chelsea Catelin Hillas
Magna Cum Laude
- * Hunter William Hinson
- * Kayley Carden Hipp
- * Adrienne Frances Jeter
Kimberly Dawn Jones
Jovan Janerio Jones, Jr.
- * Steven Edward LaFountain
Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Walker Lancaster
Summa Cum Laude
Amari Wayne Lee
- * Simon Erik Albert Levinsson
Magna Cum Laude
Savannah Tyler Lewis
- * Brandon Chaz Lummus
- * Adrien Lynn Martin
Summa Cum Laude
- * Jessica Dawn McClanahan
- * Chase William McKinney
Cum Laude
- * Leo Richard Meador
- * Christian Sidney Miles
- * Demi Skyler Mills
Jared Bernard Mincey
Cum Laude
Nicole Leigh Morris
Magna Cum Laude
- * Jonathan Lewis Morrow
Magna Cum Laude

- * Noel Dianne Muehlbauer
Summa Cum Laude
Breanna Lynn Murphy
Austin Reed Neville
Jessica Lanice Norcott
Magna Cum Laude
- * Tyler Jordan Pace
Magna Cum Laude
Crystal Lisetté Perry
Cassidy Rayna Pruitt
Magna Cum Laude
Trevor Isaac Ramagos
- * Per Mathias Reusch
- * Stormy Claire Rigsby
- * George Nicholas Roos
Anthony Javaris Rowe
Magna Cum Laude
Brittany Mariah La'Shan Russell
Rebecca Haley Sigmon
Cum Laude
Kiara La'Shawn Smith
- * Emily Paige Smoot
- * Triston Allen Stuples-Watson
- * Abigail Jilleanne Taylor
- * Samantha Amber Tecson
- * Jered Matthew Tubb
Magna Cum Laude
- * Andrew Thomas Van Der Hyde
Antoinette Dominique Wade
- * Alixandria Christian Wall
Stephen Jeremiah Wall
- * Cole Westberry
Magna Cum Laude
- * Jordan Alexander Wigington
- * Ashlyn Elizabeth Wilson
Cum Laude
Nicholas Winston
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- * Jaclyn Brooke Aaron
Cum Laude
- *† Andruw Hamilton Woodrow Cain
Magna Cum Laude
- *† Tyler Scott Campbell
Summa Cum Laude

- * Rebecca Leigh Hunt
Magna Cum Laude
- * Pre'Toria Mary Lester
- * LeAnne Michelle Parsons
- * Rebecca Lynn Searce
- * Catherine Marie Van Wyhe
Magna Cum Laude
- * Rachel Ann Watlington
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts

- † Tiffany Lee Bowker
Magna Cum Laude
- * JáCorey Maurice Burley
- * Brent Levi Hammer
- * Ravyn Ashira Johnson
Ian Alexander Kirk
- * Rosa Ursula Morales
Cum Laude
- * Brendan Register Register
- * Bryan Keith Stancil, II

Bachelor of Fine Arts

- * Chelsea Faith Lavinder
Cum Laude

Master of Education

- * Laura Hailee Alonso
- * Shawnee Blayne Avancini
Hollie D. Barker
- * Lori Bryant Bell
Judith Michelle Brown
- * Alixandra Marie Collins
- * Christle Charisse Fallen
- * Louis Craig Hartman
- * Yolanda Hicks
- * Meredith Wade Yeatts Hudgins
- * Robin Jennings Jackson
- * Kelly Justice
- * Lucas Keifer
- * Carrie Crews Keller
- * Rebecca Ann Lutz
- * Holly Ann Matz
- * Stephanie N. McCoy
- * Amanda Jo McKinney
- * Virginia H. Medlin
- * Michael Mullins
- * Lena Donn Pulliam

- * Kelsey Elizabeth Reynolds
Margaret Marie Robertson
- * Alixis Ivana Roccia
- * Pamela Denise Seal
- * Mary Theresa Seckar
- * Lori P. Stegall
- * Donald Alan Warren, IV
- * Susan Westbrook

Master of Business Administration

- * Angela Atkins
- * Briana Boyd
- * Frances Marie Bray
- * Jacqueline Isabel Chiha
- * Gregg Steven Corns
- * Lynsey Nicole Corriher
- * Erika Shanelle Culley
Michelle Davis
- * Alana Rogers Dodson
Darryl L. DuBose
- * Jeffrey M. Echternach
- * Francine Lucia Faison
- * Jamal Forney
- * Susan Ward Friesz
- * Tammy Victoria Gentilini
- * Jeffrey Cole Green
Cedric Keith Hargrove, Jr.
- * Robert Leonard Horn, Jr.
- * Shondra Demeitre Kersey
- * Kristen Marie Lawhorne
- * Shanna Meekins
Jordyn Paige Minton
- * Mandy Benton Owens
Keisha Jamene Smith
- * Aquayla Sharneise Swann
- * Tereasa Christine Vargason
- * Justin Daniel Wakeman
- * Meyonda Rosha Watkins

Master of Accounting

- * Oxana Iabanji

Master of Science in Applied Data Analytics

- * Liz Cervantes
- * Joshua Joseph Wolinski

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Alma Mater

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater

Proudly now we sing,

Faithful to thy name forever,

Let our praises ring.

O, dear Averett, we are thankful

As we sing to thee,

For honor, friendship and real wisdom

Thou dost hold the key.

Averett University,

Memories dear we'll hold

We'll remember now and ever

Our dear blue and gold.
