



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

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Prelude

CSU Commencement Band and Concert Singers

***Proclamation**

CSU Commencement Band
Marshall Forrester and Nicholas Holland, III, directors

***Invocation**

Ben Phillips
Dean of College of Christian Studies

Welcome

Dean Murphy
Board of Trustees Chair

***Hymn**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
CSU Concert Singers, CSU Commencement Band, and Congregation

Special Music

“Let Everything That Hath Breath,” Jeffery Ames
CSU Concert Singers, Jennifer Luiken, conductor

Senior Class Statement

Hannah Dawson
Student Government Association President

Introduction of Speaker

B. Keith Faulkner
President

Commencement Address

Lyndsay Keith
Co-host of The News on Merit Street

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Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Michael S. Wilder
Provost

Conferring of Degrees

B. Keith Faulkner
President

†Commissioning

Adam Glover
Lt. Col., USAF: Commander, AFROTC Detachment 772

***Alma Mater**

Led by Nate Grav, '26
Kay Moyd, '26
Melody Butcher Grav '26

Hail to thee, O Charleston Southern:
Fount of God's great truth and knowledge.
We thy children all sing praises ever more to thee.
Source of inspiration, beacon of salvation;
Honor, Courage, Faith, and Justice
These thou hast taught us day by day.
Hail to thee, O Charleston Southern,
Alma Mater Hail!

***Prayer of Consecration and Benediction**

Michael S. Wilder
Provost

****Recessional**

CSU Commencement Band

* The audience will please stand.

† Not all ceremonies will have a commissioning.

** The audience will remain in their places until the faculty and graduates have recessed.

Please join us for a light reception in The Caf following the ceremony.



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

College of Education

Mackenzie Adams*
Hannia Alatorre Rodriguez †
Gabriella Barielle
Chloe Brown*
Emma Brown §
Emilye Bryant †
Hannah Casto §
Molly Cox
Gabriella Crabtree
Sarah Crook*
Emily Cutler*

Hannah Dawson §
Hannah Fink
J'Niya Gibson*
Jaylin Gil*
Kayla Hulseberg
Mary Holt
Ashtyn Keefer*
Darby Kinsey †
Brooklynn Ladson †
Meredith Long*
Ansley Michau*

Wayne Mizell*
Madeline Powell*
Makenzie Rice §
Teagyn Robinson*
Olivia Russian †
Bailee Steen*
Kylie Strickland §
Grace Sussman* ≈
Kyia Tucker
Anna White †

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Kaitlynn Adams
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Landen Barnes*
Spencer Benton
Gabriel Blackburn
Savannah Bogle*
Christopher Brabham^
Ayanna Calvin
Melany Chacha †
Thomas Cook
Chayse Cool
Luciano Custodio
Bridget Donovan^
Brenda du Toit †
Johnathan Eavenson
Tyler Epley*
Jacob Ferguson
Bailey Fleming §
Alyse Flores
Serena Fullerton Nicholson †
Eduardo Geronimo
Ethan Glover*
Buford Graham

Autumnstar Gray
Kaden Haines
Maggie Harder*
Luke Hazle
Kallie Henderson §
Brian Horning §^
William Kelly
William Kilpatrick
Kelsey Kirby*
Thomas Kistler
Kenadi Korthuis §
Grace Krusmark †
Bettina Lau Obst
Emily Leckie §
Jonathan Lorbeer*
Brooke Lovelady
Brieanna Mayberry
Alex McCreight † ≈
Colton McGee*
Charles O'Neill
Robert Page §
Jesse Parker
Riya Patel*

James Pisano*
Landry Polk
Lucas Pringle
Shane Robertson
Isaac Roddy §
Ana Rodriguez †
Brady Sanders*
Hope Siese
Payton Smith
Terrell Snipe
Greta Staley
Lance Stephens*
Kaden Strickland
Hunter Summers*
Nguyen Ta*
Theodor Takman
Joshua Traylor
Evan Truitt
Cadence Walding
Andrew Wheeler*
Charity Williams*
Noah Winquest^
Josiah Wyatt

College of Adult and Professional Studies

Charlie Brown
Deangelo Bryant*
Kyle Davis*^
Lynn Flowers

Anthony Fonville
Karsen Gauthier
Jeremiah Gould †^
Dino Gourdine*^

Sabrina Green*
Ja'Shua Jennings
TaaNyia Linder*^
Kimberly Melvin

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

College of Adult and Professional Studies

James Moore*
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Erin Rock
Amanda Rummerfield

Simone Shephard
Sidney Shipp
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Katlyn Tackett

Madelyn Valentino*
Debra Willis

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Alexus Anderson
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Meg Boeck*
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Destiny Brown † ≈
Garrett Deese
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Lydia Elmore
Angelina Evans
Scarlett Evans
Savannah Fleming
Morgan Gallagher
Kaylin Gee*
Maelyn Ginn
Reece Hamilton

Lydia Hubach
Phoebe Humphrey
Kristen Hydrick
Jessica Johnston
Alyssa Kendrick*
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Natalie McCabe
Charles McCraw
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Emili Ornelas
Madison Pegram
Lily Reece
Isabella Rice †
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Katelyn Shuman †
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Whitney Sikes
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Raevyn White

College of Science and Mathematics

Samuel Aguero †
Sabeen Arain
Kathryn Arnold
Nathanael Austin
Isabella Ayers †
Aurora Bruzual ≈
Ryan Buchanan^
Isaac Byerly
Melody Cabanellas †
Raul Cabanellas †^
Riley Cape s ≈
Laura Buritica*
Whitney Carpenter s ≈
Helmut Cespedes
Niyla Chappell*
Emma Clough*
Brandon Cooper**^
Ariane Cristina De Oliveira Viana
Brian Diehl s
Kayla Dixon
Brianna Dowd
Nathan Dykema

Elizabeth Everett
Dylan Fiveash^ †
Esther Frantz
Eunice-Debora Gheorghias-Pali s
Gina Glover
Ian Gomez* †
Christian Green*
Mya Green*
Daniel Howard*
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Katrina Husby*
Sophia Ivanchuk
Noah Jackson
Timmy Jenkins*
Esdras Juarez †
Laura Kirby
Brynn Laney
Matthew Lauer*
Mark Lewis^
Michael Ludwikowski †
Braedyn Lusch †
Loveneet Maan**^

Harrison Majors †
Marc McDonald
Kiley McGee*
Mark McGhee
Avery Miller
Samuel Miller^
Ethan Moore*
Caleb Morante* †
Skyler Musachio*
Kailey Owens
Bailey Payton †
Conner Perkins*
Matthew Pinnock s^
Nicholas Powell
Ella Price*
Jada Pryor
Joshua Rachel
Andrew Ramroth**^
Logan Reed
Piper Reid
John Richards s
Travis Richardson †

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College of Science and Mathematics

Monica Ricks +^
Logan Riley
Landon Sauers
Harper Schoeneweis
Derek Sims s^
Marina Skegro †

Dennis Stoykevych +
Roxy Suggs s †
Madison Tanzillo †
A'Miyah Temple
Tyler Toxey
Nicholas Van Houten

Jacob Williams*
Baruch Wilson^
Evan Wood*^
James Wood †
Skylar Yates †
Alexis Zamolsky*

College of Health Sciences

Alyssa Ardis
Alba Bezos*
Travis Bonds
Jessica Boyle †
Taylor Caldwell*
Zemaya Carson
Aubrey Dean †
Andrea Garcia
Griffin Gillespie*
James Grainger †
Wesley Haggstrom †
Matthew Hughes* †

Gracie Jackson s
Dewi John*
Saniya Jones
Caleb Kenyon †
Jenea Knight
Madelyne Lee*
Drayton Maloney*
Tre'Verick McElveen*
Valentina Nanez
Holly Newman s
Josiah Ortiz*
Kara Perkins s

English Reeves*
Mason Reising
Kaitlyn Rotolo*
Micah Schatz
Rosalind Shaylor †
Grenisha Thomas
Tanner Thornton
Rachel Timmons
Emily Weinberg*

College of Christian Studies

Reagan Fairchild
Steven McCartney

Ashlyn Stuckey
Noah Summers

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Kaylee Allen
Alyssa Alston*
Christina Bals s
Nicole Argento*^
Emma Bedenbaugh s
Hannah Blalock
Brianna Bonnell
Victoria Boskey
Manon Braunsteffer
Gilbert Brown
Jordan-LaMont Brown^ †
Mackenzie Brugh
Chloe Borgan †
Destiny Burroughs
Melody Butcher s
Mildred Cannon

Andres Cardenas*
Autumn Carey*
Tyrese Carter
Talitha Owens s
Ryan Cole
Kain Collins
Victoria Cowart
Allyson Cross † ≈
Courtney Davis
Hannah Davis †^ †
Laura Davis
Rebekah Dawson s
Charmayne Dewey
Jordyn Draper
Colby Dumont
Jon Dyer

Paige Eide*
Elizabeth Ellenburg
Carlota Farres Carreter
Teneah Fee
Jordyn Fogle
Jaquias Franklin
Grayson Freeman
Nicholas Gergits
Mackenzie Godfrey †
Nathan Grav
Jennifer Graves
Stefano Guadarrama
Raven Gullatt
Colin Hall
Alston Hargrove
Macie Heaton

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Hailey Helton	Lorenzza Marcacci	Kate-Lynn Ramsey ⁺ [^]
Gabrielle Henry-Werley	Nathan Martinez	Christopher Rhone
Seoyoon Heo	James Maybank	Takara Roundtree
Kaden Hufford	Leslie McCrudden	Kamri Rudofski §
Ethan Hunt	Malik Mckinzie	Seth Shealy §
Garrison Hunt	Kiara Mendoza	Abigail Smith*
Bryson Huwar	Jonathan Moyd	Avery Smith
Milaun Johnson*	Samuel Munteanu	Nolynn Smith §
Reis Jones †	Paris Murray †	Alexis Spohnholz
John Kerrigan †	Isabella Nisi †	Marissa Stillman †
Olivia Klein*	Maria Nix ≈	Emily Struckmeyer §
Dellaney Kramer	Ashley Padgett	Tate Therrien*
Christian Krause †	Brandon Phillips	Luke Thornell †
Zachary Kubitz	Diamond Powell*	Madison Tullock
McClary Lawrimore	Lek Powell	Chandler Tuupo
Kaylee Livingston †	Kimberly Queen §	Lucas Wallace †
Alana Lowery*	Mason Raasch	Chase Wieggers
Jacob Manzi	Amanda Rachel	Charlee Yourman †

* Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)
† Magna Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.89 GPA)
§ Summa Cum Laude (3.9 - 4.0 GPA)
≈ Honors Program
^ U.S. Military Veteran
‡ Commissioning

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND CEREMONY

The history of academic dress dates back to the 14th century. Their use was presumably for warmth in the unheated building during European winters. Now, they are reminders of the years of work required to earn academic degrees. The color and pageantry of the academic regalia prevalent in the United States today was fixed by convention in 1895 and revised in 1932, 1959, and 1986.

There are three basic academic gowns. The gown for bachelor degrees has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The gown for master degrees has oblong sleeves with slit openings at the elbow and the base hanging down. It is worn with a hood, and the color indicates the discipline of the degree. The doctoral gown is tastefully ornamented with colored velvet down the front and three chevrons on the bell-shaped sleeves. Only presidential gowns have a fourth chevron on the sleeves. Both the master's and doctor's hoods have a velvet border, with the doctoral hood being the more elaborate. A gold tassel on the doctor's cap replaces the black* on the master's and bachelor's caps.

The colors lining the hoods worn by the faculty are those of the institution granting the degree and the velvet border indicates the branch of knowledge in which the degree was acquired. The colors for the subjects are:

Arts and Humanities *White*

Business *Drab*

Economics *Copper*

Education *Light Blue*

Fine Arts *Brown*

Law *Purple*

Library Science *Lemon*

Medicine *Green*

Music *Pink*

Nursing *Apricot*

Philosophy *Dark Blue*

Physical Education *Sage Green*

Physical Therapy *Teal*

Science *Golden Yellow*

Theology *Scarlet*

GRADUATION BIBLE

In addition to their diplomas, each graduate will be presented with a CSU Graduation Bible provided through the Frank J. and Brenda B. Johnson Bible Endowment and the Lockman Foundation.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Lyndsay Keith

Co-host of The News on Merit Street

Lyndsay's political career began as Press Lead for Mitt Romney's campaign, where she judiciously handled high-stress situations with professionalism. Her roles as Senior Director at Harbinger and Deputy Director for the RNC cemented her reputation in strategic communications.

In a shift back to broadcasting, Lyndsay co-hosted Newsmax's Spicer & Co. alongside Sean Spicer in front of a national audience. Lyndsay eventually stepped into a notable role as the host of TBN's Centerpoint, demonstrating an exceptional ability to engage audiences and navigate complex topics with clarity and insight.

Joining Merit Street Media, [™] a collaboration between Dr. Phil McGraw and Trinity Broadcasting Network, marks a new chapter for Lyndsay. As co-host of The News on Merit Street, she combines her professional acumen and faith to provide a thorough, factual view of the news, honoring Paul Harvey's tradition of telling "the rest of the story."





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