



SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 9 A.M.

GEORGE WILLIAMS
ATHLETIC COMPLEX

1315 OAKWOOD AVENUE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA





Dear Graduating Class of 2024,

With great pride and admiration, I welcome you to this 93rd commencement exercise for Saint Augustine's University. I extend my warmest congratulations to each of you on your remarkable achievement.

This is a bittersweet moment for me as a new president. I am overjoyed to have had the opportunity to get to know each of you this semester. However, I know that what feels like “hello” to me is really “goodbye” for you, as you celebrate your final day as a student on this campus and embark on the next stage in your journey.

As we look back over your time here, we cannot help but celebrate your dedication, perseverance, and unwavering determination to succeed. You have confronted challenges head-on, overcome obstacles, and reached the culmination of your academic journey. You now join the distinguished ranks of Saint Augustine's University alumni who epitomize the core values and spirit of this great institution.

The staff and faculty here have witnessed your growth as scholars, leaders, and engaged members of our community. You have left an indelible mark on our campus and made us prouder with each of your successes and achievements. I do not doubt that you will continue to make positive impacts as you transition to this next exciting chapter of your life.

As you depart SAU, I implore you to carry the Falcon spirit forward, applying the knowledge and skills you have gained to serve your communities and strive for excellence in all your pursuits. We eagerly await updates on the incredible marks you are making on the world.

New Falcon graduates, I remind you to stay connected, stay involved, and take pride in your accomplishments. Congratulations and continue to fly high, Class of 2024!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus H. Burgess
Interim President, Saint Augustine's University

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY

Saint Augustine's University was chartered as a "Normal School and Collegiate Institute" on July 19, 1867, by the Reverend J. Brinton Smith, D.D., secretary of the Freedman's Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Right Reverend Thomas Atkinson, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Atkinson became the first president of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Smith was the first principal. The new school opened its doors for instruction on January 13, 1868.

In 1893, the School's name changed from Saint Augustine's Normal School to Saint Augustine's School. In 1919, the name changed to Saint Augustine's Junior College, the first year in which postsecondary instruction was offered. The School became a four-year institution in 1927. In 1928, the institution was renamed Saint Augustine's College.

Baccalaureate degrees were first awarded in 1931. Since the beginning of its existence, Saint Augustine's University has blazed the trails in academics. Alumna Anna Julia Cooper, who was a prominent writer, educator and scholar, became the fourth African-American woman in United States to earn a doctoral degree. Today, Saint Augustine's University is proud of preserving its legacy by continuing to ensure scholars are academically equipped to be the global change agents of tomorrow.

On August 1, 2012, Saint Augustine's College transitioned in name and status to Saint Augustine's University.

Saint Augustine's University has a strong tradition of excellence and a rich legacy that bonds thousands of Saint Augustine's University sons and daughters from across the globe.

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople – men and women – wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors varied according to the wealth and rank of the individual and were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds.

When academic regalia came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe they still are; however, in the United States, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

THE GOWN

Students in the medieval universities of Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge organized themselves into guilds. Their usual garb, a long gown, was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore robes and also hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cope that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather.

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the robe and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of arts), master's (teachers), and doctor's (teachers, who had completed postgraduate studies). Variations appeared mostly in the hood and were regulated by strict rules. Tailors who departed from the authorized design could be punished. When caps and hats came into fashion in the fifteenth century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

THE CAP

The academic hat was adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. It was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. Some caps were stiff, some soft, some square, and some round with a tuft in the center. The tassel of today is an elaboration of the tuft. The mortarboard style comes from Oxford University.

THE HOOD

Hoods for American usage are lined with colored silk. The colors of the linings are indicative of the degree-granting institution and the velvet trim indicates the degrees awarded. The colors used in the hood of Saint Augustine's University academic regalia are blue and white. When the University awards honorary degrees, the outside of the hood is black and

bordered with different velvet or velveteen colors to indicate the discipline or the area in which the honorary degree is awarded. For example, purple indicates an honorary degree for Civil Laws, white for Humane Letters or Arts and Letters, and gold for Sciences. The reading of the degree, not the department or discipline in which the major work was done, determines the proper color of the border.

THE COLORS

The colors of representative fields are:

- Architecture — Violet
- Arts, Letters, Humanities — White
- Accountancy, Business, Commerce — Drab
- Education — Light Blue
- Engineering — Orange
- Fine Arts — Brown
- Journalism — Crimson
- Law — Purple
- Medicine — Green
- Music — Pink
- Philosophy — Dark Blue
- Physical Education — Sage Green
- Science — Gold-Yellow
- Social Science — Citron
- Speech — Silver-gray
- Theology — Scarlet



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REVEREND CHARLES WELDON BROOKS, '82

Reverend Charles Weldon Brooks born December 19, 1959 is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is the seventh of eight children born to the late William C. and Ruby Sorrell Brooks. At the age of five, Charles lost his mother and moved to Raleigh, North Carolina to be reared by his grandparents the late Weldon and Grace Sorrell. While in Raleigh, Charles was raised in the Manly Street United Church of Christ presently known as Macedonia New Life Church.

In 1978, Charles graduated from Broughton High School and began a successful study of history and government at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh. In September of 1979 he answered the call and preached his initial sermon under then Pastor D.A. Peace, Sr. While in college, Charles was called to serve as Pastor of the Pleasant Union United Church of Christ in Raleigh. After serving the church for three years Charles graduated from Saint Augustine's College with a B.A. degree in History and Government in 1982. After graduation Charles was accepted and entered Duke Divinity School, Durham NC, later transferring to The School of Theology at Virginia Union University where he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1987. During his tenure in seminary, he served two years as interim Pastor of the Providence United Church of Christ in Chesapeake Virginia. Upon graduation, he returned to North Carolina to serve as Pastor of the Children's Chapel United Church of Christ until July of 1990. In 1990, Charles accepted the challenge to lead a great congregation in Raleigh, the Poplar Springs Christian Church. Since this union, the church has grown from 300 to 1200 disciples. In 1996 They built and added to the old structure a new sanctuary and educational wing at a cost of 1.2 million. He led the congregation to pay off all debt in less than 10 years. Today the ministry spans across Wake County and throughout Eastern North Carolina.

Charles is the former President of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. There he also served as Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. During his tenure, the Conference was 306 churches strong. He also served the Eastern North Carolina Association of the Conference as Chairman of the Church and Ministry Commission and delegate to the United Church of Christ General Synod. He served the United Church of Christ as a member of the Board for Homeland Ministries, and Board of Trustees of Elon University in Elon College, North Carolina.

Reverend Brooks received an associate degree in applied science for Funeral Service at Fayetteville Tech Community College 1994. As a student, Charles did his apprenticeship at Lea Funeral Home under Rudy N. Lea. He is a fully licensed mortician and life insurance agent in the State of North Carolina for the past 28 years. Charles has served on many Boards and organizations: Presently he serves North Carolina Food Bank Board, The Poole Family YMCA, The Coalition of Christian Churches Eastern North Carolina, Former President of Wake County North Carolina Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and The Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He is Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Ethics at Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh and, Funeral Director for Steven L. Lyon's Funeral Home in Raleigh, North Carolina.

With all the success he has achieved, Reerend Brooks declares that his greatest accomplishment was to marry his friend Regina M. Brooks of 35 years, Mrs. Brooks is IT Manager for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development. They have three children, Charles II, Renita and Briana, all proud graduates of HBCU's, Morehouse, Tuskegee, and North Carolina Central University.



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PLEASE REMAIN SEATED DURING THE PROCESSIONAL

PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance"

PLEASE STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE INVOCATION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

The Saint Augustine's University Chamber Winds

Written by Francis Scott Key; Arranged and Conducted by Mr. Alfred L. Davis, Jr.

NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

The Saint Augustine's University Chamber Singers

Written by J. Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson;

Arranged by Roland M. Carter; Mr. Dessalines Ford, Conductor

THE INVOCATION

The Reverend Hershey Mallette Stephens

Dean of the Chapel and Spiritual Life

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & RECOGNITION
OF PLATFORM GUESTS

Dr. Marcus H. Burgess

PLEASE STAND AND SING THE UNIVERSITY HYMN LOCATED ON PAGE 11 OF THE PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSITY HYMN

The Saint Augustine's University Chamber Singers

Written & Arranged by William A. Perry, Class of 1902; Mr. Dessalines Ford, Conductor

REMARKS

Mr. Miles John Garrison Beasley

Outgoing Student Board of Trustee, Class of 2024

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REMARKS (Continued)	Ms. Tamia D. Powell, Class of 2024 <i>Outgoing Senior Class President, Class of 2024</i>
SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Dr. Marcus H. Burgess
MUSICAL SELECTIONS	<i>"I Dream a World" - Lyrics by Langston Hughes</i> <i>"For God So Loved the World / Total Praise"</i> The Saint Augustine's University Chamber Singers <i>Mr. Dessalines Ford, Conductor</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Dr. Marcus H. Burgess
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Reverend Charles W. Brooks, '82 <i>Adjunct Professor of Philosophy & Pastor of Poplar Springs Christian Church, Raleigh, NC</i>
50 TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS RECOGNITION	Dr. Marcus H. Burgess
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Janelle Jennings-Alexander <i>Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
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CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dr. Marcus H. Burgess
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PLEASE STAND FOR THE BENEDICTION AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PROCESSIONAL	
BENEDICTION	The Reverend Hershey Mallette Stephens
THE ALMA MATER	<i>"The Blue and White"</i> The Saint Augustine's University Chamber Singers <i>Written and Arranged by William A. Perry, Class of 1902; Mr. Dessalines Ford, Conductor</i>
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED DURING THE RECESSIONAL	
RECESSIONAL	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i>



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Students graduating with Honors are noted with () asterisks.*

**Cum Laude 3.40 – 3.59 (double white cords).*

***Magna Cum Laude 3.60 – 3.79 (double gold cords).*

****Summa Cum Laude 3.80 – 4.00 (one white cord and one gold cord).*

(+) Summer 2023 Graduates are noted with a (+) plus symbol.

(#) Fall 2023 Graduates are noted with a (#) numeric symbol.

(=) Summer 2024 Graduates are noted with (=) minus symbol.

(^) Presidential and Honor Scholars are Graduates noted with a (^) caret symbol.

The Commencement Program is published prior to the satisfaction of all graduation requirements. Therefore, the roster of degree candidates represented may not be complete. This program does not represent the University's official certification of degree requirements.



GOLDEN CLASS GRADUATES CLASS OF 1974

Alumni celebrating their 50th Undergraduate Anniversary from Saint Augustine's University

Katrenia Beasley Bryant
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Bennie Bryant
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Sharon Felton-James
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Rosa Sydney
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Beulah Whitaker Shealy
Sandra Jean White-Stringfield
Glenda Williams

ALUMNI OATH INDUCTION CEREMONY

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS: President Burgess, guests, members of the graduating class, ladies and gentlemen. Again, the portals of our Alma Mater have opened and through them appear candidates for graduation who seek admission to the coveted realm of its sons and daughters. They stand with great anticipation awaiting their call to duty in whatever matter may be coming to those who have worshipped at her shrine.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE: By what means are the candidates proven worthy?

DIRECTOR: By their deeds and actions, their loyalty, and pursuit of wisdom.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE: Who represents these candidates that are said to be worthy?

DIRECTOR: Their chosen representative, Mr. Miles John Garrison Beasley, Student Board of Trustees Member, Class of 2024.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Let the candidates stand.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE: Graduates, raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to uphold the program of the Saint

Augustine's University Alumni Association with your talents, your time and contributions?

GRADUATES: We solemnly dedicate ourselves to the program of Saint Augustine's University Alumni Association. We shall achieve leadership through excellence.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE: Will you take care to see that your alma mater is informed always of your professional successes and the successes of other alumni?

GRADUATES: We shall take care to do so.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE: So help you, God?

GRADUATES: So help us, God?

DIRECTOR: Graduates, please repeat after me. I shall strive to perpetuate friendships begun while at Saint Augustine's University. I shall strive to promote the cause of education, in general. I shall use my influence in my community to encourage worthy students to matriculate to Saint Augustine's University. EACH YEAR, in keeping with my income, I plan to make a financial contribution to Saint Augustine's University.

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Written by Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Written by James Weldon Johnson

Music by John Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies—
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers died?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light:
Keep us forever in the path, we pray—
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

UNIVERSITY HYMN

Words and Music by William Augustine Perry, Class of 1902

God of every Nation, Every Race and Creed;
Lord of every creature, Every budding seed;
Friend of every right and foe of every wrong;
Father, Son, Great Spirit, Listen to our song.

So with thankful hearts, we worship and adore Thee,
Father, Son, Great Spirit,
Holy Trinity.

Ye alumni loyal, who have passed and gone,
Of your Christian lives this day for us was born.
Grant, O God, that we may live as worthily,
Passing onward greater opportunity.

So with thankful hearts, we worship and adore Thee,
Father, Son, Great Spirit,
Holy Trinity.

ALMA MATER

"The Blue and White"

Words and Music by William Augustine Perry, Class of 1902

The dark hue of the violet
The snow white lily's bloom,
Are emblems of the virtues rare
That seal all failure's doom;
That give us courage ever
To dare to do the right;
For Alma Mater dear they stand,
All hail the Blue and White.

CRUCIFER

Mr. Kristoff Ayala-Strachan

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Saint Augustine's University celebrates 157 years of scholarship since it's founding in 1867.
This year marks the 93rd year of baccalaureate ceremonies beginning in 1931.

