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SPRING 2022

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



2022 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

MISSION ▸ VISION ▸ VALUES

OAKWOOD MISSION

The mission of Oakwood University, a historically black, Seventh-day Adventist institution, is to transform students through biblically-based education for service to God and humanity.

OAKWOOD VISION

Oakwood University graduates leaders in service to God and humanity.

OAKWOOD VALUES

Respect: Oakwood esteems others as worthy of human dignity, regard, and service.

Compassion: Oakwood manifests sympathy, empathy, care and concern in our dealings with others.

Integrity: Oakwood demonstrates honesty, uprightness, moral virtue, and ethical rectitude in every relationship.

Excellence: Oakwood makes the personal and collective decision to perform at our highest capacity and to continually improve in our work and service.

Service: Oakwood chooses to provide assistance, aid, help, caring, outreach and ministry in response to human need.

Innovation: Oakwood will break with precedent in the advancement of institutional mission by embracing new methods and introducing major changes.

Collaboration: Oakwood commits to integrated planning, internal and external partnering, and collegial action designed to build community and advance our mission.



OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SPRING 2022

EVENT	DAY/TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER
Communication Dedication Ceremony	Wednesday, May 4 11:00 a.m.	Virtual	David Person
Education Teacher Dedication Ceremony	Wednesday, May 4 1:00 p.m.	Virtual	Johnny Holliday
Social Work Pinning Ceremony	Wednesday, May 4 3:00 p.m.	Virtual	Octavio Ramirez
Nutrition and Dietetics Pinning Ceremony	Wednesday, May 4 5:00 p.m.	Virtual	Tia Jeffery
Graduate Studies Hooding Ceremony	Wednesday, May 4 7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Jessica Brazier
Tree Planting/Senior Class	Thursday, May 5 1:00 p.m.	Unity Pond	
Nursing Pinning Ceremony	Thursday, May 5 3:00 p.m.	Virtual	Martha Dawson
Theology Dedication Service	Thursday, May 5 5:00 p.m.	Virtual	Ron Smith
LEAP Senior Ceremony	Thursday, May 5 7:00 p.m.	Virtual	Ivor Myers
Consecration	Friday, May 6 8:00 p.m.	Oakwood University Church	Alexis A. Madrid
Sabbath School	Saturday, May 7 9:00 a.m.	Von Braun Center Propst Arena	
Baccalaureate	Saturday, May 7 10:00 a.m.	Von Braun Center Propst Arena	Debleaire K. Snell
Aeolians Mini Concert	Saturday, May 7 6:30 p.m.	Von Braun Center Propst Arena	
Vespers	Saturday, May 7 7:30 p.m.	Von Braun Center Propst Arena	R. Clifford Jones
Commencement	Saturday, May 7 8:00 p.m.	Von Braun Center	Milton Jones

JAMES MBYIRUKIRA, PH.D.
GRAND MARSHAL

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ORGANIST

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ACCOMPANIST



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CLASS OF 2022

AIM

“With resiliency, faith, and courage, we will work towards fulfilling our God-given purposes and serve as a light to others.” ~ *Dana Wallace*

MOTTO

“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.”
~ *Winston S. Churchill*

SCRIPTURE

“And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”
~ Deuteronomy 31:8 (NKJV) ~

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

LESLIE N. POLLARD

PH.D., D.MIN., M.B.A.

To the distinguished Oakwood University Graduating Class of 2022,

Recently, I was thinking about how significant this milestone of graduation ranks in all of the challenges you, the graduating class of 2022, faced. From the launch of a war in Ukraine, to bomb threats aimed at HBCUs, to an unparalleled spike in the COVID pandemic, to matriculating in the fog of an uncertain economy, and most sadly, to receiving news of loved ones who may have succumbed to the virus, you march tonight. You resumed your classes in August of 2021 in the face of overwhelming odds, but you did not faint and you did not surrender! Consistent with your class aim, you fought “with resiliency, faith, and courage.” You worked toward fulfilling your “God-given purposes” and you now “serve as a light to others.” Congratulations!!!

And yet, we know that there were times when you wondered if you would make it.

By God’s grace, and with much prayer and support, today you stand on the pinnacle of a collegiate accomplishment; you are graduating from your university, Oakwood. I cannot put into words how proud we are of your accomplishments. Your class motto expresses a deep truth: “Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts” according to Sir Winston Churchill.

You showed us the courage that keeps you fighting forward!

Class of 2022, resiliency is who you are. That resiliency helped you endure a once-in-a-century pandemic. That resiliency kept you focused on your goal. That resiliency drove you to burn the proverbial ‘midnight oil’ in late-night study. That resiliency kept you focused when there was much that could have distracted you from your life purpose.

In seeking to live out your purpose, each of you have had to face mountains that appeared insurmountable, fires that seemed unquenchable, and obstacles that appeared unconquerable. “And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you: do not fear nor be dismayed” is your class scripture (Deuteronomy 31:8-NKJV). By embracing God’s vision and purpose, you will thrive rather than simply survive! I share this quote from our university founder in her treatise on Christian education. Looking down the portals of time, Mrs. Ellen G. White saw you tonight, and said:



“Many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God’s word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to wider ministry.” Education, 263.

Class of 2022, we will be looking for you in places of great influence! From the Rocket City of Huntsville, you are launching off into the next stage of your journey. I can assure you that it will not always be easy, but God’s purpose will carry you through and help you rise above every challenge, just as He has done during your years here at Oakwood.

*SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL;
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Today, the successful completion of your journey to graduation validates the fact that your heavenly Pilot mapped out your flight plan. Each of us who have contributed in some small way to your success is very pleased to congratulate you on this, the biggest day of your academic career. Your hard work has been rewarded and Oakwood University is proud of your persistence, tenacity, and focus. As we bid you adieu, know that the experience and education that you have earned at Oakwood will fit you for life’s great opportunities. With each passing year, your “Oakwood experience” will grow more and more meaningful.

You entered to learn, and tonight, you depart to serve!

Congratulations, Oakwoodites of 2022. Each of you have made your God, your family, your friends, and your Alma Mater proud. Fly far and fly fast toward your purpose!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie N. Pollard".

Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A.
President



MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT JAMES MBYIRUKIRA, PH.D.

To graduate from Oakwood University in any year is a tremendous accomplishment. To graduate from Oakwood during a pandemic that has taken up roughly half of your educational experience, and during a time of unprecedented social and political turmoil, is truly remarkable.

The Class of 2022 entered Oakwood during a time that saw children separated from parents at the southern border. You watched and participated in historic protests for racial justice. You voted in one of the closest and most contentious elections in American history, and you saw our Capitol invaded by insurrectionists. Looming over all of this was a pandemic that forced you to adjust, shift, and adapt over and over again. Through it all, you persisted.

Through it all, you showed up dutifully for class -- sometimes in person, sometimes virtually. You mastered your chosen academic domains, volunteered in communities, ministered, mentored, supported one another and found a way to march steadily toward your goal -- to this moment -- your graduation.

The Class of 2022 stands out not only because of what you endured, but also because of what your endurance and ability to overcome tells the world about what you will do after today. Life after school has never been easy. The world is unpredictable and uncertain, but if ever there was a class ready for anything the world will throw at them, it is the Class of 2022. You have demonstrated resilience, tenacity, and grit -- all of which will serve you well wherever you go next.

Most important of all, however, is the faith that you have displayed. From Abraham to Esther to Paul -- the giants of our faith have always been those who had to trust and believe when circumstances were unprecedented and perilous. When the path ahead was bleak and lonely, like those giants of faith, you trusted God, and deserve to enjoy a part of His reward for your faithfulness today.

As you go on to do the amazing and wondrous things that we all believe you are capable of doing, do not forget God's faithfulness during your Oakwood experience. Do not forget how God sustained you and gave you strength to accomplish something that is difficult, even in the best of times. As you remember the ups and the downs of this journey, may you be reminded of the words in James 1:2-4, to "consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the test of your faith produces perseverance" and to let "perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

You lack nothing, Class of 2022. Now go boldly into the world and transform it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Mbyirukira". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

James Mbyirukira, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION
DEDICATION CEREMONY SPEAKER
DAVID PERSON, BA

David Person is the owner of DavidPersonMedia, LLC. As a journalist and broadcaster, his work has been featured nationally on NPR and in USA TODAY, BlackAmericaWeb.com, Message Magazine, and in various north Alabama media outlets including WJOU-FM, WEUP-AM/FM and WHNT-TV.

As a consultant, David creates content for various clients and partners, and specializes in developing media strategies and messaging. His current client list includes environmental justice activist Catherine Flowers and Alabama U.S. senate candidate Dr. Will Boyd.

David co-hosts and/or produces the following podcasts: Breathe, hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell; Alabama Politics This Week with Josh Moon; and Jazz with Kenny Anderson.

He also helped develop and produce Finding Tamika, an Audible Original hosted by actress/producer Erika Alexander; comedian Kevin Hart and syndicated radio/TV host Charlamagne Tha God are executive producers.

David is an active member of the Madison County Remembrance Project, whose mission is to commemorate the lives of lynching victims in Madison County, Alabama, and Huntsville's Rosa Parks Day Committee. He also is a proud alumnus of Oakwood University (class of 1985) and has one son, Jeremy.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION DEDICATION CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

Prelude.....	Pomp and Circumstance
Invocation.....	Fitzroy Powell Class of 2022 2022 Film & Television Student of the Year
Welcome and Remarks.....	Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President
Occasion.....	Rennae Elliott, Ph.D. Chair, Communication
Selection.....	<i>"I Love the Lord"</i> Zechariah Wood
Awards.....	Dominic McKenzie, MA Assistant Professor, Communication Media Program Coordinator, Broadcast Journalism
Introduction of Speaker.....	Dawnette Chambers, MA Assistant Professor, Communication Program Coordinator, Public Relations
Charge.....	David Person, BA Owner, DavidPersonMedia LLC, Media Consultant
Vote of Thanks.....	Janice Watson, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Communication Program Coordinator, Public Speaking
Student Response.....	Derek Peters Class of 2022
Benediction.....	Paulette Gates, MA Assistant Professor, Communication Media Program Coordinator, Film & Television Production





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TEACHER DEDICATION CEREMONY SPEAKER
JOHNNY HOLLIDAY, M.ED.

Mr. Johnny Holliday is an ordained elder and certified educator in both the public and private sectors. Of his 28 years of experience in the field of education, 25 of those years have been in educational administration and supervision.

He has a passion for the youth, and not only wants to see them experience the desires God has for them on this earth, but he wants to see them saved and prepared for the world to come.

Mr. Holliday served as Youth Pastor and Adventist Youth Leader for over 10 years at the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church in Macon, Georgia. He has served as an Associate Pastor and elementary school principal for the Nevada Utah Conference, and as a high school principal in the South Atlantic Conference in Atlanta. He has also served as an elementary, middle and high school principal in public schools as well. Mr. Holliday presently serves as the Superintendent of Education for South Central Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, with responsibilities for eight schools located in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

He has been married to the former Annicia Thomas for over 27 years. Mr. and Mrs. Holliday have three children: Jelani, who is presently studying dentistry at The University of Michigan; Khani, who is a student at Oakwood University; and Amari, who attends the F.H. Jenkins SDA Preparatory School in Nashville, Tennessee.

One of Mr. Holliday's goals is to do everything possible to help cultivate young minds to serve Christ and be productive citizens, whereby "failure is not an option." His ultimate goal and desire is to hear God say, "Well done, my Good and faithful servant."

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TEACHER DEDICATION CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 | 1:00 P.M.

Prelude.....**John Stanley**

Invocation.....**James Mbyirukira, Ph.D.**
Provost, Senior Vice President

Welcome and Remarks.....**Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A.**
President

Occasion.....**Deril Wood, Ph.D.**
Chair, Department of Education

Selection.....**Zechariah Wood**

Awards.....**Dana Wilchcombe, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, Education

Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2022 Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society

Introduction of Speaker.....**Deril Wood, Ph.D.**
Chair, Department of Education

Homily.....**Johnny Holiday, M.Ed.**
Superintendent, South Central Conference of SDA

Vote of Thanks.....**Jeanette Dulan, Ph.D.**
Professor, Education

Benediction.....**Karen Benn Marshall, Ed.D.**
Vice President, Enrollment Services and Retention
Dean, Center for Student Success

Grand Recessional.....**Dale Wood**





DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
PINNING CEREMONY SPEAKER
OCTAVIO RAMIREZ, PH.D., LICSW

Dr. Octavio Ramirez began his career in social work in 1994 as a Life Skills Counselor in the State of New Jersey. In that role, he advocated for adjudicated youth in the city of Camden, which the Federal Bureau of Investigations cited as America's most dangerous city in which to live in 2004, 2009, 2011 and 2012. By 1996, Dr. Ramirez had earned a Bachelor and a Master of Social Work from Rutgers University-Camden Campus. After completing his MSW, he was hired by the State of New Jersey as a Bilingual Probation Officer. After three years of supervising individuals under the Administrative Office of the Courts, Dr. Ramirez made the decision to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree. It was during that time that he transitioned to the School of Social Work and worked up the ladder to become the Director of Special Education for a K-12 Charter School Program in Camden.

In 2006, after successfully earning a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a specialization in Clinical Social Work from Walden University, Dr. Ramirez was simultaneously offered the positions of Chair of the Social Work department at La Sierra University, and the Director of the BSW program at Southern Adventist University. He chose the latter and taught at Southern for three years. During his time at Southern, he was promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor. He also passed the national clinical licensing exam and became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Tennessee.

Dr. Ramirez received an invitation to teach at Oakwood University in 2009. He feels the decision to serve at Oakwood was one of the best he ever made. In 2010, Dr. Ramirez was recognized as a Subject Matter Expert by the Association of Social Work Boards and wrote questions for the national social work examination. He was promoted from Associate to Full Professor in 2012, and in 2015 was named Chair of the Department of Social Work at Oakwood University, a role he maintained until 2021.

During years of service at Oakwood, Dr. Ramirez was awarded a fellowship from Loma Linda University; was appointed as commissioner of accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education; and was appointed by Alabama Governor Kay Ivey as a member of the State's Licensing Board. In 2020, Dr. Ramirez was appointed Chair of that board.

Currently, Dr. Ramirez serves as full professor and BSW Program Director at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

SOCIAL WORK PINNING CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 | 3:00 P.M.

Processional.....	<i>“Grand Chorus Dialogue”</i>	Eurydice V. Osterman, D.M.A.
Invocation.....		Tracy Thompson, MSW Assistant Professor, Social Work
Welcome.....		Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., MBA President
Tribute to Parents.....		Edward Binford Class of 2022
Tribute to Field Instructors.....		Woodzberline Durosier Class of 2022
Scripture Reading.....		J’Mae Ferguson Class of 2022
Introduction of Speaker.....		Shalunda Sherrod, DSW, LICSW Chair, Associate Professor, Social Work
Special Music.....		Jillian Scott Social Work Major, Junior
Speaker.....		Octavio Ramirez, Ph.D., LICSW BSW Program Director; Professor of Social Work, Fort Hays State University
Pinning Ceremony.....		Shalunda Sherrod, DSW, LICSW, PIP Chair; Associate Professor, Social Work Bernice McKenzie, Ph.D., LMSW Assistant Professor, Social Work
Social Work Charge		George Ashley, Ph.D., LMSW Professor, Social Work
Acceptance of the Charge.....		Alondra Acosta and Dana Wallace Class of 2022
Closing Remarks.....		James Mbyirukira, Ph.D. Provost, Senior Vice President Dean, School of Education and Social Sciences
Prayer of Dedication.....		Andrew Pileggi, M.Div. Senior Chaplain
Recessional.....	<i>“Chorale”</i>	Johannes Brahm





DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
PINNING CEREMONY SPEAKER

TIA JEFFERY, PhD, RDN, CHES

Dr. Tia Jeffery is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Nursing and Nutrition of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), registered dietitian/nutritionist, and certified health education specialist. She earned her BS in Dietetics from Oakwood University, MS in Human Nutrition with a cognate emphasis in Exercise Science from The Ohio State University and PhD in Public Health from Walden University. Prior to academia, her practice experiences included clinical positions with Holy Cross Hospital and several other healthcare systems and clinics in Baltimore/DC metro area and Fresenius Medical Care in California. Furthermore, she led nutrition and wellness programs as a consultant for the Fit Solution's fitness initiatives under a Montgomery County, MD grant, Healing Our Village Inc. diabetes programs, and cooperative extension programs as a project specialist in CAUSES Center for Nutrition, Diet, and Health.

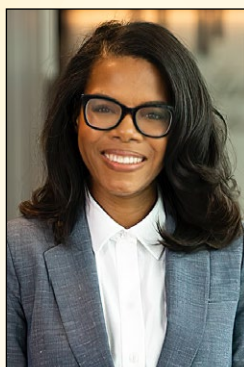
She currently serves as the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Liaison for the Maryland Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and Communications Chair of the leadership team of the Religion Member Interest Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She also enjoys media arenas, including her co-hosting role on the Food Jonezi and Friends podcast "Miseducation of Cultural Food" and has published some of her research in several peer review journals. Her current teaching, research and practice areas include medical nutrition therapy, health promotion in underserved and non-traditional arenas, serviced-learning approaches to nutrition assessment and education among student-athletes, role of nutrition management in sports injury recovery, health disparities of chronic diseases, and heritage-based approaches to culturally relevant nutrition messaging among people of color. Her fascination with the role of nutrition and exercise for healing the mind, body and spirit has led her into this career path.

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS VIRTUAL PINNING CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.

Invocation.....	Lisa Dalrymple, Ph.D, MS Program Director Healthy Campus 2020, Associate Professor, Nutrition and Dietetics
Welcome & Remarks.....	Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President James Mbyirukira, Ph.D. Provost, Senior Vice President Interim Dean, School and Nursing and Health Professions
Opening of Ceremony.....	Sherine Brown-Fraser, Ph.D., RD Professor, Chair, Director, Didactic Program and Dietetics
Slide Show.....	Graduates
Class of 2022 Reflections.....	Talik Talton Class of 2022 Jordan Harris Class of 2022
Keynote Speaker.....	Tia Jeffery, PhD, RDN, CHES. Assistant Professor Department of Health, Nursing and Nutrition University of the District of Columbia College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability, and Environmental Sciences
Family Appreciation & Family Remarks	Claudia S. Follette, MS, RDN Associate Professor, Nutrition & Dietetics
Pinning Ceremony	Sherine Brown-Fraser, Ph.D., RD Professor, Chair, and Director, Didactic Program in Dietetics
Hymn of Consecration.....	<i>Take My Life and Let it Be, #330</i> Students, Faculty, Staff, Family & Guests Class of 2022
Prayer of Consecration.....	James Mbyirukira, Ph.D. Provost, Senior Vice President Interim Dean, School and Nursing and Health Professions
Closing Prayer.....	Nadine Daly Dowdie, MPH, RDN, LDN Assistant Professor, Dietetic Internship Program Director





OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
GRADUATE STUDIES HOODING CEREMONY
JESSICA BRAZIER, MS, PMP

Jessica Brazier is a Human Capital executive with a passion for helping organizations achieve mission performance through their most important asset: their people. She currently serves as Vice President and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for AdventHealth, where she is responsible for building a meaningful, motivational and sustainable approach for attracting, developing, and retaining a diverse workforce and strengthening the health system's ability to deliver the best care to a diverse patient population. With over 15 years of leadership experience, Brazier previously served as a management consultant with Deloitte's Government & Public Services Practice, where she helped government and nonprofit leaders implement transformational agendas.

Brazier earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and English from Oakwood University. She obtained a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brazier is actively involved in the community and serves on several boards, including Crossing Party Lines, which facilitates nationwide conversations with diverse Americans who see the world differently. In her free time, Brazier enjoys singing, traveling, and spending time with her big, boisterous Caribbean family.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES HOODING CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 | 7:00 P.M.

Invocation..... **David Richardson, Jr., Ed.D.**
Vice President, Student Life & Mission

Welcome..... **Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A.**
President

James Mbyirukira, Ph.D.
Provost, Senior Vice President

Greetings..... **Prudence LaBeach Pollard, Ph.D., MPH, RD, SPHR**
Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Vice President, Professor of Management

Introduction of Speaker..... **Chasity M. Richardson, MBA**
Director of Operations, School of Graduate Studies

Address..... **Jessica Brazier, MS, PMP**
Vice President and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer AdventHealth

Presentation of Hoods..... **Prudence LaBeach Pollard, Ph.D., MPH, RD, SPHR**
Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Vice President, Professor of Management

Finbar Benjamin, D.Min.
Master of Pastoral Studies & Master of Urban Ministry, Program Director, Professor of Religion

Raghavalu Ramella, Ph.D.
Master of Business Administration, Program Director, Professor of Business

Earl S. Henry, Dr.PH.
Master of Public Health, Program Director | Professor of Public Health

Dean's Remarks..... **Prudence LaBeach Pollard, Ph.D., MPH, RD, SPHR**
Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Vice President, Professor of Management

Benediction..... **Finbar Benjamin, D.Min.**
Master of Pastoral Studies & Master of Urban Ministry, Program Director, Professor of Religion





DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
PINNING CEREMONY SPEAKER

MARTHA DAWSON, DNP, MSN, RN, FACHE

Martha A. Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE, is an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing (SON). She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Nursing, and in 2010, she earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve University's Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

The focus of Dr. Dawson's practice, leadership and clinical research is on administrative systematology, career progression, organizational injustices and barriers, and anti-racism in the field of nursing. She is a co-convenor of the 2020 National Black Coalition Against COVID which has reached over a five million during the pandemic. Dr. Dawson is a co-lead on the 2020 National Commission on Racism in Nursing which is groundbreaking work to improve the image and healing within the nursing profession for Black and Brown nurses. She serves on the Advisory Board for Direct Relief Health Equity Fund that allows her to address social justice through the generosity of donors. In 2021 the fund awarded 99 grants providing \$19.5 million to address health inequities.

Then, she entered academia as an instructor. Dr. Dawson served as the inaugural director of Nursing and Health Systems Leadership and the coordinator of the Nursing and Health System Administration track. Under her leadership, the Nursing and Health Systems Administration track at UAB was ranked #1 in the US and has been ranked in the top 10 for 11 years. She served as the President for Birmingham Regional Organization of Nurse Leaders, and in 2018 the President for the Alabama Organization of Nurse Executives.

In 2015, she received the University of Alabama at Birmingham President's Teaching Excellence Award, and two years later was the recipient of the American Organization of Nurse Executives Prism Award for Diversity. In 2019, Dr. Dawson was inducted into the Alabama Nurses Hall of Fame. In 2021, Dr. Dawson received a proclamation from the State of Georgia for her national, regional, and state work to educate the public, medical professionals, politicians, and faith-based communities on COVID-19, and was elected to a second term as president of the National Black Nurses' Association.

Dr. Dawson has published in books, journals, newsletters, and podcasts. During her leadership, the University of Louisville Hospital was the first hospital in the US to provide drive-through flu shots, the model used by the CDC with COVID-19. She is a contributor to the book Drive-Thru Flu Shots: A Model for Mass Immunization.

NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 | 3:00 P.M.

Program Host.....	Dorothy Forde, Ph.D., RNC-NIC, CNS Associate Professor, Chair, Nursing
Invocation.....	Jonnell Anderson Class of 2022
Scripture.....	Danielle Ntakirutimana Class of 2022
Welcome.....	Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President
Opening of Ceremony.....	Dorothy Forde, Ph.D., RNC-NIC, CNS Associate Professor, Chair, Nursing
Introduction of Speaker.....	Frederick Richardson, MSN, RN Assistant Professor, Nursing
Special Music.....	Samara Teine-Aulelei Bowden Class of 2022
Pinning Address	Martha A. Dawson, DNP, MSN, RN, FACHE Associate Professor, President/CEO, National Black Nurses Association
Response.....	Safyia Rodriquez OUSNA President, Class of 2022
Pinning Ceremony.....	Karen J. Anderson, Ph.D., RN, CNE Professor, Nursing
Pinning PowerPoint Presentation.....	Graduating Class of 2022
Consecration Prayer	Andrew Pileggi, M.Div. Senior Chaplain
Special Music.....	Class of 2022
Nursing Awards	Mattie Sherard DNP, RN Veronica Leftridge, MSN, RN Karen Lynch-Frater Ph.D., RN Nursing Department Scholarship Committee
Special Music.....	Wintley Phipps, M.Div. President/CEO, Dream Academy
The Nightingale Pledge.....	Dwight Huslin, MSN, RN Associate Professor, Nursing
Dedication of Hands	Karen Lynch-Frater, Ph.D., RN Associate Professor, Nursing
Benediction.....	Dwight Huslin, Jr. Class of 2022



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY DEDICATION SERVICE SPEAKER RON SMITH, PH.D., D.MIN.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Ron C. Smith is a product of Christian education and was mentored in the Seventh-day Adventist ministry by his late father, Pastor Doc Smith.

As a graduate of Oakwood University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Biblical Languages, he pursued his Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary in New York, and a Ph.D. from the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, California.

As a pastor, he has served congregations on the east and west coasts of North America.

After serving for eight years as vice president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and editor of Message Magazine, Dr. Smith joined the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as executive secretary. Since 2011, he has served as the president of the Southern Union.

He has been married to his wife Yolanda for 41 years. They have two adult children who have also dedicated their lives to introducing people to Jesus.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY DEDICATION SERVICE

VIRTUAL SERVICE | THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.

Processional.....	<i>"God of Our Fathers"</i>	George W. Warren
Invocation.....	.....	Manuel Moral, Ph.D., D.Min. Associate Professor, School, Theology
Welcome and Remarks.....	.....	Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President
Occasion.....	.....	R. Clifford Jones, Ph.D., D.Min. Dean, School of Theology
Homily.....	.....	Ron Smith, Ph.D., D.Min. President, Southern Union Conference
Music.....	.....	Elizabeth Adams
Class Response.....	.....	Daniel Golovenko Department of Religion Forum President Class of 2022
Pinning.....	.....	Ifeoma Kwesi, D.Min. Associate Professor, School, Theology
Dedication Prayer.....	.....	R. Clifford Jones, Ph.D., D.Min. Dean, School of Theology
Charge.....	.....	Gilbert Ojwang, Ph.D. Chair, Religion Department
Benediction.....	.....	Ingram London, M.Div. Assistant Professor, School, Theology
Recessional.....	<i>"Onward Christian Soldiers"</i>	Arthur Sullivan





LEADERSHIP EDUCATION FOR ADULT PROFESSIONALS (LEAP) SENIOR CEREMONY SPEAKER

IVOR MYERS, BS

Pastor Ivor Myers was a part of a four-man Hip-Hop group in the 1990s before being introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist message. His journey led him to Oakwood University for a short time before he was called to enter the field of ministry.

During the 24 years that he pastored in California, Pastor Myers founded Power of the Lamb Ministries and the Arm-me Bible Camp; started a 10-day prayer event called Operation Global Rain which was adopted by the General Conference; and hosted the Battles of Faith and Salvation in Symbols and Signs programs on 3ABN. He has authored several books, including *The Blueprint*, *The Atheism Prophecy*, and *The Christian Art of War*.

He and his wife Atonte and their four children have recently relocated to Huntsville, Alabama, where he is serving as Dean of Holland Hall at Oakwood University, while his wife is a mental health counselor for students.

Pastor and Mrs. Myers have also transitioned to work for the Northeastern Conference in launching and pastoring the first fully virtual church in Seventh-day Adventist history, called the Living Manna First Online Church of the Northeastern Conference, a platform they will use to teach the Three Angels' Messages on a global scale.

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION FOR ADULT PROFESSIONALS (LEAP) SENIOR CEREMONY

VIRTUAL SERVICE | THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 | 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer.....	Kyna Wells, MS Program Manager, LEAP
Welcome.....	Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President
	Ellengold Goodridge, Ed.D., M.A.Ed. Director, Adult & Continuing Education/LEAP
Greetings.....	James Mbyirukira, Ph.D. Provost, Senior Vice President
Special Orientation.....	LEAP in Review Video Presentation
Greetings from Departmental Chairs.....	Church Leadership Gilbert Ojwang, Ph.D. Chair, Religion General Psychology Martin Hodnett, Psy.D. Chair, Psychological Sciences Information Technology Lisa James, Ph.D. Chair, Math & Computer Science Business Administration Kelly Duncanson, Ph.D. Chair, Business General Studies Andrew Young, Ph.D. Chair, Health and Human Science
Introduction of Speaker.....	Kyna Wells, MS Program Manager, LEAP
Special Music Presentation	
Charge.....	Ivor Myer, BS Dean, Holland Hall, LEAP Graduate Adult & Continuing Education/LEAP Alumnus
Alumni Presentation.....	Emile Parker, MBA Director, Alumni Relations, Advancement
Special Presentations.....	Gloria Bell, Ph.D. Academic Advisor, LEAP
Closing Prayer.....	LuJan Williams Class of 2022



CONSECRATION SPEAKER

ALEXIS MADRID, MA, MFT

Alexis Madrid is a city girl from Brooklyn, New York. She currently resides in Jacksonville, Florida, and is a member of the New Life International Church in the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Pastor Madrid is a graduate of the 'School of the Prophets' (Oakwood University) with a bachelor of science in Religion. Pastor Madrid is a campus minister for District 1 and North Florida as part of Southeastern Conference campus ministries. She is also a part of the youth ministries team. A veteran of the United States Navy, she holds a master's in Marriage and Family Therapy from Northcentral University with certifications in trauma and suicide prevention.

Alexis, affectionately known as "Lex" has felt the Lord's calling on her life from a very young age and has always had the gift of teaching and preaching. Lex loves the Lord, which is very evident in the way she interacts with others. She is a powerful preaching woman and has the ability to convey the Word of God in such a simple manner that young, old, male or female may be able to understand. She has served the church and different conferences in various capacities for over 15 years.

She is happily married to Miguel Madrid and is the proud mother of three boys. Lex is a lover of life and her favorite scripture is John 10:10: "A thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly!"

CONSECRATION

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY CHURCH | FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022 | 8:00 P.M.

Processional.....	<i>"Festal March"</i>	Jeremiah Clarke
Invocation.....	.....	Sherine Brown-Fraser, Ph.D. Chair, Nutrition & Dietetics
Welcome.....	.....	Austun Reid Public Relations Coordinator, Class of 2022
Hymn #334.....	<i>"Come Thou Fount"</i>	Riter St. Luc, MM Assistant Professor, Music
"My Oakwood Story" .....	.....	Video Presentation
Introduction of Speaker.....	.....	Furman Fordham, III Sergeant-at-Arms, Class of 2022
Music.....	.....	Music Majors Class of 2022
"My Oakwood Story" .....	.....	Video Presentation
Address.....	.....	Alexis Madrid, M.Div. Campus Minister, SEC Youth Ministries
Response.....	.....	Kristen Reid Class of 2022
Prayer of Consecration.....	.....	Andrew Pileggi, M.Div. Senior Chaplain
Benediction.....	.....	Arrielle McKnight Class of 2022
Recessional.....	<i>"Marche Pontificale"</i>	Fernand de la Tombelle



OAKWOOD  UNIVERSITY

SABBATH SCHOOL

VON BRAUN CENTER PROPST ARENA | SABBATH, MAY 7, 2022 | 9:00 A.M.

Superintendents.....	Jewel Hairston Miss Blue and Gold, Class of 2022 Jaylen Dupree Class of 2022
Opening Prayer.....	Patricia Miranda Class of 2022
Scripture.....	<i>Hebrews 11:8 NIV</i> Briana Brooks Miss UNCF, Class of 2022
Welcome.....	Isaiah R. M. Goodridge Class of 2022
Music.....	Bradley Scott Class of 2022
Mission Emphasis.....	Anderson Eli Aguilar Marin Dietetic Internship, Class of 2022
Prayer for Lesson Study.....	Mackency Cadet L.E.A.P., Class of 2022
Lesson Study.....	Daniel Golovenko, Benjamin Ospina, Moselle Ketsia Destour Class of 2022 Eduin J. Victores Brito L.E.A.P., Class of 2022
Testimonial.....	Natasha Thomas L.E.A.P., Class of 2022
Closing Remarks.....	Jewel Hairston Miss Blue and Gold, Class of 2022 Jaylen Dupree Class of 2022
Hymn #11.....	<i>"The God of Abraham Praise"</i> Patricia Williams Class of 2022
Closing Prayer.....	LuJan Williams L.E.A.P., Class of 2022



BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

DEBLEAIRE K. SNELL, M.DIV.

Pastor Snell is a native of Tallahassee, Florida. In 1999, he graduated with a B.A. in Theology from Oakwood College, and accepted a call to pastor with the South Central Conference.

In addition to beginning his ministry, Pastor Snell also began his graduate school matriculation at Andrews University. While at Andrews, he served as the Youth Pastor for the Praise Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Bend, Indiana. In December of 2001, he received his Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Just before graduation, he began courting the former Gianna Norman of Nashville, Tennessee. Pastor Snell's life was made complete as they were married in 2003. The Snell's have three children: Jadon, Brooke, and Braydon.

From 2002-2006, Pastor Snell led a two-church district in Columbus and West Point, Mississippi. In 2006, he served for four years as the lead pastor of the Lima Drive SDA Church in Lexington, Kentucky. In 2010, he accepted the call to serve as the senior pastor of the First SDA Church in Huntsville, where he led the congregation for 11 years. In January 2022, Pastor Snell was installed as the Senior Pastor of the Oakwood University Church, and Speaker/Director of the Breath of life Ministry.

Pastor Snell also serves as an adjunct professor for the Department of Religion at Oakwood University. Pastor Snell has written seven books, and has had numerous articles and essays published. His favorite text is II Corinthians 5:17: "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature; old things are passed away behold all things are made new."

BACCALAUREATE

VON BRAUN CENTER PROPST ARENA | SABBATH, MAY 7, 2022 | 10:00 A.M.

Processional.....“The War March of the Priests”..... **Felix Mendelssohn**

Invocation..... **Roman Lesnov, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor, English

Hymn #27.....”Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart”**Jason Max Ferdinand, DMA**
Professor
Director, Choral Activities

Welcome..... **Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A.**
President
Debleaire K. Snell, M.Div.
Pastor, Oakwood University Church, Speaker/Director, Breath of Life
Darren Hart
Parliamentarian, Class of 2022

Music.....**Aeolians**

“My Oakwood Story”.....**Video Presentation**

Offertory.....**Carol Mukorombindo**
Vice President, Class of 2022

“My Oakwood Story”.....**Video Presentation**

Scripture.....*Deuteronomy 31:8 (NKJV)*.....**Khayla Chapman (English)**
Secretary, Class of 2022
Rebecca Querin (French)
Class of 2022
Stephie Kayumba (Lingala)
Class of 2022
Louinie Louissant (French Creole)
Class of 2022
Benjamin Ospina (Spanish)
Class of 2022

Music.....**Aeolians**

Introduction of Speaker.....**Angel Smith**
Social Coordinator, Class of 2022

Music.....**Aeolians**

Sermon**Debleaire K. Snell, M.Div.**
Pastor, Oakwood University Church, Speaker/Director, Breath of Life

Benediction.....**Shalunda Sherrod, DSW**
Chair, Social Work

Recessional.....“Rigaudon”..... **Andre Campra**

The Golden Class of 1972 (50 Years Service) will serve as Honor Guards for the Commencement Service



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
MILTON H. JONES, JR., BBA

Milton Jones is a founding member of Peachtree Providence Partners Holding Company, LLC. Peachtree Providence Partners is a holding company with full or partial ownership in companies in key business sectors which include energy, financial products, healthcare, technology, manufacturing/distribution, and consulting. The Peachtree Providence Partners mission is to deliver strategic advice, unparalleled excellence, and balanced risk management, while optimizing results.

Mr. Jones is the former Executive Chairman and a founding member of CertusBank, NA. In this role, he oversaw Board governance and provided input to the strategic direction, capital formation and investor interaction that helped grow the organization into a \$1.9 billion Company organically and through acquisitions.

Mr. Jones was also a 32-year veteran of Bank of America and its predecessor companies where he held a number of senior executive roles. As former Georgia Market President, Mr. Jones was the ranking executive publicly to customers and communities for an institution with more than \$12 Billion in retail deposits, 155 Branches and 7,000 associates. Previously Mr. Jones was the Global Finance Services Group and Supply Chain Management Executive; Global Quality and Productivity Executive, reporting directly to the CEO; President of the Mid-South Region which had more than \$15 Billion in deposits and \$10 Billion in loans; Technology Infrastructure Executive and President of Dealer Financial services.

Mr. Jones is Chair of the Board of the United Negro College Fund, immediate Past Chair of The Board of The Atlanta Business League, is Vice Chair (and former Chair) of the Board of Trustees of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., is Treasurer and a Board member of the 100 Black Men of America, and serves on the Boards of the Metro Atlanta YMCA, and the Commerce Club. He is also a member of the Downtown Atlanta Rotary Club and is a member and past Chairman of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

Mr. Jones is also an alumnus of the University of Notre Dame (BBA-Accounting '74) Leadership Atlanta ('90) and Leadership Georgia ('92). In 2007 he received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa from Shaw University. Mr. Jones is a licensed Life and Health Insurance professional and a Six Sigma Black Belt.

Mr. Jones is married with an adult son and daughter and four grandchildren.





COMMENCEMENT

VON BRAUN CENTER PROPST ARENA | SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 | 8:00 P.M.

Processional.....	<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i>	Edward Elgar
School Song.....	<i>Alma Mater</i>	Julie Moore Foster, DMA Associate Professor, Music
Invocation.....		Danielle Lonie Malivert Chaplain, Class of 2022
Awards and Recognitions.....		Administration
"My Oakwood Story".....		Video Presentation
Introduction of Speaker.....		Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President
Music.....		Aeolians
Address.....		Milton Jones, Jr., BBA Founding Member, Peachtree Providence Partners Holding Company, LLC Board Chair, UNCF
Response		Dana Wallace President, Class of 2022
"My Oakwood Story".....		Video Presentation
Presentation of Candidates.....		James Mbyirukira, Ph.D. Provost, Senior Vice President
Conferring of the Degrees.....		Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D. Min., M.B.A. President
	Courtney Brown, MA Registrar	Desiree Gunn-Price, MS Assistant Registrar
	Theodore Brown, Ph.D. Dean, School of Business	Karen Benn Marshall, Ed.D. Dean, Center for Student Success
		R. Clifford Jones, Ph.D. Dean, School of Theology
Prudence LaBeach Pollard, Ph.D. Dean, School of Graduate Studies	James Mbyirukira, Ph.D. Dean, School of Education and Social Sciences Interim Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions	Chandra Mountain, Ph.D. Dean, School of Arts and Sciences
Induction of Alumni.....		Cheri Wilson, MA; Emile Parker, MBA Executive Director, Advancement and Development; Director, Alumni Relations
Charge.....		Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A. President
Benediction.....		R. Clifford Jones, Ph.D., D.Min. Dean, School of Theology
Recessional.....	<i>"Trumpet Voluntary"</i>	Henry Purcell

**Audience please be seated **



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Master of Arts

Henry Odad Bristo Crespo
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Christopher E. Crumbie
Hanson W Drysdale
Herbon E. Fleming
Frankel Lander Francois
Francena McNight-Jefferson
John Wesley Jimmerson IV
Hasting Le'Monte Newbill, Sr.
Ancy Charles Noisette
Antoine Timothee Nyobe Nyobe
Ubadire Ogbuehi
Darrell A. Palmes, III
Daniel Perez Borrero
Jonatan Tejedor

Pastoral Studies: Church Development
Urban Ministry and Community Development
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Bachelor of Arts

Tyjeeha Taneer Baldwin
Matthew Omega Cordner
Moselle Ketsia Destour
Joseph Kristian Dunson
Furman Fletcher Fordham III
Nathalie Francois
Daniel Golovenko
Melvyn E.F. Hayden IV
Jose Lache
Kitrell Lucas
Moises Yuniór Morales Ruiz
Benjamin Ospina
Shyaka Gahunde

Ministerial Theology
Ministerial Theo: Pastoral Care & Pre-Chaplaincy, Honorable Mention
Ministerial Theology, Magna Cum Laude
Ministerial Theology
Ministerial Theology
Pastoral Care & Pre-Chaplaincy, Honorable Mention
Ministerial Theology, Summa Cum Laude
Ministerial Theology
Ministerial Theology: Pastoral/Evangelistic, Cum Laude
Ministerial Theo: Pastoral/Evangelistic
Ministerial Theology, Psychology, Cum Laude
Ministerial Theology, Magna Cum Laude
Ministerial Theology, Honorable Mention

Bachelor of Science

Jean Joseph Altidor
Wesley Nathan McNorton
Natasha Thomas
Eduin J. Victores Brito

Church Leadership *
Church Leadership *
Church Leadership *
Church Leadership, Honorable Mention *

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Moriah A. Antoine
France Régine Archange
Amaris Chelsea Bullard
Bianca Lolita Byrd

Communication: Public Relations
English: Professional Writing, Cum Laude
Spanish, Honorable Mention
Spanish; Communication Media: Broadcast Journalism,
Magna Cum Laude Φ

Jasamine S. Byrd
 Gabrielle Caldwell
 Tayler Yvonne Dixon
 Charlique Dobney
 Salena Dorsey
 Isaiah Richard Martin Goodridge
 Myra Graves
 Jessica Renae Guerrier
 Trevohn Amari McLean Johnson
 Bryce Lansiquot
 Faustin Maombi
 Michael L. Marshall, II
 Na'veh Matthews
 Arleevia Kai McLeod
 Patricia Miranda
 Lorenzo Monk
 Lanre David Odubitan
 Lani Chaille Payne
 Derek N. Peters II
 Fitzroy F. Powell
 Jonny Pozo Padron
 Toni Randell
 Kristen K. Reid
 Holland Jhai Sampson
 Harmony C. Stewart
 Kaylee Elyse Tate
 Shariff Austin Taylor
 Chelsea Wilson

Bachelor of Music

Chesroleaysia Bobb
 Samara Teine-Aulelei Bowden
 Patricia Dawn Williams

Bachelor of Science

Audrey Lynn Alfred
 Jessica Ambrose
 Ismary Armenteros
 Emerald Solana Austin
 Christina Monique Baines
 Deborah Belizaire
 Courtney Amanda Browne
 Gisele Campos
 Khayla Renee Chapman
 Rachel Nadia Clarke
 Clendon Donai
 Ci-Arra Carmen Dottin
 Felicia Keren Duprey
 Myriam Leah Duronville
 Joshua Dye
 Joshua English
 Ndubuisi C. Ezeigbo
 Adrianna Victoria Felder

Communication Media: Broadcast Journalism, Magna Cum Laude Φ
 Visual Media: Photojournalism
 Communication Media: Film/TV Production
 Spanish (ACA Year Option), Magna Cum Laude
 Music
 Communication Media: Film/TV Production, Honorable Mention
 Communication Media: Film/TV Production, Cum Laude
 Communications: Broadcast Journalism
 Spanish, Cum Laude
 Computer Networks, Honorable Mention
 Computer Networks, Honorable Mention
 Visual Media: Graphic Design
 English: Literature
 Communication: Public Relations, Cum Laude
 Communication Media: Broadcast Journalism, Honorable Mention
 Music
 Computer Networks
 Spanish, Honorable Mention
 Communication Media: Film/TV Production
 Communication Media: Film/TV Production, Magna Cum Laude
 Computer Networks, Cum Laude
 Mathematics, Honorable Mention
 Communication Media: Film/TV Production, Cum Laude Φ
 Spanish
 Visual Media: Photo Journalism, Honorable Mention
 Communication Media: Print/Digital Media
 English
 Mathematics, Honorable Mention

Vocal Performance & Pedagogy
 Vocal Performance and Pedagogy, Honorable Mention
 Vocal Performance & Pedagogy, Honorable Mention

Biology
 Biology: General Biology, Cum Laude Φ
 General Psychology *
 Psychology, Honorable Mention Φ
 Biology, Cum Laude
 Information Technology, Summa Cum Laude *
 Biology, Summa Cum Laude Φ
 Biology, Summa Cum Laude
 Biochemistry, Honorable Mention
 Biology, Honorable Mention Φ
 Psychology
 Biology
 Biology, Honorable Mention
 Biology, Cum Laude Φ
 Biochemistry
 Biology: General Biology, Honorable Mention
 Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude
 Biology: Pre-Veterinary, Summa Cum Laude

Jayde Kelsey Frederick
 Rakayla Alexandré Gabriel
 Garry Anthony Graham II
 Jewel Simone Hairston
 Synia Ja'Nhon Hall Chun
 Danielle Celia Honoré
 Citlali lo 'ita Huerta Mazariegos
 Chareece Cecelia Jackson
 LaDonna Jackson
 Brinel Jacques
 Brunessidia Jean-Jacques
 Timothy Nathan Johnson
 Faith Josiah
 Marisa Juzang
 Kisakye Kyebanja Kareero
 Kaiana Lewis
 Lincoln Edward Liburd, II
 Christian Long
 Danielle Lonie Malivert
 Patrick Marbury
 Victor Manuel Matos Lara
 Breanna McIntosh
 Caleb McIver
 Carol Mufaro Mukorombindo
 Nigel Moses Adeyosoye Nora
 Darbentz Olmand
 Hadassah Marie Pegues
 Lansdale Peters II
 Steeve Nico Philord
 Avenson Polynice
 Ethan Thomas Purnell
 Mikayla Ramsey
 Jade Roberts
 Holland Jhai Sampson
 Bradley Carrington Scott
 Erin Jessica Seay
 Natisha Alecia Marie Simmons
 Kaleb L. Small
 Angel Ruby Ray Smith
 Messiyah Stevens
 Jaxon Theriot
 Chelsea Elizabeth Thomas
 Madison Jean Thomas
 Crystal Alexis Ware
 Aaron Christopher Wells
 Adaiah Wells
 Dayani Williams
 Emmanuel Williams
 Nicholas Andrew Taylor Williams
 Herchelle Faith-Ann Wright
 Angel Mykell Wyatt

Biomedical Sciences, Summa Cum Laude Φ
 Applied Mathematics: Quantitative Science
 Biochemistry, Cum Laude Γ
 Biochemistry, Cum Laude Γ
 Biology: General Biology, Magna Cum Laude Φ
 Biology
 Biology, Cum Laude Φ
 Biology, Honorable Mention Φ
 General Psychology *
 Chemistry
 Biology
 Applied Mathematics: Engineering
 Biology, Honorable Mention
 Applied Mathematics; Engineering
 Biochemistry, Honorable Mention
 Applied Mathematics: Engineering Concentration
 Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude
 Biology, Honorable Mention
 Biomedical Sciences, Summa Cum Laude Φ
 Applied Mathematics: Quantitative Science, Honorable Mention
 Biology
 Biology, Summa Cum Laude Φ
 Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude Γ
 Biology
 Biology
 Biology, Summa Cum Laude Φ
 Biology
 Biology: General Biology, Summa Cum Laude
 Applied Mathematics: Quantitative Science
 Computer Science
 Biochemistry, Magna Cum Laude Φ Γ
 Biology: Pre-Med/Pre-Osteopathic
 Biochemistry, Summa Cum Laude Γ
 Biology
 Biology: General Biology, Summa Cum Laude
 Biology
 Biology
 Applied Mathematics: Quantitative Science, Magna Cum Laude
 Biology, Honorable Mention
 Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
 Biology: Biomedical Engineering, Honorable Mention
 Biology, Magna Cum Laude Φ
 Biology, Cum Laude Φ
 Biology, Magna Cum Laude
 Biology: General Biology, Honorable Mention Φ
 Biology
 Biology, Cum Laude
 Biology: Pre-Dentistry, Cum Laude Φ
 Biology
 Biology: General Biology, Cum Laude
 Psychology

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Briana Ja'Nay Brooks	Pre-Law
Kharis Trinity Crawford	Pre-Law, Spanish, Honorable Mention
Addison Cordae Gill	Pre-Law, Cum Laude Φ
Marc Jayshon Hawk II	Pre-Law, Cum Laude
Ayodele Lewis	Political Science, Honorable Mention
Clinton Arthur Lindo III	Political Science
Jordain David Thompson	Public Policy, Summa Cum Laude
Sidney Gerald Anthony Watkins	Political Science
Zelnita Elizabeth Williams	Pre-Law

Bachelor of Science

Dori Raven Caines	Social Science Education
Amy Bianca Camille Dyer	Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude Φ
Alisha Green	Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude
Lataja Harris	Elementary Education, Honorable Mention
Alise Marie Alexis Renaud	Social Science Education, Magna Cum Laude
Timothy Smith	Elementary Education

Bachelor of Social Work

Alondra Acosta	Social Work, Cum Laude
Samara Alisea Auguste	Social Work, Cum Laude
Edward Isaiah Binford	Social Work, Summa Cum Laude Φ
Woodzberline Rosie Durosier	Social Work
J'Mae Lovina Ferguson	Social Work, Magna Cum Laude
Sanelivi Fitiao	Social Work
Bryanna Garner	Social Work, Honorable Mention
Jasmine Gayle	Social Work, Honorable Mention
Felicia Lewis	Social Work, Honorable Mention
Rebecca Louisiane Melissa Querin	Social Work, Honorable Mention Φ
Tedmund Davion Taylor	Social Work
Dana K. Wallace	Social Work, Magna Cum Laude Φ
Destiny Lynai Woodson	Social Work

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

Katrina N. Brewer	Leadership
Brendon A. Henfield	Leadership
Dyansi Ward-Mayers	Leadership
Donnell Morgan, Jr.	Leadership

Bachelor of Business Administration

Austun Michael Reid	Business Administration: Marketing
Milton Irvin Brown	Business Administration: Marketing, Honorable Mention
Lincoln Fields	Business Administration: Management, Cum Laude
Jair M. Johnson	Business Administration: Health Care Administration
Justin E. Myrie	Business Administration: Marketing
Toni Kayla Sargeant	Business Administration: Marketing, Honorable Mention
Keldonn Valentine Lyseight Shields	Business Administration: Management, Honorable Mention
Sara Leann Turner	Business Administration: Marketing

Bachelor of Science

Celina Abel	Finance, Summa Cum Laude $\Phi \Delta$
Justin Courtney Bowers	Business Administration (AE) *
Aaron Francis Budd	Management Information Systems
Mackency Cadet	Organizational Management *
Genae Gabrielle Darville	Accounting, Honorable Mention
Joseph Wellington Dye	Business Administration: Marketing, Honorable Mention
Jamir D. Gates	Finance, Cum Laude
Frederick Alondre Gilchrist	Organizational Management, Magna Cum Laude *
Lyndon Erwin Gore	Accounting, Cum Laude
Shaquilla C. Honoré	Management Information Systems, Cum Laude Δ
Trevohn Amari McLean Johnson	Management Information Systems, Cum Laude Φ
Shayne Pierre Lindsay	Finance
Louinie Neissa Louissaint	Accounting, Honorable Mention
Aaron N. Ratteray	Finance, Summa Cum Laude Δ
Allen Frank Reid III	Finance, Honorable Mention
Brendan Sanford	Finance
Destiney B. Toney	Organizational Management, Honorable Mention *
Rachel Sumaria Wilkerson	Organizational Management *
Donovan Anthony Williams	Finance

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Bachelor of Arts

Deja Iman Mayes	Interdisciplinary Study
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Bachelor of Science

Troy Lee Alves Jr.	Health Sciences
Jonnell Jannish Anderson	Nursing, Cum Laude
Joel Caliste Auguste	General Studies
Mackenzie Baker	General Studies
Leesa Brenee Boddie	General Studies
Chanel-Leigh Camille Brown	Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy, Magna Cum Laude
Jordan Andrew Brown	General Studies
Marquan Dewayne Buchanan	General Studies
Glevon Burke	General Studies
Elizabeth Grace Cartwright	General Studies
Steven Celestin	General Studies *
Melina Rebecca Combs	General Studies
Marvin Conant	General Studies *
Jeremy L. Davis	General Studies *
Robin Elizabeth Davis	Health Sciences, Honorable Mention
Jasmine Cheri De Lancy	Nursing, Honorable Mention
Jaylen Dupree	Allied Health Science: Pre-Occupational Therapy, Magna Cum Laude ΦE
Regine Ellis	Fitness and Wellness
Alejandra Feria Borrás	Nursing, Honorable Mention
Gabrielle Deena Francis	Child Development and Family Studies, Cum Laude
Regine Ellis	Fitness & Wellness E
Malcolm Jamal Gentles	Fitness & Wellness
Michael Gray	Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy
Floyd Godfrey Green	General Studies *
Jenny Marelis Guerrero	Fitness & Wellness

Jordan Harris
 Darren Hart
 Dwight E. Huslin II
 Aleighsha Jackson
 Chelsea C. Jackson
 KiaAna Gabrielle Jones
 Esther Akua Kankam
 Stephie Mwamikazi Kayumba
 Brenton Lampkin
 Antoine Stephan Lewis
 Ernest Ross Long III
 Langston Jamel Martinez
 JaiEssence LeAnn McEachin
 Emory Stone McIntosh
 Tyler James McKinney
 Arrielle Nieasia McKnight
 David McNaught
 Robyn Avery Michael
 Jonathan Drew Mills
 Agnes Joseph Moore
 Danielle Rosette Ntakirutimana
 Jonathan Wynton Ogburn
 Josué Raul Ortiz
 Rebecca Elizabeth Pierre
 Nyah Raye Richards
 Trishauna Nashae Robinson
 Saifya Rodriguez
 Januwoina AndeINia Severin
 Darryl Rodman Smith II
 Daylon Levelle Smith
 Elan NaShay Smith
 Jonathan Matthew Smith
 Arthur Augustin Souffrant
 Justin Stewart
 Talik D. Talton
 Jeneel Georjean Taylor
 Kendra Nikesha Thomas
 Jennifer Yasmin Valladares
 Taileja Vaughns
 Brittani Ann Hewlett-Walker
 Alvia LaShun Williams
 D'Mora Monique Williams
 Sean Conary Willis, II
 Capri Elise Wilson
 hawnna Wynter

Certificate

Anderson Eli Aguilar Marin

Dietetics
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy, Cum Laude
 Nursing, Honorable Mention
 Health Science
 General Studies, Honorable Mention
 Health Sciences, Honorable Mention E
 Health Sciences, Cum Laude
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physician Assistant
 General Studies
 Health Sciences
 General Studies
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy
 Health Sciences
 Health Sciences, Cum Laude **Φ E**
 General Studies
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 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy
 Nursing, Honorable Mention
 General Studies
 Nursing
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 Nursing, Cum Laude
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 General Studies
 Nursing, Honorable Mention
 General Studies, Honorable Mention
 Sports Management, Cum Laude
 Health Sciences E
 Nursing, Honorable Mention
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy
 General Studies Talik Talton Dietetics
 Dietetics
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Occupational Therapy, Cum Laude
 General Studies
 Nursing, Honorable Mention
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy, Cum Laude
 Child Development & Family Studies
 General Studies
 Nursing
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Occupational Therapy
 Allied Health Science: Pre-Physical Therapy, Cum Laude
 General Studies

Dietetic Internship

GRADUATE KEY

**** The Dietetic Internship Program** at Oakwood University is a post baccalaureate dietetic program offering 1200 hours of training in food service management, clinical and community nutrition. After completion of the program, students are eligible for active membership in the American Dietetic Association (ADA) and may take the examination to become a Registered Dietitian (R.D.).

Graduation with Distinction: Summa Cum Laude (4.00 – 3.90), Magna Cum Laude (3.89 – 3.75), Cum Laude (3.74 – 3.50), Honorable Mention (3.49 – 3.25). The cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is calculated on course work taken at Oakwood University through Fall Semester 2015 for honors listed in this program.

Φ Alpha Chi National Honor Society: Full-time student with a 3.50 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) for two consecutive semesters, who meet the criteria of Junior or Senior status and is in the top 10 percent of their class.

Δ Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society: Membership is the highest national recognition a business student can earn, must have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.3 or better, is in the top 20 percent of their class, and in good academic standing.

‡ Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) National Biological Honor Society: Is a society for students, particularly undergraduates, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Students shall have completed at least three term courses in biological science, of which at least one is not an introductory course, with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or its equivalent in those biology courses.

£ Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International: Is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion, and courage through service to the school, the student, the profession and the community. The fraternity was established in 1902.

Π Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education: A society for students in the top 20 percent who are entering the education field. This society was founded in 1911 to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching.

E Phi Epsilon Kappa Honors Society was established in 1913. It is a national professional fraternity for persons engaged in or pursuing careers in physical education, health, recreation, dance, human performance, exercise science, sports medicine and sports management. Oakwood Universities Theta Sigma Chapter grants membership status to students that have achieved a 3.25 grade point average in required health and exercise science courses and have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Γ Gamma Sigma Epsilon is a national chemistry honor society founded in 1919 at Davidson College. Today there are over seventy active Gamma Sigma Epsilon chapters throughout the United States. The Society is governed by a National Executive Council of elected officers and meets in biennial conventions for the purpose of governance, fellowship, and scientific exchange. Oakwood University Chemistry Majors with a 3.0 or better GPA in their Chemistry Courses and an overall GPA of 3.4 or higher are invited to join.

A Phi Alpha National Honor Society: Social Work majors who have achieved a 3.25 grade point average, 9 semester hours in required social work courses, have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and exemplify professional and ethical conduct. Students must participate in service activities at least one semester prior to applying for membership.

Σ Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, was established in 1919 to honor those who attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and in the study of the literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking peoples; to encourage college and university students to acquire a greater interest in and a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture; to foster friendly relations and mutual respect between the nations of Hispanic speech and those of English speech.

T Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society, was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University. The Society strives to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies; foster all aspects of the discipline of English, including literature, language, and writing; exhibit high standards of academic excellence; and serve society by fostering literacy. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship, must rank, at least in the highest thirty-five percent of his/her class.

* Adult Continuing Education Degree Program/Leadership Education for the Adult Professional (ACE/LEAP).

Note: Since the names of candidates must be furnished to the printer three weeks prior to Commencement, it is possible that a few persons listed in the program may not have completed degree requirements or that some candidates who completed degree requirements may not be listed. The inability to remove or include a candidate's name in the program does not constitute graduation from this institution, the granting of a degree, or denial of a degree.



ALMA FOGGO YORK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD KIM CLIETT LONG, ED.D.

Dr. Kim Cliett Long currently serves as President and C.E.O. of Organizational Concepts/Adult Learners Now, a boutique firm serving colleges, universities, industry and entrepreneurs in the development of high quality distance learning and faculty development programs as well as consultation on instructional design and adult degree programs.

Dr. Long has provided campus-wide innovative academic leadership to enhance the undergraduate experience by spearheading the most innovative projects in online learning and technology in the classroom, uninhibited by pre-existing culture and structures and by encouraging interdisciplinary initiatives in curriculum and pedagogy. Further, Dr. Long directed the Center for Excellence in Distance Learning. The CEDL was founded to serve as a collaborative effort to ensure that HBCUs had access to ways to introduce teaching and learning using technology. The CEDL has been instrumental in mentoring other HBCUs in the process of starting high quality online programs that are affordable to the institution and beneficial for students everywhere.

Dr. Long has a long record of board service ranging from international, federal, state and local boards. She has vast experience and service as a community fundraiser having directly raised over \$25 million for the arts, children's causes and educational initiatives.

She has served as an Advisory Board Member for Campus Technology magazine and on the Editorial Board, International Journal of Communication Technology for Social Networks. Dr. Long was previously invited to serve as an Editorial Board Member for the 2nd International Conference on Development Finance and Economic Transformation, University of Limpopo. She was nominated by invitation only to author the article on "E-Learning, Information Technology and Student Success" in a new reference project launched by the Oxford University Press: Research Encyclopedia of Business and Management.

Dr. Long has served as an Executive Committee member for the Courseware in Context Framework, a national initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by Tyton Partners. She also serves on the board of HBCUgrow, a consortium of people dedicated to helping HBCUs grow enrollment and alumni giving, and tackle the changing landscape of marketing challenges. She is a sought after speaker and thought leader on innovation in academic affairs and administration using 21st Century technologies, adult learning and degree completion and certificate and credentialing programs especially at minority serving and historically black colleges and universities.

Most recently, Dr. Long served as steering committee chairperson for an illustrious and historic sold out, two day virtual HBCU Action Nation Town Hall event held on May 14-15, 2020 on the Effects of COVID-19 on HBCUs.



PHILANTHROPY AWARD GWYNDOLYN COLLINS SAUER

Gwyndolyn Collins Sauer was born in Hayneville, AL, and grew up in the small farming community of Calhoun in rural Lowndes County on the family's farm. She is one of 13 children.

She received her primary and secondary education in Calhoun, AL, and graduated with honors from Calhoun High School.

Her family studied Bible lessons received from the Voice of Prophecy radio and became Seventh-day Adventists. A Message Magazine article mentioned Oakwood College as a place to study with others of like faith. Gwyn requested information from the College and completed the application and was accepted as a student in the work-study program.

Gwyndolyn graduated from Oakwood with a B.S. degree in Home Economics in the spring of 1959. She married John S. Collins and then returned to Oakwood in that fall as a part-time instructor in the Home Economics department. In the fall of 1962 she was asked to assume the duties of Dean of Women in Peterson Hall while Ms. Trula Wade was on educational leave.

She and John are the parents of three daughters, Carmen Collins Cole, Yvonne Collins, and Cheryl Collins all of whom are Oakwood Alumnae.

Gwyndolyn is an active supporter of Oakwood, and has served in the local Alumni Chapter in the capacity of secretary, scholarship committee member, program committee member, vice president, and president. Her most recent position was Regional Vice President of the National Alumni Association representing the great Pacific Union Region.



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BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL SCIENCES

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

EDUCATION

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◇ Dean of School

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** Continuous Appointment

REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart!
Rejoice give thanks and sing
Your festal banner wave on high
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Rejoice give thanks and sing!

2. With voice as full and strong
As ocean surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Rejoice give thanks and sing!

LADIES

3. With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth

MEN

Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.

ALL

Rejoice, Rejoice! Rejoice give thanks and sing!

CHOIR

4. At last the march shall end
The wearied ones shall rest
The pilgrims reach their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice give thanks and sing!

Rejoice Give Thanks and Sing!

ALL

5. Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
One God forever more.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice give thanks and sing!
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice give thanks and sing!

Rejoice give thanks and sing!

Amen

COME THOU FOUNT

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

THE ACADEMIC COSTUME



The American Council on Education, through cooperation of its institutional members, has established the Academic Costume Code, which has been adopted almost completely by institutions of higher learning in this country. The following information is provided for the benefit of visitors to academic ceremonies at Oakwood University.

THE GOWN

Bachelor

Black, full cut with long pointed sleeves.

Master

Black, long or short sleeves with arc shaped panel extended for each sleeve.

Doctor

Black, with velvet panels on front of gown and three velvet bars on each sleeve. Color of the velvet may be black or distinctive of the field of study.

THE HOOD

Bachelor

Three feet in length with a two-inch wide velvet.

Master

Three and one-half feet in length with a three-inch wide velvet.

Doctor

Four feet in length with five-inch wide velvet and panel at the sides.

The lining of all hoods, which is folded out, bears the official colors of the institution from which the degree was received. The color of the velvet on all hoods indicates the field of study.

THE CAP AND TASSEL

Candidates for degree at Oakwood University wear the black mortar board with a tassel, the color of which is distinctive of the degree being received. The fields being traditionally indicated by the color of the tassel are as follows:

Agriculture.....	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Commerce, Accounting, Business	Drab
Dentistry.....	Lilac
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Family Consumer Science.....	Maroon
General Studies.....	Silver
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Optometry.....	Sea-foam Green
Oratory (Speech).....	Silvery Gray
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration, including Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work.....	Citron
Theology.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Medicine.....	Gray

THE KENTE SHAWL

The use of the kente cloth, worn with academic regalia, adds more than dramatic color; this represents historic perceptions. These weavings are in authentic patterns from Africa.

Niara Sudarkasa, Ph.D., an African American anthropologist, lived for some time in West Africa. When she returned to the U.S., she determined to "affirm her association" with the great African continent. She did this by changing her first name and by replacing the traditional velvet bands on her doctoral gown and the band on her cap with the dramatic Kente.

Dr. Sudarkasa and other scholars have promoted the use of Kente in the academic arena. Often, professors of African-American studies distribute Kente shawls to their students as they approach graduation. Successful completion of courses that feature African, Black and Caribbean culture and contributions are commemorated by this "token of passage."

During our ceremonies, authentic stair-step patterns are seen in the original red, gold, green and black, as well as in Oakwood's colors of blue and gold. There are weavings of the Cross, or of the curved stools of Ghana, symbolizing the seat of wisdom. Though shawls are woven in many colors, some including gold, silver and copper threads, they all usually come to a fringe a both ends.

Whatever the style, the Kente shawls are worn with grace and pride at Oakwood University.



THE OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY SEAL

Turner Battle, class of 1950, designed the official seal for Oakwood College during the presidency of Frank L. Peterson, who asked: “What is the meaning of the scroll, pen, and torch?”

The seal contains elements that give legitimacy and authority to Oakwood because they present to the world the mission of the church, the college and its students. The three symbols serve as motifs to convey Oakwood University as an institution where young men and women secure a religious education.

Oakwood University, at the time Oakwood College, is at the top perimeter of the seal. The lower part has Huntsville, Alabama. The founding date, 1896, is divided on each side of the flambeau to symbolize the separation of Negroes and whites when the college was founded. The scroll in the background is covered by a quill pen made from the hollow spine of a feather. The flambeau is super imposed on the quill and Torah.

The Torah, the oldest symbol, represents original Hebrew Scripture that contains the first divine laws. This compilation of knowledge allows individuals to find guidance as they pursue fundamental questions concerning God, man, and salvation, and reminds students that God is present and is actively at work outlining His great plan for the redemption of man.

The quill represents Mrs. Ellen G. White and her ministry to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The quill also suggests the foundation for educational principles that outlined the final course of salvation for God’s people and the world. Mrs. White’s pen provided the impetus for the establishment of Oakwood.

The glowing flambeau depicts wisdom, knowledge, and education that portray a beacon of light and guidance while it prepares the mind, character, and religious conviction for this life and finally eternity. The mission of students is to continue carrying it as devoted followers of the Savior who are on their mission of spreading the gospel to the “four corners of the earth.”

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ALMA MATER

(Oakwood University Song)

Words and Music
O.B.Edwards

Arr. by H.L. Anthony

Majestic

Our dear Oak-wood with - in whose vale Thy stan-dards will not fail; Our hearts are filled with won-drous cheer when

thoughts of thee draw near. We love thy pines, thy elms, thy oaks, and cam-pus al-ways green. Thy man-y flow'rs and

Chorus *a tempo*

dis-tant mounts form one im-pres-sive scene. To thee our dear Oak - wood, to thee we shall ev - er sing. For

resoluto

de-cades thou hast stood, thy name should ev-er ring. Here we've spent our hap-py days, so we love to sing thy

a tempo

praise; and wher - ev - er we may be, we'll al - ways be true to thee, Oak-wood U - ni - ver - si - ty.



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