



Summer Commencement 2021

August 6 - 7 • Hattiesburg, Mississippi

August 9 • Baton Rouge, Louisiana



WILLIAM CAREY

UNIVERSITY



MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christian university which embraces its Baptist heritage and namesake, William Carey University provides quality educational programs, within a caring Christian academic community, which challenge the individual student to excel in scholarship, leadership, and service in a diverse global society.

VISION

William Carey University is a community of learners which seeks to blend faith and learning with living. Within this unique nurturing and challenging environment, students prepare to fulfill their diverse callings in the larger global community.

THE CAREY CREED

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”

Commencement Ceremonies ~ August 2021

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CEREMONY 1 ~ AUGUST 6 • 6:00 p.m.

THE PRELUDE *Thanks Be to God* G. F. HANDEL
Wes Cameron, Assistant Professor of Music — organist

*THE PROCESSIONAL *Triumphal Processional*..... WES CAMERON
Mr. Cameron

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Executive Vice President

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Associate Provost

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CEREMONY 1
GRADUATING CLASS OF AUGUST 2021
School of Education

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

James A. McGee

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Bobby Lee Banks, Jr.

Kelli Grimsley Brown

Melissa Ann Breland Bufkin

Cathy Baxter Gonzalez

Carrie Hammond

Lisa G. Hebert

Brandy Waltman Kopszywa

Kim Michelle Krankey LaFontaine

Ardella Marie Mack

Sheila McKay

John Roy Moran III

Woodrow Price, III

Traci M. Sullivan

Regrick Allen Young

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Shawna Shantel Abney
Kristy Geary Alspaugh
Mary Melinda Owens Anderson
Hannah Elaine Gadd Ardrey
Toyia Arin Missy Bell Barham
Brittany Leigh Brown
Philece LaTrelle Brown
Vanessa Estella Brown
Kameron Burnham
Adrian Ferreira Cabado
Mari Megan Case
Porusha Craft
Blair Delynn Crigler
Glenisha Louise Cunningham
Lisa Gardner Dale
Amanda DeLane Danzey
Shayla Dedeaux
Laura Latham DeLaune
Jakob Easterling
Cynthia Lynn Edmonds
Lauren Douglas Farrar
Angel Marie Fleming
Christy Ann Kirkendoll Forrest
Candace L. Foster
Susanah Vaughan Godard
Adarius Haralson
Mashayla Chauntell Harper
Haley Harrison
Rachel Brewer Higdon
Shelly Jo Holland
Thomas B. Holmes III
Nedra Ann Hosey
Shasta Renae Husband
Patty Amason Jackson
Katie Harvey Johnson
Shawana Lewis Johnson
Victoria Renee Johnson
Kendra McGee Jones
Russell Demond Jones
Courtney Ladner
Rosemary Lampley

Geneva Vicole Lee
Rebekah Mayfield
Letischa McDyess
Santrella B. Miller
Dana Mims
Sharon Nicole Murray
Jalesa Nickson
Jasmine Simone Page
Jacqueline A. Patrick
Quintavious V. Phillips
Kylan Armani Pollard
Joe B. Raymond III
Pierce Douglas Reid III
Kelleigh Reynolds
Jarred Wayne Rogers
Christine Nguyen Salminen
Amie Lynn Sins
Amie Nicole Smothers
Jada Speed
Kari Raye Stewart
Blaine Stiger
Carmen Taylor
Sherleen D. Thibodeaux
Jessica S. Thomas
Eric Lamont Thurman
Megan Ann Tolbert
Crystal Lachelle Tucker
Jennifer Christine Tynes
Dawn M. Watts
Alisa Brooke Westbrook
Jeremy Charles Williams
Peggy J. Hirschey Williams

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Sherlie S. Andrews
Sandra Lea Anthony
Jasmine Deprisha Applewhite
Kimberly Wiese Balli
Teresa R. Belton
Regina Michelle Blackledge
Jordan Blackmon
Jessica Bourgeois
Margaret Bowman
Bruce Holmes Brady, III
Sharron Renee' Brewer
William K. Bridges, Jr.
Lisa J. Brooks
Brittney Nicole Clegg
Kasey Cockrum
Lauren Mabile Coddling
Chance Colton Collins
William Donald Collins III
Anna Grace Cooley
Bailey J. Cuevas
Xavier De Vreese
Valarie Denise Dismuke
Coretta Denise Duckworth
Dianna Jeannette Dunn
Mandell Laron Echols
Elizabeth Hopkins Ellzey
Helen H. Facella
Christine Ann Field
Andrew Mark Franklin
Shaella Freeman
Thomas L. Gipson
Lauren Elizabeth Grantham
Chantal Graves
Jessica C. Gregg
Alexander Stephen Gullett
Misty Lee Haarala
Taylor Haralson
Hannah Hathorn
Ahmena C. Haynes
Michelle Harden Henderson
Shayla E. Hill

Jerry F. Hodges
Kimberly Keterell Husband
Zaria Antoinette Husband
Gina Dawn Ingram
Lester James Jackson Jr.
Sadora Michelle Jarvis
Jamarri Johnson
Sara Beth Kelly
Monica Shae Keyes
William James Kosachook II
Christine Kugelmann Dyer
Amanda Ladner
Hannah Lawler
Amy Lister
William Joseph Lofton
Timber Josi Lott
Logan Dawn Lovdahl
Amy Mabry
Lakimbereta Mallory
Keith McQueen
Barbara Lucille McVeay
Taylor Meyers-Rock
Tony Allen Neal
Guilherme Oliveira de Avila Terra
Hanna Ott
Jessie Parker
Autumn Lusk Parrish
Juan Pablo Pinilla Pulido
Kelsie Pineda Poole
Sean Anthony Pounds
Schatorious Redmon
Kayla-Elizabeth Victoria Robichaux
Alexandria Lauren Robinson
Lara Kelly Robinson
Hugo Alexandre Henri Robuchon
Adam Rowell
Savannah Elaine Saucier
Stephanie Renee Scott
Charles Barham Shearer, Jr.
Candace Smith
Cindy Raulerson Stork

Master of Education, continued

Fredrick Dewayne Strickland Jr.
Markesha L. Strong
Hailey Vierling
Julie Ann Wall
Jamie Weathersby
Tyler Victoria West
Hailee Keaton Williams
Kyla Versiga Young
LeighAnna B. Zugg
Eduardo Zurita

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ashley Marie Wesley

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Nancy Rachell Brashier
Larissa R. Alves Caldas
Brianna Noelle Davis
Ignacio Palacio de Inza
Antonio Dillon
Michael Connor Ellis
Magnolia Keller
Tatyana De'Arielle Lewis
Joshua Meisner
Stephen Allen Perry
Jace C. Peters
Amber Reaver
Ana Paula Silva Santos
JaQuan Drew Thomas

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Asia Herrington Bolton
Taylor McCarter Harvison

CEREMONY 2 ~ AUGUST 7 • 9:00 a.m.

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GRADUATING CLASS OF AUGUST 2021

William K. Ray College of Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Lewis Steel Bateman
Makayla LeAnn Bavido
Angela Larke Bickham
Taylor Mackenzie Braddock
Cody Lee Broom
Kelbe Christine Callaway
Jordan Nicole Mertens Claverie
Jameka Samone Davis
Dylan Blake Delancey
Eugena Roshell Grigsby
Kelsey BriAnna Hubbard
Richard Luke Kimmel
Amy Savannah Lyon
Robert Taylor McSwain
Justin Nathaniel Miller
Abbie Lynn Morgan
Joseph James Patterson
Wyatt Stephen Popovich
Peyton Leonard Quillen
Lacy Nicole Santana
Lauren Claire Simar
Jeremy Allan Sims
Elizabeth Carole Sudeiha
Haley Kristen Thomas
Lindsay Rachelle Dunaway Tomlin
Yilin Zhou

Ralph and Naomi Noonkester School of Arts and Letters

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alexis Grace Brown

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Hunter Lamar Carpenter

Connor McClain

Mary Heather Pilcher

Benedict Whalley

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Katie Beech

Jeffrey Holder

Cooper School of Missions and Ministry Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Robert Noah Cox

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kristin Briana Fennell

School of Business

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meg Magdalena Dolde
Lisa Lesina Faolotoi
Ariel Alyda Geldien
Nadine Geschke
Angela Rena Hawkins

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

Paula Patrece Barial
Christy Marie Johnsey
Zoe Elizabeth Miller
London Noel Perrault
Anna Swartzel Roche
Jaden LeeAnn Scott
Michael Peter White

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Trenita Lozenda Anderson
Amber Cooley
Ashley Christine Hardy

Donald and Frances Winters School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC

Adam Stanford

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Felicia Marie Bond

Albert Wilder Gunsch

Jamie Michelle Davis Howe

Colton Powell

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Rebecca Schmidt

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Morgan Ashley Wilson

School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Alice Abram
Alfreda Von Cook
Jennifer Glenn
Barbara V. Goodin
Savannah Scafide Harrison
Robert L. Jenkins
Natasha C. Miller

Brandon Oakes
Roshea Perkins Peyton
Kayleigh Morgan Shorter
Audia Gaye Sullivan-Fells
Akella R. White

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Lakendra Sadé Alexander
MacKenzie L. Clark
Stephanie Gordon
Abigail Joyleen Greer
Charayana Frenchasia Johnson
Jarquiez Lafield Johnson
Kelsea Johnston
Brittney Kitchens
Ashley Jeaney McClinton

Raja Raja Cholan Nittianandan, Jr.
Wijitbanjong Pakkaro
Aaron E. Payne
Jalen Rankin
Elijah Peter Rycroft
De'Ereka S. Shaheed
Jabez J. Taylor
Jamia La-Tay Walker

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Isaiah Charles Jones

CEREMONY 3 ~ AUGUST 7 • 11:00 a.m.

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William K. Ray College of Health Sciences

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Timeshia Barnes
Jeremy Lester Cummins
Stephen Elsenrath
Justina Merwin Lee
Chandani Amanda Seebalack
Gillian Elizabeth Tripp
David Michael Wray

Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

LaDana Badger	Devanand Lackraj
Kimberley M. Brownlee	Marina Martinez
Jennifer Wright Childress	Mitzie Rains Meyers
Donna Sue Everett	Patricia Ann Miller
Carolyn Senseney Fisher	Dara Jones Murray
Adele Louise Harrell	Kelli Ann Selvage
Leslie Gandy Harrington	Katherine McGough Smith
Katayoun Jalali	
LaShonda Jones	
Tabitha Jones-Thomas	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Angela Jill Burge
Ricky Raidell Floyd, II
Kelly T. Hollis
Sunya Denise Laws
Taylor Renee McMurtrey
Hannah Ashley Swartz
Nadezhda Tutyninac

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jessica J. Baham
Allyson Binninger
Whitney Amanda Brown
Alisha Christine Butler
Kimberlyn Clark
Cory A. Cooley
Savannah Corbitt
Jillian Brooke Cran
Destiny LaShea Cuevas
Christy Deakle
Ashton Delmarter
Deseren Dillon
Melissa B. Dionne
Lacey Dulaney
Lauren Dunn
Faith Nicole Gavin
Jason Edward Smith Gieger
Charles E. Gilbert Jr.
Kelly Graves
Abigail Joyleen Greer
Princess Keria-Abreail Greer
Aundrea Sheree Hales
Sarah Hawkins

Tanisha Jackson
Laura V. Jimenez Ortiz
April N. Kittrell
Tyler Tyrell Lewis
Crystal Locklar
Frankecha Macfie
Brandon Mazur
Jocelyn Cora Morris
Rebecca Victoria Nash
Kassandra Michelle Packard
Rebecca Butler Palmer
Thomas Pennell
Sarah N. Pinero
Colton Anthony Pittman
Courtney Sanders
Noel Smith
Sheryl Smith
Harlee Jo Stuart
Matthew K. Thigpen
Vivian Tran
Heather A. Vaughan

CEREMONY 4 ~ AUGUST 9 • 11:00 a.m.

THE PRELUDE

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*THE RECESSIONAL



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CEREMONY 4
GRADUATING CLASS OF AUGUST 2021

Baton Rouge Center

Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Joseph Arnette
Morgan Brown
Courtney Blair Clouatre
Ashlyn Collins
Sharon Connell
Emily Ann Cypel
Roxanne Denton
Maya M. Esteves
Brittany Marie Gates
Nicole Gollop
Tyriana Griffin-Nims
Victoria Johnson
Claire Saucier Langlois
Ryan McCutcheon
Christian Roberts
Angel Smith
Raegan Theriot
Monica Toups
Carly Varnado
Natasha Necole Winchester

THE MEDALLION

Since the Middle Ages the pectoral medallion has been a sign and symbol of power and authority. Worn by episcopal abbots, lords, and royal chancellors, medallions identified their bearers as men entrusted with the privileges and duties of government. As part of academic regalia, the medallion is the ceremonial mark of a college president's high position as the leader of a community of learning.

The William Carey University medallion was cast in 1990. In the center of the seal is a stylized rendering of the classical portico at the north entrance of Tatum Court, the university's administration building, which houses the office of the president. Circling the portico is the university's motto taken from the writings of the missionary William Carey: "Expect Great Things From God; Attempt Great Things For God." The outer circle bears the name "William Carey University" and the founding date, 1892.

THE MACE

The university ceremonial mace, commissioned in 2004, is carried by the grand marshal who heads the academic procession. The mace is a ceremonial insignia which dates back to antiquity. The top ellipse with the official university medallion and the staff are made of black walnut. The six-inch rectangle block between the ellipse and the staff is made from wood salvaged from the original columns of Tatum Court. Wood carvings and labels depicting the life of the university namesake, William Carey, appear on the four sides. The carved icons are a world globe with India in prominent relief (Carey as missionary); an open book (Carey as linguist); a pair of eighteenth century shoes (Carey as cobbler); and a vine (Carey as botanist).

ACADEMIC ROBES AND REGALIA

The pageantry and color of an academic convocation come from medieval times when academic robes and regalia were adapted from ecclesiastical garb. Most robes were black to symbolize the democracy of scholarship, since they cover any dress or rank of social standing worn beneath. Bachelors' gowns are cut with long pointed sleeves; masters' gowns feature closed slit sleeves, and doctors' gowns are full-cut with double-belled sleeves and bars of velvet trim. Some universities have authorized doctoral gowns in a single color representative of the institution.

The hood, originally a simple cowl attached to the gown, bears the heaviest symbolism of the academic costume. Its lining displays the colors of the institution which granted the degree, and the bordering color indicates the field of learning in which the degree was earned. The square cap, or mortarboard, originated in the 13th century at the University of Paris and came to England in Tudor times. Round caps originally were reserved for doctoral degree holders. Doctoral tassels are usually gold and other degrees are represented by black tassels. However, in recent years tassels have come to match the lining of the hood to indicate the field of learning.

