

**MIDDLE  
TENNESSEE**  
STATE UNIVERSITY.

*Commencement*

AUGUST 10, 2019



# The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

C Am E Am D G C



O say, can you see by the dawn's ear-ly light what so proud - ly we

7 G C Am E



hailed at the twi-light's last gleam - ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the

12 Am D G C G C



per - il - ous fight o'er the ram - parts we watched were so gal - lant - ly

17 G7



stream-ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, gave

22 C G C D G C F A7



proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star - spang - l'd

28 Dm G C Am D C G7 C



ban - ner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

# Summer Commencement

107th ACADEMIC YEAR

**Saturday, August 10, 2019**

10:00 a.m.

Murphy Athletic Center, Middle Tennessee State University  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee



*Middle Tennessee State University has graduated 145,219 students since its inception in 1911. These students have received associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Our first Doctor of Arts degrees were conferred on December 22, 1972, the first Educational Specialist degrees on December 20, 1974, the first Doctor of Philosophy degrees on May 10, 2003, and the first Doctor of Education degrees on August 6, 2016. There have been 399 Doctor of Arts degrees, 1,897 Educational Specialist degrees, 329 Doctor of Philosophy degrees, and 23 Doctor of Education degrees awarded.*



# Program

Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar

*Audience, please remain standing for the processional,  
presentation of colors, singing of the National Anthem, and moment of silence.  
Men, please remove hats for the singing of the National Anthem and the moment of silence.*

Presentation of Colors.....ROTC Cadet Color Guard

National Anthem

Moment of Silence

Presiding.....Dr. Sidney A. McPhee  
*President*

Commencement Address.....Dr. Pippa E. Holloway  
*2018–19 Faculty Senate President*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees .....Dr. Mark Byrnes  
*University Provost*

Conferring of Degrees.....Dr. Sidney A. McPhee  
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Alma Mater.....Nathaniel C. Paul  
*2019 Graduate, School of Music*

Retirement of Colors.....ROTC Cadet Color Guard

*Recessional: "Hornpipe" from Water Music by G. F. Handel  
Audience, please remain standing until the procession has left the arena floor.*

Organist.....Mr. Windell Little

Announcing the Graduates.....Ms. Kristi Shamburger  
*Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance*

Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall  
*Associate Professor, School of Music*

Assisting with Diplomas.....Ms. Sherry Preston  
*Legal Assistant, Office of the University Counsel*

**Commencement Marshal**

Dr. Laurie Witherow  
*Associate Vice Provost for  
Admissions and Enrollment Services*

**Heralds**

Ms. Yvonne Elliott, Ms. Anne Ford, Dr. Tyler Henson,  
Ms. Allison McGoffin, and Ms. Pat Thomas

**Faculty Marshals**

Ms. Darlene Fults and Ms. Tara Hollins

**Interpreter**

Ms. Jaclyn Kollar  
*Bridges for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

***Commercial photographers will photograph each diploma presentation. These pictures will be available to graduates for purchase. No additional photography will be allowed on the floor of Murphy Center.***

# *Platform Party*

## *Saturday, August 10, 2019*

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee  
*President*

Dr. Mark Byrnes  
*University Provost*

Dr. Pippa E. Holloway  
*2018–19 Faculty Senate President*

Mr. Alan Thomas  
*Vice President for Business and Finance*

Mr. William J. Bales  
*Vice President for University  
Advancement*

Mr. Bruce Petryshak  
*Vice President for Information  
Technology and Chief  
Information Officer*

Dr. Debra K. Sells  
*Vice President for Student Affairs  
and Vice Provost for Enrollment  
and Academic Services*

Mr. Andrew Oppmann  
*Vice President for Marketing  
and Communications*

Dr. Cheryl B. Torsney  
*Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs*

Dr. David L. Butler  
*Vice Provost for Research and  
Dean, College of Graduate Studies*

Dr. Richard Sluder  
*Vice Provost for Student Success and  
Dean, University College*

Dr. Robert Fischer  
*Dean, College of Basic and  
Applied Sciences*

Dr. Harold Whiteside  
*Dean, College of Behavioral  
and Health Sciences*

Dr. David Urban  
*Dean, Jones College of Business*

Dr. Lana Seivers  
*Dean, College of Education*

Dr. Karen Petersen  
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts*

Dr. Zeny Panol  
*Interim Dean, College of Media  
and Entertainment*

Dr. John R. Vile  
*Dean, University Honors College*

Dr. Jason Martin  
*Interim Dean, James E. Walker Library*

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## *Alumni Association President*

On behalf of the Middle Tennessee State University National Alumni Association, I congratulate you on joining a very special group. With today's ceremony, you move from being a student to joining more than 140,000 MTSU alumni. As an alum, you are a vital part of the Middle Tennessee State University family. We count on you to represent us to this nation and the world. We hope that your experiences as a student will serve you well in the future.

Always be proud of your alma mater and stay connected to your University. To be involved in the Alumni Association, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit [mtalumni.com](http://mtalumni.com). Welcome to the future and to your National Alumni Association.

Shawn Johnson ('93)  
President, MTSU National Alumni Association Board, 2019–20

# Commencement Speaker

Saturday, August 10, 2019

**Dr. Pippa E. Holloway**  
**2018–19 Faculty Senate President**  
**Professor, Department of History**



Dr. Pippa E. Holloway is a professor of History. She received a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina–Greensboro, and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Since coming to MTSU in 1999, she has taught graduate classes in 19th-century history, LGBT history, and historical research methods. She also teaches U.S. History II as part of the General Education program. Holloway was president of the MTSU Faculty Senate for the 2018–19 academic year and is currently president of the Tennessee University Faculty Senates, which represents faculty senates across the state. She also serves on the Committee on College and University Governance for the American Association of University Professors.

Holloway’s research focuses on legal and political culture. She is the author of *Living In Infamy: Felon Disfranchisement and the History of American Citizenship* (Oxford University Press, 2013), which was funded in part by a Soros Justice Fellowship from the Open Society Foundations. She is also the author of *Sexuality, Politics, and Social Control in Virginia, 1920–1945* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006), which won the Willie Lee Rose Prize from the Southern Association for Women Historians. Her work on the history of felon disfranchisement has been cited in numerous court cases and legal briefs. Holloway’s most recent article, “Testimonial Incapacity and Criminal Defendants in the South,” appeared in *Crime and Punishment in the Jim Crow South*, published by the University of Illinois Press (2019). She is currently writing a book on the history of barriers to witness testimony in American courts.



# Mace and Chain of Office

Originally a medieval knight's weapon, the mace evolved into a symbol of royal scepters in various crown jewel collections. Large versions of the scepter have come to represent the power and authority of institutions such as our University. The mace measures 50 inches in length and is made of Tennessee cherry wood embellished with sterling silver and lapis lazuli. The Tennessee flower, the iris, denotes the public the University serves who, by their loyalty, give it strength and power. The leaves form a crown to symbolize the ennobling achievements of our graduates. Tennessee freshwater pearls, the official state gem, suggest the inestimable value of inquiring minds. The streamer on the wooden shaft carries the names by which the University has been known since its founding. The finial at the base of the mace is a stylized nut, representing the seed from which springs the mighty tree of those committed to lifelong learning.

The chain of office worn by the president is made of sterling silver. The lapis lazuli gems, mounted on scroll shapes, represent the colleges within the University. The knotted components depict the interdependence of knowledge and the various academic programs of MTSU. The lapis lazuli and sterling represent the University colors of blue and white. The Great Seal of the State of Tennessee embellishes the medallion suspended from the chain, representing the University as part of the Tennessee higher education system.

These unique emblems of authority were designed and crafted by Professor Klaus Kallenberger, formerly of the Art Department. The mace and chain of office are a generous gift to the University from the MTSU Foundation.

## MACE BEARER

**Dr. Deanna Little** has served since 2001 as professor in the School of Music, where she teaches applied flute, flute pedagogy, and chamber music. She received the MTSU Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award in 2017–18. She holds D.M. and M.M. degrees from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music and a B.M.E. from the University of Northern Iowa.

Little has performed as a soloist, master class clinician, chamber musician, and flute ensemble director throughout the United States, Canada, Central and South America, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and the Netherlands. She is a member of the Stones River Chamber Players, performs with the Nashville Opera and Murfreesboro Symphony, and is a frequent substitute with the Nashville Symphony. Currently, she holds the position of Collegiate Flute Choir competition coordinator for the National Flute Association (NFA). Little is a past president of the Mid-South Flute Society and served as the local arrangements coordinator for the NFA Convention in Nashville in 2004.

Little has been successful in several competitions, such as the National Flute Association's Young Artist, Myrna Brown, New York Concert Artists Guild, and the Des Moines Symphony Young Artist events. Her first CD, *Diamonds Uncovered*, was released in 2009, and her new CD, *Inspirations from Tennessee: The Dolly Project*, was released in July. During the summer, Little teaches on the faculty of the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts. She was a student of Angeleita Floyd, Kate Lukas, Peter Lloyd, Trevor Wye, and Jim Scott. Little is an Altus Artist.

# Academic Regalia

The black gowns and colorful hoods traditionally worn in Middle Tennessee State University commencement ceremonies have their origins in the Middle Ages.

A statute in England in 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” wear gowns. In the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. Scholars were often clerics as well, and they adopted costumes similar to those of monastic orders. While the special attire covered rank or social status, thus lending a uniform look to ceremonies, it also served another purpose: warmth in drafty, unheated buildings.

As the universities began to pass from the control of the church, colors often were added to the somber robes and hoods, eventually signifying the degree and specialization.

The cut of the gown, which is usually black, also varies with the degree held—pointed sleeves for the bachelor’s degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit in the arm for the master’s degree; and round, open sleeves for the doctoral degree. While the bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no ornamentation, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet bars across the sleeves.

At Middle Tennessee, hoods are worn by holders of the master’s and doctoral degrees, with the latter being longer. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the university that conferred the degree; thus holders of degrees from MTSU wear hoods lined in blue and white. The velvet edging on the hood, and often the velvet edging on the gown, represents the candidate’s major academic field. Further, the velvet bars on the sleeves may be either black or the same color as the discipline color of the hood. Colors associated with various subjects follow:

**Agriculture** - Maize  
**Arts, Letters, Humanities** - White  
**Commerce, Accountancy, Business** - Drab  
**Criminal Justice** - Midnight Blue  
**Economics** - Copper  
**Education** - Light Blue  
**Fine Arts** - Brown  
**Home Economics** - Maroon  
**Journalism** - Crimson  
**Law** - Purple

**Library Science** - Lemon  
**Music** - Pink  
**Nursing** - Apricot  
**Oratory (Speech)** - Silver Gray  
**Philosophy** - Dark Blue  
**Physical Education** - Sage Green  
**Science** - Golden Yellow  
**Social Work** - Citrine

The black cap, either a mortarboard or a tam, is customarily worn. There is no general rule for the position of the tassel. In practice at Middle Tennessee State University, the tassel is worn on the right. It may be shifted to the left after the degree is awarded. Men may remove their caps during prayer, the playing of the alma mater, and the commencement address.

Undergraduate honor graduates are distinguished by the stoles added to their gowns: gold for those graduating *summa cum laude*, 3.90 to 4.0 (overall grade point average); silver for *magna cum laude*, 3.75 to 3.89; and white for *cum laude*, 3.50 to 3.74. Graduates with University Honors wear blue and white cords and have completed at least 31 hours with a 3.25 average in the Honors program, a curriculum of special classes designed for superior students. Those who have maintained a minimum average of 3.65 in the Honors program are graduating with Distinction in University Honors. Honor graduates and persons graduating with University Honors, along with those who have been commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army, are listed in this program after the degree recipients.

Some academic honor societies and programs may provide cords, ribbons, medallions, or lapel pins designating the achievement and involvement of their members.

Since 1993, graduates of the University Honors College have received the official Honors medallion in recognition of their final thesis defense and completion of special requirements of the college. The medallion is a replica of the official seal of the University Honors College and depicts a lighted torch, three Ionic columns, and a lightning bolt. Respectively, these symbolize the search for truth and knowledge, the stability and unwavering commitment to pursuing knowledge, and the flash of enlightenment or creative energy.

Military veteran students are distinguished by specially designed red stoles and red, white, and blue cords in recognition of their admirable service to their country.

Experiential Learning Scholars are distinguished by blue, silver, and white cords. These scholars completed EXL-designated hands-on learning courses, an off-campus service activity, an on-campus service activity, and a portfolio of reflections on their EXL activities. The EXL program provides students with opportunities for hands-on experience, valuable networking, and an opportunity to explore career paths through real-world experience.

MT Engage Scholars are distinguished by royal blue, white, and gold cords. These students completed MT Engage-designated courses that promote active learning and integrated their learning by reflecting on connections across disciplines and between their academic and cocurricular experiences. MT Engage students showcased their integrative learning in an

ePortfolio that documented their community and campus involvement as well as the academic knowledge and skills they gained during their time at MTSU.

International students may wear colorful sashes that represent their country of origin. Each sash symbolizes, in color and design, their country's flag.

Most American colleges and universities have adopted a uniform code. However, at any academic gathering, costumes often are worn that are not described by these guidelines. Some of these may be from foreign universities, with others from American institutions that have preferred to remain with the European tradition of allowing each school to determine its own costume. Silver medallions worn by faculty denote 15 years of service, and gold medallions represent 25 years.

## *Academic Banners*

The banners carried and displayed at commencement represent the University; its nine colleges (Basic and Applied Sciences, Behavioral and Health Sciences, Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Media and Entertainment, Graduate Studies, University College, and University Honors); Walker Library; and the Faculty Senate. Art Professor Janet Higgins, her student Kristi Baughman, and Darrell Callis Burks, designer in Creative Marketing Solutions and 2000 B.F.A. graduate, designed and executed the banners. The colors used in each banner represent disciplines within the colleges. The University seal appears in the center of each banner, symbolizing that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

### **BANNER CARRIERS**

#### **College of Basic and Applied Sciences**

**Dr. Medha Sarkar** earned her B.S. degree in Computer Science and Master of Computer Applications (M.C.A) from Sardar Patel University, India, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Queen's University, Canada. At MTSU, Sarkar teaches software engineering. Her research is primarily focused on the applications of software engineering for designing and developing human-computer interaction (HCI) systems. She collaborates with the School of Engineering at Vanderbilt University and the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Human Development on various projects concerning HCI systems for clinical applications. Some of these projects are

concerned with the design and development of novel robotic and virtual reality systems for human-robot and human-computer interactions. The application areas for this research are in autism, schizophrenia, and dementia interventions, although the overall goal is to improve our understanding in broad areas of human-robot and human-computer interactions.

#### **College of Behavioral and Health Sciences**

**Dr. Vaughn W. Barry** is an associate professor in Exercise Science. He received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 2011, studying the health aspect of physical activity. In 2007, he earned his master's from Ball State University, focusing on Clinical Exercise Physiology. He earned his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science in 2005 from Brigham Young University. Barry's research focuses on maintaining and improving overall health by assessing and improving sedentary behaviors and physical activity levels in clinical, healthy adult, and older adult populations. Currently, he is working with local aging facilities to help maintain or improve functional ability and physical activity in older adults.

#### **Jennings A. Jones College of Business**

**Dr. Greg Nagel** is the recipient of the 2018 Bridgestone Americas Distinguished Lecturer Award and the Bob Womack Distinguished Faculty Award. He strives to create a classroom where every student enjoys learning

about the real world. His research has been cited by the Council of Institutional Investors, the Federal Reserve, *Harvard Business Review*, and the *New York Times*. Previously, Nagel led global teams at General Motors and was recognized for fundamental contributions to engineering by global engineering societies. His Ph.D. in Finance is from Florida State University. He teaches M.B.A. and undergraduate Finance classes. Nagel's research interests include CEO pay, firm performance, and corporate governance. Previously, he worked as a development engineer at General Motors.

## College of Education

**Dr. Frank Lambert** has served as an assistant professor for the Master of Library Science (M.L.S.) program in the Womack Educational Leadership Department, College of Education, since 2016 and as the program coordinator of the M.L.S. program since 2017. He earned his undergraduate (Honors B.A., History, and minor in Political Science) and graduate (master's and Ph.D. in Library and Information Science) degrees from the University of Western Ontario (UWO), London, Ontario. Before coming to MTSU, Lambert served as an assistant professor at Kent State University's School of Library and Information Science and UWO's faculty of Information and Media Studies. He has published and presented his research in national and international scholarly journals and at conferences. His research foci include community informatics, information organization, information literacy, and informetrics (the study of the quantitative phenomena of information). Lambert teaches graduate courses in research methods and statistics at the master's and doctoral levels and information organization, community informatics, and information technology at the master's level. In addition to his service to MTSU through his work on various department and University committees, he serves his community as a trustee on the boards of both the Rutherford County Library Systems and the Stones River Regional Library. He also presents workshops on working with resource description and access for Tennessee cataloging librarians and library technicians across the state.

## Faculty Senate

**Dr. Justin Gardner**, who holds a Ph.D. in Agriculture and Consumer Economics from the University of Illinois, started his career at MTSU in 2007. In addition to serving as Faculty Senate president, he is currently an associate professor of Agribusiness in the School of Agriculture, where he teaches a wide variety of classes covering topics such as agricultural finance, policy, international trade, economics, commodity futures markets, cooperatives, agribusiness management, and value-added agriculture. His research interests include diverse

topics such as the economic and environmental impacts of genetically modified crops, and student success in online classes. Gardner serves as an ex-officio board member of the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives.

## College of Graduate Studies

**Dr. V. Nikki Jones** is an assistant professor of Social Work and the B.S.W. program coordinator. She received a B.S. and an M.P.A. from the University of Tennessee–Chattanooga, an M.S. in Social Work from the University of Louisville, and a Doctor of Social Work from the University of Tennessee. Jones teaches undergraduate and graduate students and is the faculty advisor for the Theta Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society. Jones, a licensed clinical social worker and licensed couple and family therapist, worked in private practice in Louisville, Kentucky. Areas of specialization include social (minority) stress, sleep disparity, and attachment and codependency. She has published and presented on sleep disparity, LGBT youth, intersectionality and microaggressions, and minority stress. Jones's research interests are social determinants of sleep disparity among non-majority groups and culturally aware practice.

## College of Liberal Arts

**Dr. Mary Beth Asbury** is an associate professor of Communication Studies. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia (B.A., Speech Communication and Political Science), University of Tennessee (M.S., Communication Studies), and University of Kansas (Ph.D., Communication Studies). Her research focuses on communication processes in health and interpersonal communication, specifically in the areas of weight stigma and body image. Asbury has published research regarding family communication patterns and the development of weight stigma, as well as research regarding how and when weight stigma occurs in the context of dating. Currently, she is working on studies that involve 3-dimensional body scanning and its effects on communication. At MTSU, Asbury teaches classes in interpersonal communication, health communication, and organizational communication.

## College of Media and Entertainment

**Dr. Joseph Akins** is a professor in the Department of Recording Industry and a member of the graduate faculty. He primarily teaches courses in the audio production area on topics such as MIDI, sound synthesis, sequencing, film scoring, and DIY promotion. Akins specializes in using analog synthesizers, piano, and virtual instruments to compose and record music. He performs and promotes his music and has written textbooks on MIDI production and synthesizer programming. He also has established partnerships with

synth manufacturers such as Moog Music and Dave Smith Instruments. Akins has been an active composer and keyboard player most of his life. Since 1997, he has released eight albums of original instrumental music. These albums have received favorable reviews, charting, awards and extensive airplay on Pandora (reaching 100 million streams), Music Choice, and Sirius/XM. Akins has performed with numerous bands and artists, including John Conlee, Lamont Dozier, David Lanz, Liz Story, and Seay. Akins earned two Bachelor of Music degrees from the University of Tennessee (Electronic Music Composition and Studio/Jazz Music), an M.A. in Music from Radford University, an Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from Middle Tennessee State University, and an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Tennessee State University. As a faculty member at MTSU, he has been awarded an Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award and a Distinguished Creative Activity Award.

## University Honors College

**Dr. Robert B. Layne II** is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies. Having earned his Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Utah, Layne researches intersections of health and organizational communication impacting marginalized populations. Most recently, he has been studying the organizational and gender dynamics of the new female troops formed by Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America). Layne has frequently been invited to give guest lectures related to patient-provider communication, genetic testing communication, methods in organizational analysis, and forensics theory. In May, he was awarded Top Paper in Organizational Communication from the International Communication Association for "Becoming an Organization: Ambiguity as a Catalyst to Communicative Constitution Flow Patterns." The paper examines a National Institutes of Health research organization and contributes to a discussion concerning the extension of the four-flows model of organizing. Since 2018, Layne has been a faculty member for the University Honors College, teaching fundamentals of communication to Honors students.

## University College

**Dr. Christina M. Cobb**, an assistant professor of Mathematics in the University Studies Department, is starting her ninth year of service at MTSU. Previously, she taught middle school mathematics in Metro Nashville Public Schools for three years. Cobb works to give all of her students the tools needed to be successful in her mathematics courses. Cobb has made several state and national presentations about innovative ways to teach mathematics effectively. Her enthusiasm and passion for the students she serves motivated her to seek funding to provide a Math Fun Night, where students participated in math games outside of the classroom in a relaxed environment. Recognized for her ability to involve students in the classroom, she was invited to participate in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' High Impact Practices Grant. Recently, Cobb was awarded a Student Engagement, Retention, and Success Grant, for which she will serve as co-principal investigator. Her contributions to the profession include serving as co-chair of the Mathematics Network for the National Organization for Student Success.

## James E. Walker Library

**Mr. Robert Wilson** is an assistant professor and a first-generation college graduate and MTSU alumnus ('08, '11). He received his Library and Information Science terminal degree from Drexel University in 2015. Wilson joined the faculty of James E Walker Library's Collection Development and Management Department in August 2018. Prior to coming to MTSU, he was associate librarian and head of Emerging Technologies and Systems at Bridgewater State University's Maxwell Library in Massachusetts, as well as senior implementation program manager at OCLC, a global library software and research cooperative based in Dublin, Ohio. Wilson's research interest and past work concern electronic resource access, discovery, and ease of use; emerging metadata; digital library technologies; open source library systems; data analytics and visualization for collection assessment, outreach, and student success; and infrastructure as a service in libraries.

*Saturday, August 10, 2019*

THE COLLEGE OF *Graduate Studies*  
*Doctor of Education*

**Michael Maximilian Ford**

M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University  
B.A., Middle Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: "Principal Impact on PLC as a 21st-Century School District Initiative"  
*Hooded by: Kevin Krahenbuhl and Christopher Marczak*

**Beverly Jane Miller**

M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University  
B.S., Belmont University  
Dissertation: "The Impact of Principal Leadership on Student Learning in 1:1 Environments"  
*Hooded by: Kevin Krahenbuhl*

**Laurie Ann Offutt**

Ed.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University  
B.A., Western Kentucky University  
Dissertation: "The Utilization of Instructional Coaches on the Impact of Student Achievement and Teacher Instructional Practices in Reading and Math in Grades Three through Eight"  
*Hooded by: Donald Snead*

*Doctor of Philosophy*

**Zahya Fawzi Ahmed**

M.A., University of Benghazi  
B.A., University of Benghazi  
Dissertation: "Impact of Gender and Linguistic Background on English Language Art Test: Differential Item Functioning"  
*Hooded by: Jwa Kim*

**Huda Khalid Al-Rammah**

M.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
B.A., King Faisal University  
Dissertation: "Workflow Scheduling and Optimization for Big Data Sciences in Distributed Network Environments"  
*Hooded by: Yi Gu*

**Majed Alenezi**

M.A., University of Sheffield  
B.A., King Saud University  
Dissertation: "Shifting Paradigms of Postcolonial Theory: Internal Concerns of Post-000 Anglophone Arab Fiction"  
*Hooded by: Laura White*

**Ali Reda Eid Ali**

M.S., Benha University  
B.S., Benha University  
Dissertation: "Genome-Wide Analysis of Genes Affecting Muscle Growth, Fillet Quality, and Disease Resistance In Rainbow Trout"  
*Hooded by: Mohamed Salem*

**Penny Alison Carroll**

B.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: "A Science Faculty Motivation Analysis to Adopt Evidence-Based Teaching"  
*Hooded by: Grant Gardner*

**Seokhee Cho**

M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University  
M.A., Seoul National University  
B.A., Duksung Women's University  
Dissertation: "Carving Out a Place in Children's Literature: American Authors of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Descent"  
*Hooded by: Martha Hixon*

**Victoria Marie Gay**

M.A., Middle Tennessee State University  
B.A., Middle Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: "Examining the Effectiveness of a Sentence-Combining Intervention on the Writing Quality of College Freshmen"  
*Hooded by: Eric L. Oslund*

**Rajarshi Ghosh**

M.S., University of West Florida  
B.T., West Bengal University of Technology  
Dissertation: "Plant Polysaccharides as Potential Bioactive Therapeutics: Novel Approaches Towards Production, Structural Characterization, Immunomodulation and Quality Control"  
*Hooded by: Anthony Farone*

**Kathryn Marie McClurkin**

M.A., Youngstown State University  
B.A., Youngstown State University  
Dissertation: "The Troubles and Beyond: Expanding the Narrative of Northern Ireland's Recent Past through Collecting, Interpretation, and Programming"  
*Hooded by: Mark Doyle*

**Karen Melissa McMahan**

M.Ed., Mississippi College  
B.S., Liberty University  
Dissertation: "Measurement Validation and Exploratory Research: Measuring Teachers' Code Knowledge and Its Association with Dyslexia Therapy Clinical Hours and Confidence to Teach Literacy"  
*Hooded by: Jwa Kim*

**Kelton David Mehls**

M.S., East Stroudsburg University  
B.S., Robert Morris University  
Dissertation: "Investigations of Optimal Loading during Resistance Training"  
*Hooded by: John Coons*

**Arpan Mukherjee Das**

B.S., University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
Dissertation: "Three Essays on Immigration Policy and Labor Markets in the U.S."  
*Hooded by: Stuart J. Fowler*

**Estrella Ravaoarivolazafy Ndrrianasy**

M.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
M.A., Middle Tennessee State University  
B.B.A., Lipscomb University  
Dissertation: "Essays on the Opioid Crisis: Naloxone Access Laws, Transition to Heroin, and Rural-Urban Disparities"  
*Hooded by: Charles L. Baum II*

**Matthew Loyd Spencer**

M.A., Eastern Kentucky University  
B.A., University of Kentucky  
Dissertation: "Without Borders: The Postnational Imagination in Contemporary Anglophone Literature and Culture"  
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# Alma Mater

words and music by Charles Douglas Williams (B.M. '54)

We sing thy prai - ses faith - ful guide of youth;

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Alma Mater'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'We sing thy prai - ses faith - ful guide of youth;'.

Through all the a - ges af - firmed and strong in truth.

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Through all the a - ges af - firmed and strong in truth.'

Al - ma Ma - ter Mid - dle Ten - nes - see

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Al - ma Ma - ter Mid - dle Ten - nes - see'.

We proud - ly of - fer our hearts in loy - al - ty.

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble clef, and the accompaniment concludes in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'We proud - ly of - fer our hearts in loy - al - ty.'

I AM *true*  
**BLUE**™