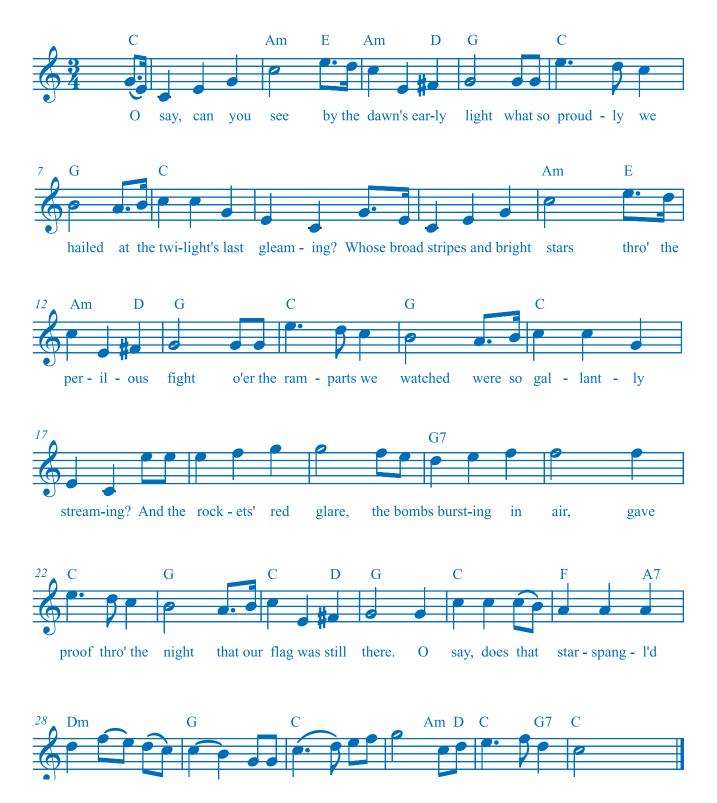


The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith



Fall Commencement

111th ACADEMIC YEAR

**Saturday, December 11, 2021** 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Murphy Athletic Center, Middle Tennessee State University Murfreesboro, Tennessee



Middle Tennessee State University has awarded 171,770 degrees since its inception in 1911. Students have received associate, 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 392 Doctor of Arts degrees, 2,204 Specialist in Education degrees, 509 Doctor of Philosophy degrees, and 46 Doctor of Education degrees awarded.





Audience, please remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem and a moment of silence. Men, please remove hats for the singing of the National Anthem and the moment of silence.

Prelude	Water Music by G.F. Handel
National Anthem	Dr. Will Perkins Assistant Professor, MTSU School of Music
Moment of Silence	
Presiding	Dr. Sidney A. McPhee President
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	Dr. Mark Byrnes University Provost
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Sidney A. McPhee Graduate student listing begins on page 10 Undergraduate student listing begins on page 19
Announcing the Graduates	
	Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall Interim Director, MTSU School of Music
Alma Mater	MTSU School of Music Seniors
Postlude	

#### **Mace Bearer**

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

### Heralds

Mr. Steven Byrd, Ms. Yvonne Elliott, Ms. Allison McGoffin, Ms. Sherry Preston, Mr. Chris Rochelle, and Ms. Becca Smitty

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.

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- Dr. Barbara F. Turnage Associate Dean, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences
- Dr. David J. Urban Dean, Jennings A. Jones College of Business
- Dr. Rick Vanosdall Interim Dean, College of Education
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- Ms. Beverly Keel Dean, College of Media and Entertainment
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Alumni Association President

On behalf of the Middle Tennessee State University National Alumni Association, I congratulate you on joining our international network of more than 140,000 MTSU alumni. As a student, you embraced MTSU's core values of honesty and integrity, respect for diversity, engagement in the community, and commitment to nonviolence. As an alum, we hope that you represent our alma mater well throughout the world, actively contribute to your field, and are civically engaged.

Always be proud of the excellent education you received here and remain connected to your faculty and fellow alumni. Stay involved with the Alumni Association by following MTSU Alumni on social media, calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-MTSU (6878), and visiting mtalumni.com.

Take time today to reflect on how your life was changed while at MTSU and celebrate the hard work you put in to earn your degree. Congratulations again!

Matthew Hibdon ('12, '14) President, MTSU National Alumni Association Board, 2021–22

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.



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 degrees and specializations.

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 universities that conferred the degrees; 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 wearer'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 Public Health - Salmon Science - Gold Social Work - Citron

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 the prayer, the playing of the alma mater, and the commencement address.

Undergraduate Latin honor graduates are distinguished by the stoles added to their gowns based upon the inclusive GPA: gold for those graduating summa cum laude, 3.90 to 4.0; silver for magna cum laude, 3.75 to 3.89; and white for cum laude, 3.50 to 3.74.

Graduating from the University Honors College is an additional merit awarded to students who have completed the Honors program, defended a thesis, and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Graduates of the University Honors College who have completed at least 29 hours with a 3.25 average in the Honors program will receive blue and white cords. Those who have maintained a minimum average of 3.65 in the Honors program are graduating the University Honors College with distinction.

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.

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

Military veteran students are distinguished by specially designed red stoles 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 Engagedesignated 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. Undergraduate Research students graduating with Distinction are wearing a dark blue, light blue, and white cord. These students graduating with Scholar Distinction are also wearing a medallion to recognize their completion of a research or creative project, its dissemination to the MTSU campus and/or a nationally recognized conference, and their engagement in promoting undergraduate research to the campus.

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.

# HONORARY BANNER CARRIERS

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

**Dr. Mary B. Martin** is a professor of Mathematical Sciences and recently completed her term as faculty trustee on the MTSU Board of Trustees. With research interests and a background in Commutative Algebra and Ring Theory, Martin has taught courses from introductory through graduate level mathematics at MTSU for 23 years. Previously, she taught at Colgate University and Winthrop University. She has participated in several state of Tennessee and Tennessee Board of Regents projects aimed at improving preschool through college education statewide. Martin's nonteaching experience has included being director of University Honors at Winthrop and associate chair and interim associate dean at MTSU; serving as Faculty Senate president at MTSU; and directing or co-directing grants at MTSU totaling more than \$10 million.

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

Dr. Lauren E. Rudd is an associate professor and program coordinator in the Textiles, Merchandising, and Design program at MTSU. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art at the University of Memphis, a Master of Science at MTSU in Industrial Studies concentrating in Computer Aided Design, and a doctorate in Education Leadership and Professional Practice from Trevecca Nazarene University. Rudd's love of learning, practicing, and sharing new techniques is what led her to teaching. She won the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology in 2011 and has been using high-impact teaching practices in hands-on studio courses for Apparel Design and Fashion Merchandising at the university level for 20 years. Rudd has served on the Faculty Senate steering committee for two terms and is currently serving as chair in her second term on the University Curriculum Committee. She has been instrumental in the certification of the Textiles, Merchandising, and Design program for Experiential Learning (EXL) and as an MT Engage Major Pathway.

Rudd has published illustrations for a textiles textbook; presented a gallery talk on the cultural, psychological, and historical influences of Frida Kahlo's clothing style; and shared with others how to best use design fundamentals to create more attractive work. She works with people with disabilities, fostering creative expression using numerous fiber arts methods. Her plan for future collaborative research is to work with post-menopausal women, using the 3D body scanner and spatial computing to help them visualize body changes and how to best dress for style, function, comfort, and modesty.

# Jennings A. Jones College of Business

**Dr. Sam Zaza** is an assistant professor of Information Systems and Analytics in the Jones College of Business at Middle Tennessee State University. She earned her Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from Florida State University. Her primary research areas include the IT workforce; STEM education and choice; diversity, inclusion, and equity in IT careers; and methodological approaches. Her research has appeared in *Information and Organization, AIS Transactions on Replication Research, American Business Review, Global Journal of Management and Marketing, Global Journal of Accounting and Finance,* and multiple proceedings, including the International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) and the Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS).

Zaza is a member of the Association for Information Systems (AIS), the Academy of Management, and the Association for Computing Machinery. She is the president of the Middle East and North Africa AIS chapter. In addition, Zaza serves on the executive committee of multiple special interest groups (SIGs) of the Association for Information Systems and is president-elect of the SIG Social Inclusion. Zaza serves as a senior editor for *The Database for Advances in Information Systems* and as a reviewer for multiple journals.

# College of Education

Dr. Donald Snead, interim chair and professor in the Womack Educational Leadership Department, earned his B.S. in Natural Science from Fort Valley State University, his master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Kentucky University, and his Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Science Education from the University of Kentucky. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the Educational Leadership Department, serves as educational advisor for education students seeking licensure to teach agriculture at the secondary level, and serves on the teacher education program's admission committee. Snead also chairs doctoral dissertation committees; three candidates have graduated, and one is completing the research project. Snead has been an educator for 36 years, having started as an eighth grade math teacher in Georgia. He has been inducted into the Kentucky Distinguished Educators cadre. He is an advocate for social constructivist teaching; thus, his research interest is on learning and teaching processes.

# **Faculty Senate**

**Mr. Robert Gordon**, associate professor in the College of Media and Entertainment, earned his B.F.A. in Broadcasting and M.B.A. in Marketing from the University of Cincinnati. Gordon has taught multi-camera television program production at MTSU for 14 years. He also has been a national television producer for many years, producing a wide range of entertainment programming for Cinemax, PBS, CMT, TNN, GMC, The Family Channel, syndication, and home video. At MTSU, Gordon teaches live-event television program production, including sporting events, television concerts, series, newscasts, and award shows.

Gordon is the Faculty Senate president for 2021–22, program coordinator for the Video and Film Live Productions degree program, faculty advisor for the student-run television station MT10, and executive producer for the student-staffed television production company, Media Arts Productions. Gordon produces and directs the WNPT interview/performance television series *The Songwriters* for the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and MTSU, which is hosted by Ken Paulson, former dean of the College of Media and Entertainment. This is the first MTSU-based television series produced for PBS stations.

Gordon has taught as an exchange faculty at the University of Salford at Media CityUK in Manchester, England; has been a guest lecturer at the University of Cincinnati; and was selected as a Fulbright Award alternate by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to teach at the Baltic Film, Media, Arts and Communication School at Tallinn University in Tallinn, Estonia.

Gordon was also a recipient of the Outstanding Experiential Learning (EXL) Faculty Award for 2017–18 and 2019–20.

# **College of Graduate Studies**

**Dr. Rhonda L. McDaniel** is a professor in the Department of English at Middle Tennessee State University and is also director of Graduate Studies for the department. She earned her Ph.D. from Western Michigan University in 2003 with a specialization in Old and Middle English Languages and Literatures. McDaniel teaches the Themes in Literature Buchanan Seminar, Greek Origins of Western Culture, for the Honors College. She teaches courses in Old and Middle English language and literature and History of the English Language for her department at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Her research interests include manuscript studies, virtues and vices, memory, and gender in Old and Middle English literature, and she has published articles and a book on these topics.

# **College of Liberal Arts**

**Dr. Patrick Richey** is an associate professor and director of Forensics (Debate) in the Department of Communication Studies. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. Richey, a U.S. Army veteran, served as a Civil Affairs sergeant in Iraq from 2002 until 2004 and was awarded the Combat Action Badge.

Richey is active at the national level of the International Public Debate Association (IPDA). He is the executive secretary on the Executive Committee and was a member of the Governing Board in 2006–09 and 2012–20, chairing it twice. He was founder and editor of the *IPDA Journal* for four years; led the tab room for four National Championships; is the editor for both *IPDA Textbook* editions; and is currently the IPDA historian. His scholarly endeavors include debate history and theory. He also studies and publishes in the field of rhetoric, specifically postmodern thought, military rhetoric, and Islamic rhetoric.

# College of Media and Entertainment

Dr. Matt Taylor is an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Strategic Media. His teaching and research are informed by more than a decade of professional communication experience concentrated primarily in the areas of nonprofit education and health. He earned his bachelor's in Journalism from Rutgers University, his master's in Media and Public Affairs from George Washington University, and his doctorate in Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Taylor's expertise in strategic communication comes in part from his work directing communications at two independent PreK-12 schools in North Carolina. He also was a senior writer for advocacy communications for the American Cancer Society. His research interests include nonprofit and advocacy communication, sports communication, and mass communication pedagogy.

# **College of University Honors**

**Dr. Roberta Chevrette** is an assistant professor of Communication Studies and Women's and Gender Studies at MTSU. Her research employs queer, feminist, and postcolonial frameworks to engage questions of whiteness, gendered and racialized difference, and otherness, and to examine relationships among communication, collective identities, and social justice. Chevrette is co-author of the book *Dangerous Dames: Representing Female-Bodied Empowerment in Postfeminist Media*, which explores contemporary representations of female action heroes and the paradoxes they present for feminist advancements. Her rhetorical and ethnographic scholarship can be found in journals including *Communication Monographs*, Communication Theory, Communication and Critical/ Cultural Studies, Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies, and numerous edited volumes.

At MTSU, Chevrette teaches a range of courses in rhetoric, intercultural communication, and women's and gender studies, and has been involved in the promotion of inclusive teaching and JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) awareness. By connecting theory with lived experience, her teaching guides students to become aware of, and critically examine, the ways language, symbols, and ideologies shape cultural and communicative practices and how these contribute to structures of oppression as well as social movements and change.

# **University College**

Dr. Vivian Alley is a professor teaching prescribed mathematics courses in the University Studies Department. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Mathematics and with a Specialist in Education degree, then earned her Doctor of Education at Tennessee State University. Alley has made numerous presentations at the state and national levels and has published several articles in professional journals. She serves as coordinator over the Mathematics area in her department, as a member on many committees in her department and for the University, and as faculty advisor of Alpha Omega, a Christian student organization. Alley is a member of the Tennessee Association of Student Success and Retention, where she served as membership chair for 11 years and as treasurer for six years. She was honored to receive the Educator of the Year Award from the Tennessee Association for Developmental Education and the NADE (National Association for Developmental Education) Award for Outstanding Service to Developmental Education Students.

# James E. Walker Library

**Ms. Suzanne Mangrum** is the head of the acquisitions unit at James E. Walker Library. She received her bachelor's from Harding University and her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has 15 years of experience at MTSU and previously worked as the acquisitions librarian at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. Mangrum serves on the steering committee for the Open Educational Resources Grant at MTSU, a \$100,000 grant awarded by the Tennessee Board of Regents to promote use of free or lowcost open digital content to make college course materials more affordable. She also began the Library Textbook Program, which provides copies of textbooks for general education courses with high enrollment.

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#### **Cortney Lea Crews**

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#### Ronald C. George Jr.

M.Ed., Middle Tennessee State University B.A., Middle Tennessee State University "Walking the Tightrope: Balancing the Practices of Coaching with the Role of Administrative Leadership" Hooded by: Lando Carter

#### Brelinda A. Johnson

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M.S., King Khalid University B.S., King Khalid University "Antifungal Assessments, Chemogenomic and Transcriptomic Analyses, and Structure-Activity Relationships of Bioactive Aurone Compounds" Hooded by: Mary Farone

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M.P.T., University of Evansville B.S.P.T., University of Evansville "Strength and Muscle Activity Comparisons of Women with and without Patellofemoral Pain" Hooded by: John Coons

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#### **Ashlin Powell Harris**

M.S., Middle Tennessee State University B.S., Middle Tennessee State University "Fractal Calculus in Population Dynamics" Hooded by: Abdul Khalig

#### Arjun Kafle

M.S., Middle Tennessee State University B.S., Tribhuvan University "Aurone: Derivatization, Reaction Methodology Development, and Its Utilization as a Fluorophore for Developing a Fluorogenic Probe for Sensing Hydrogen Sulfide" Hooded by: Scott Handy

#### Inhwa Kim

D.S.C., Pukyong National University M.A., Middle Tennessee State University M.S., Middle Tennessee State University M.S., Pukyong National University B.S., Pukyong National University "Information Acquisition and Behavioral Barriers" Hooded by: Keith Gamble

#### Sarah C. Martinez

M.S., Western Michigan University B.S., Illinois State University "The Effect of Hip Flexor Tightness on Muscle Activity During Functional Movements and the Front Squat" Hooded by: John Coons

#### **Keshav Paudel**

M.S., Tribhuvan University B.S., Tribhuvan University "Selective Synthesis of Amines, Imines and Nitriles by a Well-Defined Cobalt Catalyst" Hooded by: Keying Ding

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M.A., Middle Tennessee State University M.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University B.B.A., Trevecca Nazarene University "Essays on the Airbnb Market: Superhosts and Local Policy Determinants and Effects" Hooded by: Michael Roach

#### **Graham Taylor West**

M.S., Middle Tennessee State University B.S., Trevecca Nazarene University "On the Development and Application of Adaptive Kernel Mixing Methods and Data-Driven Fitness Functions to the Problem of Fitting Simulations of Interacting Galaxies to Data" Hooded by: John Wallin

#### Shuzhe Xu

M.S., Middle Tennessee State University
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B.E., Zhejiang University
"Applications of Modern NLP Techniques for Review
Rating and Predictive Modeling"
Hooded by: Don Hong

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M.Ed., University of Tennessee–Chattanooga B.S., University of Tennessee–Chattanooga "Dual-Language Writing Assessment and Analysis for Upper Elementary English Language Learners" Hooded by: Mohammed Albakry

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