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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Winter
Commencement Exercises
of the Thirty-Fifth
Academic Year

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007
11 A.M.
Governors State University was officially signed into law by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie on July 17, 1969. Its mandate? To change the face of higher education.

Even as the foundations for the campus buildings were being poured, GSU's founding administrators and faculty were designing a dynamic educational structure - one that would provide access to the very best education. They shaped a new kind of institution, a university built not for the present, but for the future they hoped to see.

Born amid the turbulent climate of the 1960s, Governors State committed itself to an ideal almost taken for granted today - the belief that education was not for the few, but for the capable. It embraced the idea that an outstanding education could be affordable, should be affordable, and would be affordable.

More important, the university insisted on creating opportunity for students who didn’t fit the traditional mold. They created a one-of-a-kind learning environment centered on the needs of working adults. The emphasis was on inclusion and access, diversity and innovation.

GSU has remained true to that early, guiding vision. The university has kept its tuition low, one of the lowest in the state. But it has never sacrificed quality. The university’s accreditation successes have been remarkable, reflecting the work of a superior faculty and leading to programs of the highest caliber. Governors State University is today everything it was meant to be - the educational choice for a powerfully diverse, professional, and non-traditional student body.
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Measuring the impact and importance of Dr. Margaret Burroughs' influence on our society, culture, and history only requires a review of her many accomplishments and far-reaching influence.

The quest for an education directed Dr. Burroughs' parents to move the family from their home in Louisiana to Chicago where she worked hard to fulfill her parents' dream and her own. She graduated from Englewood High School, Chicago Teacher's College (renamed Chicago State University), and the Art Institute of Chicago. Education remained a primary focus of Dr. Burroughs through years of teaching art at both the elementary school level and at DuSable High School.

The desire to educate, enlighten, and inform did not remain confined within the walls of Dr. Burroughs' classroom. More than 60 years ago, when she was only 22, Dr. Burroughs helped found the South Side Community Arts Center, which offers gallery space, studios, and workshops to community artists and students. She continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Center.

In 1961, she and her husband, Charles Burroughs, founded the Ebony Museum of African American History on the first floor of their Chicago home. The museum was dedicated to the posterity and preservation of African American history and art. It has since been relocated to Washington Park and renamed the DuSable Museum of African American History. It is an internationally recognized resource with education programs, visiting exhibits, and a permanent collection of more than 13,000 artifacts, artworks, and books.

In addition to the Center and the museum, Dr. Burroughs' creativity and commitment to the arts is illustrated by her stories, poetry, and artwork. Her published works include three children's books and two books of poetry. Dr. Burroughs has worked in sculpture, painting, and printmaking. Her work has been featured in exclusive shows at the Corcoran Art Galleries in Washington, D.C., the DuSable Museum in Chicago, and the Studio Museum in New York City.

Dr. Burroughs has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades honoring her as both an artist and a humanitarian. In 1975, she received the President's Humanitarian Award. She was named one of Chicago's Most Influential Women by the Chicago Defender in 1977 and February 1, 1986 was designated "Dr. Margaret Burroughs' Day" in Chicago by Mayor Harold Washington.

Today, Governors State University proudly bestows the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, on Dr. Margaret Burroughs for her creative, inspired, and continual commitment to the arts and humanity and to the improvement of the condition of life for all people.
Order of Exercises

Saturday, February 17, 2007, 11 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business and Public Administration
College of Education
College of Health Professions
University College

Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
President of the University
Presiding

Prelude.......................................................................................................................... Encore Concert Band
Bill Schuetter, Conductor

Processional............................................................................................................... Dr. Gary Lyon, Grand Marshal
"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Edward Elgar
Encore Concert Band

Welcome and Introduction of Guests ....................................................... Dr. Stuart I. Fagan, President

Greetings from the GSU Board of Trustees ............................................. Lorine Samuels, Trustee

Presentation of Honorary Degree Recipient ........................................ Dr. Paul R. Keys, Provost
Conferring of Honorary Degree ................................................................. Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters .................................. Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs
Commencement Address .............................................................................. Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs

Presentation of Degree Candidates ........................................................... Dean R. Keys
College of Arts and Sciences ................................................................. Dean Eric Martin
College of Business and Public Administration ..................................... Dean William Nowlin
College of Education .................................................................................. Dean Steven Russell
College of Health Professions ................................................................. Dean Linda Samson
University College ...................................................................................... Dean John Stoll

Conferring of Degrees ................................................................................. Dr. Stuart I. Fagan

Introduction of Student Speaker ............................................................... Dean Eric Martin

Student Address .................................................................................. Maria M. Barksdale

Induction into the Alumni Association ...................................................... Gerald F. McIlvain, President
Governors State University Alumni Association

Closing Remarks .................................................................................. Dr. Stuart I. Fagan

Recessional .................................................................................................. Dr. Gary Lyon
"Crown Imperial" by William Walton, arranged by Jay Bocook
Encore Concert Band

Ms. Susan Bova, Sign Language Interpreter
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.
College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

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Jacqueline M. Becker
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Amy E. Kearnes
Raynelle C. Kizbee
Christina L. Kollereb
Tracy L. Kosinski
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Heather M. Letts
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Simone Stewart
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Nadia R. Gibson
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Master of Arts

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Leo Ramirez
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Master of Science

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Sameer Ahmed
Syed I. Ahmed
Srinivas Ajjarapu
Shilpa Akunuri
Mohammed Danish Ali
Bala Subrahman Yam Amirineni
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Maria M. Barksdale is a woman of purpose and commitment. She has long been dedicated to breaking the unrelenting cycle of poverty that continues to keep those in historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged Hispanic communities from reaching their potential.

Her strong sense of purpose and community activism began after Barksdale had already achieved success in business. As vice president of entertainment for Lifestyle Enterprises, she developed and organized entertainment and promotional events for local and national multi-media corporations. While this career path was, on some levels, enjoyable and rewarding, Barksdale was not fulfilled.

Barksdale’s sense of purpose and her wish to help others led her to participate in various ministries and community organizations aimed at elevating the lives of underprivileged families. She mentored teen girls through the Young Woman of Character program and served as a board member of His Image ministries where she promoted educational programs to women.

Most recently, Barksdale worked as a graduate assistant with Project SKIPP in the College of Health Professions at Governors State University. As part of the project, Barksdale helped facilitate community programs for both high-risk and economically disadvantaged African American and Hispanic families.

Besides the satisfaction earned from working to improve the lives of others, Barksdale has also been recognized for her achievements. She was awarded an academic scholarship from the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS), inducted into the Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society (NVTHS), and earned a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree with a minor in psychology from Governors State University. Today, she will receive her Master of Arts in Communication and Training with a 4.0 GPA.

Barksdale plans to use her degree to continue to help others. She hopes to work with high-risk youths to reduce the increasing disparities in access to higher education, health care, and economic empowerment.

To help celebrate her achievement today, her husband of 20 years and her two children join Barksdale. The family lives in Park Forest.

Barksdale is honored to be chosen as student commencement speaker as a voice for the traditionally underrepresented Hispanic population. She hopes her words and academic success at Governors State University will inspire others, especially her two children, to break through barriers to earn an education and pursue their dreams.
Academic Regalia

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers' degrees, colleges/universities, and fields of study.

The Cap

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

The Gown

Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition: gold signifies high honors; white, honors. The master's gown has sleeves, with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The Hood

The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. The trim colors for master's hoods are as follows:

- Accounting: Drab
- Addictions Studies: Salmon Pink
- Analytical Chemistry: Golden Yellow
- Art: Brown
- Business Administration: Drab
- Communication Disorders: Salmon Pink
- Communications and Training: White
- Computer Science: Golden Yellow
- Counseling: Light Blue
- Early Childhood Education: Light Blue
- Education: Light Blue
- Educational Administration: Light Blue
- English: White
- Environmental Biology: Golden Yellow
- Health Administration: Salmon Pink
- Instructional and Training Technology: White
- Management Information Systems: Golden Yellow
- Multicategorical Special Education: Light Blue
- Nursing: Apricot
- Occupational Therapy: Slate Blue
- Physical Therapy: Teal
- Political Studies: White
- Political and Justice Studies: White
- Psychology: Light Blue
- Public Administration: Peacock Blue
- Social Work: Citric
- Sociology: White
COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

University Grand Marshal
Gary Lyon, Assistant Professor of Science, College of Arts and Sciences

Coordinator of Marshals
Robert Donaldson, Professor of Public Administration
College of Business and Public Administration

College of Arts and Sciences
Rashidah Muhammad, Professor of English and Secondary Education
Beth Parin, Assistant Professor of Digital Imaging and Photography
Todd Rohman, Associate Professor of English and Composition
Yun-Yau (Steve) Shih, Professor of Computer Science

College of Business and Public Administration
Dalsang Chung, Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems
Susan Gaffney, Assistant Professor of Public Administration

College of Education
Sandra Gandy, Instructor of Education

College of Health Professions
Kyusuk Chung, Associate Professor of Health Administration
Arthur Durant, Department Chair of Addictions Studies & Behavioral Health
Rupert Evans, Assistant Professor of Health Administration

University College
Gary Fisk, Coordinator, Center for Online Teaching and Learning
Michele McMaster, Director of School of Interdisciplinary Learning
The governor's mace, carried by the marshal who leads the academic procession, is a symbol of the authority of the university as a degree-granting institution. The legal authority of the university is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty who follow in the procession.

In antiquity, the mace was a weapon used to establish the “authority” of the physically strong. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to and a reminder of the civilizing force of a university's teaching, research, and community service functions.

Engraved on the four side-panels of the governor's mace are (1) the seal of the state of Illinois; (2) a cardinal, the state bird; (3) the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and (4) an inscription which reads “The governor's mace, a symbol of tradition and authority of Governors State University, dedicated to the search for excellence in the pursuit of truth, knowledge, and the love of learning. Presented by Peter Levin, friend of the university, June 2, 1979.”

Atop the mace is a silver rendition of the university logo. The three sides of the “triangle” symbolize the university's teaching, research, and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket, reminding us both that the university was founded within days of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university's outreach into the region, state, and nation and its commitment to teaching, research, and community service.