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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring
Commencement Exercises
of the Thirty-Fourth
Academic Year

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006
11 A.M.
Governors State University was officially signed into law by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie 37 years ago, 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.
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Rod Blagojevich, Governor

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Governors State University is not responsible for any omissions, errors, and/or changes in this commencement program.
Edward Hirsch was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1950. Dr. Hirsch recalls that his lifelong love of poetry began when he “wandered down to the basement of our house to pick through some of my grandfather’s forgotten books” and read a verse (Emily Brontë's *Spellbound*) that entranced him. He later studied poetry at Grinnell College and the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a Ph.D. in folklore.

He is widely recognized as a poet, critic, and educator. Dr. Hirsch is the author of six volumes of poems: *Lay Back the Darkness* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2003); *On Love* (1998); *Earthly Measures* (1994); *The Night Parade* (1989); *Wild Gratitude* (1986), which received the National Book Critics Circle Award; and *For the Sleepwalkers* (1981), for which he received the Lavan Younger Poets Award from The Academy of American Poets and the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award from New York University.

The recipient of numerous other awards, Dr. Hirsch has received the Prix de Rome, a Guggenheim Fellowship, an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Literature, and a MacArthur Fellowship. In addition to his outstanding work as a writer, Dr. Hirsch has also taught at Wayne State University, the University of Houston, and Columbia University.

In 2003, Dr. Hirsch became the fourth president of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1925 by United States Senator Simon Guggenheim with the mission to “add to the educational, literary, artistic, and scientific power of this country, and also to provide for the cause of better international understanding” of the arts and sciences. By providing fellowships to advanced professionals, the Foundation supports individual research and artistic creation.

Today, Governors State University proudly bestows the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, on Dr. Edward Hirsch for his lifelong commitment to education, research, and the arts and sciences.
Order of Exercises

Saturday, June 3, 2006, 11 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business and Public Administration
College of Education
College of Health Professions
Board of Governors Degree Program

Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
President of the University
Presiding

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

PROCSSIONAL ................................................................................................... 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 ....................... Kristi DeLaurentiis,
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. Edward Hirsch
Commencement Address ........................................................................... Dr. Edward Hirsch

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES ........................................ Dr. Paul R. Keys
College of Arts and Sciences ................................................................. Interim Dean Sandra Mayfield
College of Business and Public Administration ..................................... Dean William Nowlin
College of Education .............................................................................. Dean Steven Russell
College of Health Professions ............................................................... Dean Linda Samson
Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree Program ...................... Dean John Stoll

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ............................................................................ Dr. Stuart I. Fagan

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER ........................................ Dean John Stoll

STUDENT ADDRESS .............................................................. Theodore Miles Carter, Sr.

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.
# Bachelor of Arts

LaTonya D. Albury  
Samer M. Ali  
Donathan A. Boyd  
** Paul W. Burgess  
Lashawnda M. Carter  
John H. Churchill  
** Natalie A. Clay  
Sabrina M. Collins  
** John J. Conrad  
Monaquia N. Cook  
Konya M. Crawford  
* Mina B. Data  
Victoria Elftmann  
Rise’ A. Evans  
* Lorana M. Frederick  
** Eileen Garrison  
* Juliann M. George  
Rebecca J. Goddard  
Jeffrey T. Horbaczewski  
Erin M. Hughes  
Antoinette M. Keller  
Ala T. Liddell-Brown  
** Jennifer Anne Lynch  
Camille M. Mack  
Sarah R. Martisek  
** Rexann A. McKinley  
Kimberly C. Neidermyer  
Arlether Paraharm  
Felisha C. Parker  
Michael A. Paukstis  
Matthew A. Schloßman  
* Urania R. Smith  
Shawn E. St. Clair  
** Julia A. Staisiunas  
Christopher C. Taglieri  
** Brenda B. Ternig  
Jonathan Thedford, III  
* Tracy A. Thomas  
Jacob L. Walls  
Benjamin D. Ward  
Jessica A. Wiley  
** Drew A. Williams  
** Heather Zigtema

# Bachelor of Science

Paul M. Bladen  
Melissa A. Bowers  
* Sheba J. Chacko  
Sonia Beatriz Diaz  
Robert F. Feigl  
Jonathan W. Fitzgerald  
** Deon D. Flatt  
Annette F. Fuller  
Joseph M. Gariti  
* Benjamin R. Howard  
Marla P. Johnson  
Christin M. Kohler  
** Lauren N. Kost  
Jose V. Martinez  
David J. Martus  
Jason M. Mateski  
* John F. McEvoy  
Melissa L. Myers  
Kingsley Osei-Asibey  
Jaime L. Pape  
Maritza P. Pearson  
* Bradley John Shinovich  
Rakeya R. Smith  
Joseph G. Wister  
** Diana M. Witt

# Master of Arts

Timothy C. Barnes  
Barbara A. Belisle  
Bernadette Bosley  
Nicole M. Brown-Vinci  
Anthony D. Browning  
Nancy Burley  
Latala L. Caffey  
Anthony William De La Pena  
Davida M. Dortch  
Sonja E. Evans  
Denise M. Friant  
Joseph Gladkowski  
Diana A. Hartman  
April L. Haynes  
Diana Ivy  
Lorro D. Jenkins  
Lisa A. Kemp  
Bertha R. Kirklan  
David J. Knudson  
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Erin M. Moore  
Jennifer A. Moore  
Elizabeth C. Raimondi  
Sonia Sayles  
Isidora A. Sonariwo  
Tommie D. Spencer  
Barbara K. Thomas  
Juan Gilberto Valdez  
Jennifer A. Vollmer  
Kenya M. Warner  
Caroll Welch

# Master of Science

Vijayendra Appanagaari  
Nour J. Arab  
Sweetha Beeram  
Karthik Birudavolu  
Sankeerth Boddoo  
Shivaji Bolliseti  
Vijaya Chella Mittinti  
Girish Damireddy  
Ram Shyam Kumar Dane  
Arun Kumar Reddy Dodla  
Gowardhan Gaddam  
Dineshkumar Gajendran  
Kalyan Gandamalla  
Raja Vardhan Gangula  
Ashwin Garika  
Scott N. Gordon  
Cornelius O. Jemison  
Mengsu Jiang  
Ramkumar Jutur  
Poornima Kakarala  
Swethan Kamshetty  
Sunder Kannan  
Girish Kumar Keerthipati  
Indumouli Mandala  
Gita Matulukstyte  
Ashwin Kumar Reddy Musuku  
Pavan Kumar Neerukonda  
Vikram Palakodety  
Praveen Paranjothi  
Prasanth Kumar Parisipogu  
F. Douglas Pleticha  
Abhishek Potlapalli  
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Lakshmi Sanagavarapu Venkata  
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Prabhu Subramaniam  
Vimal Viswanathan  
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College of Business and Public Administration

Bachelor of Arts

Carolyn M. Anderson
Cicely Cheree Anderson
Selena R. Arroyo-Gomez
Anthony J. Becker
Rosalva Bermudez
* Kimberly L. Borbely
Frank J. Caldario
James D. Cleary
* Brandon R. Daly
Nicholas A. Damico
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Marileen Flowers-Cunningham
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Jamie L. Guerra
Laveres A. Jefferson
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Margaret S. Lensiak
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* Kathy M. Mason
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Scott R. Stephanuik
Untur Taher
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Bachelor of Science

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Toure G. Peck
Randy H. Reavis
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Eric Roy
Julie M. Trock
Anthony C. Venezio
* Sharon U. Zmucki

Master of Business Administration

Ifikhar Ashraf
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Brian R. Butcher
Maria E. Delmonico
Mohammad N. Iqbal
Amanda Keener
Tricia M. Kerns
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Airica Danita Steed
Vets B. Walker

Master of Public Administration

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Contessa Y. McQueen
Eva L. Moore
Jimi Orange III
Novita Sari Rahayu
Audrey R. Ryce
Funmilola O. Sholanke
Carroll Welch
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Master of Science

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College of Education

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  Samantha L. Betthauser
* Maureen L. Boda
** Lora L. Bothwell
  Nicole L. Broussard
  Terry R. Brown
* Malgorzata Brzank
* James W. Cairns
  Scherrie L. Davis
* Lorrie Ann DeBoer
  Julie A. Deluca
  Katarzyna M. Domasik
** Renee M. Elter
  Gina L. Entwistle
  Linda M. Finner
  Elaina L. Gatto
  Catherine M. Gawel
  Angelique O. Gonzalez
* Ana R. Gutierrez
  Traci R. Guyton
  David J. Hence
* Laurel A. Hinds
  Kristin A. Holz
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  James S. Horvath, Jr.
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* Erin D. Kelly
  Margot Kiefer
* Lara L. Kill
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** Mariah P. Kraus
  Kelly J. Krueger
  Margaret J. Lake
  Pedro Larios
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  Adrienne E. Martino
* Allison M. Matuszak
  Ann M. McGann
  Jennifer M. McManus
** Christine L. Metcalf
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  Nichole M. Norton
  David Patrick O'Brien
** Dana J. Orlando
  Camille Page
** Carolyn A. Pechtold
  Kimberly Roberts
  Andrea K. Rzegocki
  Jenna A. Schmitt
* Kathleen Shaughnessy
  La Nette V. Sims

** Amber L. Sink
  Janet M. Soto
** Jamie L. Spence
** Nichole Stanfa
* Katharine L. Stevens
  Theresa M. Switalski
  Darryl F. Thompson
* Lyndsay A. Thompson
  Michele Tremmel
  Jennifer M. Turner
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Joan E. French
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Nathan L. Griffith
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Kia J. Henderson
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Jay Alexander Leggero
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**Bachelor of Health Administration**
- Linda K. Erlandsson
- Demetria L. Gordon
- Brad B. Martin
- Marilyn S. Thomas

**Bachelor of Health Science**
- Karen A. Bryant
- Connie Denham
- Ruta D. Grigas
- Jennifer L. Jenkover
- Elizabeth I. Mereness
- Cynthia Myles
- Suzan Ramadan
- Lynn M. Rhodes
- Maria X. Rodriguez

**Bachelor of Science**
- Sonia M. Hyzy
- Hakeem M. Ishola
- Vanessa Manning
- Roxanne L. Mitchell
- Amanda R. Schkerke
- Lassie Latonia Walker

**Bachelor of Social Work**
- Callie M. Armstrong
- Jennifer Marie Brown
- Alnita M. Buchanan
- Jennifer M. Dean
- Mariam Deshazier
- Jeanne M. Hendrickson
- Linda Johnson
- Deborah E. Jones
- John E. Kummerer
- Christel Lewis
- Steven A. Luhrsne
- Laurel R. Miller
- Jacqueline D. Petrie-Davis
- Ayana M. Smith
- Kyle C. Turner
- Nicole S. Ward

**Master of Health Administration**
- Jolanda D. Dinkins
- Joan C. Welch

**Master of Health Science**
- Blanca Arenas
- Mary Beth Cepkauskas
- Joanna Chavez
- Arrie Christian
- Julie Marie Delaney
- Amanda Dinaro
- Lisa Marie Garrigan
- Gloria A. Hoekstra
- Arthur Horton
- Molly C. Larson
- Andre D. Newsome
- Shirl Pearson
- Karen M. Pietrusinski
- Spencer S. Reese
- Jamie T. Smant
- Laura A. Strahinich
- Michae Wiley

**Master of Occupational Therapy**
- Susan J. Spencer

**Master of Physical Therapy**
- Christi Nicole Livingstone

**Master of Social Work**
- Linda Kaye Anderson
- Queen Assaye
- Lakeisha E. Baker
- Surat T. Bisiriyu-Omokaiye
- Barbara J. Boyd
- Brianne Leslie Brinkman
- Yolanda M. Burgess
- April Y. Caillay
- Georgette E. Carter
- Debra Lynn Conley
- Meghan K. Crandall
- Annie C. Ford
- Stephanie M. Gonzalez
- Jacqueline Graham-Sylvestal
- Tori, K. Gunyt
- Tonya L. Hambrick
- Beth Marie Hawkins
- Craig R. Haygood
- Ann Jamie Heise
- Jennifer C. Infanger
- Nannette E. Jennings-Reed
- Imani L. Johnson
- Rhonda J. Knockum
- Sandra Ellen Latty
- Delores Mays
- Tammy W. Nemeth
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- Anthony Yeside Sholanke
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Phinesia A. Johnson
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Erin M. Joyce
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Jameela Maddox
Candice N. Malone
Melissa M. Matthews
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* Colleen B. Nigg
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Leslie Denise Richardson-Dryg
Kathleen Marie Rodriguez
LaToya Sartin
Daniel K. Schliffka
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Theodore Miles Carter, Sr. may have taken the long road to cross the stage and earn his degree, but it has been a road of purpose and direction, always guided by the desire to improve life for his family and his community.

Today, Carter, who lives in Joliet, will earn his Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree. It is a degree he has long wished for and worked toward. Life, with its twists and turns, however, often took him down a different path.

Throughout his life, Carter has worked hard. He grew up in Chicago and graduated from the Hyde Park Career Academy. He has held many different positions, often working more than one job at a time. He has served in the military and carried the mail.

He has cultivated several career and business opportunities that make him both busy and successful, but he always wished to return to school and earn his bachelor’s degree.

According to Carter, the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree program fit perfectly with his varied educational career. Governors State University, with its flexible scheduling options, enabled him to continue developing his career while he completed his degree.

Carter is currently a corrections officer with the Illinois Department of Corrections at Stateville Correctional Center. He is president and owner of J.T. Enterprises, an active member of Toastmasters International, enjoys movies, music, and the White Sox.

In addition to all this, Theodore Carter is also the Associate Minister at Good Samaritan Ministries of Joliet where he teaches Sunday School and is the choir director. His pastor, Reverend Lester Brown, is also a GSU alumni.

To help celebrate Carter’s great achievement today, he is joined by his four children, and special friends who have inspired and guided him.

Carter epitomizes the graduates of Governors State University. His strong belief in himself and his determination to earn his degree are characteristics that thrive and lead to success at GSU.
**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:

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Coordinator of Marshals
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The Mace

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 two days after Neil Armstrong set 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.