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Commencement Exercises
of the Twenty-Sixth
Academic Year

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1997
AND
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1997
2 P.M.
Governors State University's primary mission is teaching. It provides an affordable and accessible undergraduate and graduate education to its culturally and economically diverse lifelong learners. The liberal arts and sciences are the foundation of the university's academic programs; these programs generally emphasize professional preparation.

Governors State University has a strong commitment to cultural diversity in every facet of university life. The university values its multicultural community of students, faculty, and staff as they learn together throughout their lives. It addresses the needs of the traditional and nontraditional learners through the breadth of its curriculum, through flexible teaching strategies, and through advanced instructional technologies.

Governors State University, located south of Chicago, is an active partner in the economic and social development of the surrounding metropolitan regions, preparing informed and concerned citizens and providing them a global perspective in an interdependent world.
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THE HONORABLE ALDO DeANGELIS

Over his extraordinary career, The Honorable Aldo DeAngelis of Olympia Fields has combined leadership with public service to produce an impressive record of accomplishments. Serving as a powerful representative for the concerns of the people of the 40th District in Illinois from 1978 through 1997, Senator DeAngelis was named Best Freshman Senator during his first term in office and acted as assistant majority leader and chairman of the Senate Revenue Committee.

Many different organizations have been the recipient of Sen. DeAngelis’ considerable leadership skills. He served as a member of the South Suburban Council on Alcoholism, worked with developmentally disabled citizens for South Cook County, and created the Minority and Female Business Enterprise Act, to name but a few of his leadership endeavors.

GSU is especially proud to honor Sen. DeAngelis, who is a graduate of GSU's College of Business and Public Administration and a former director of the GSU Foundation. He has been a friend of the university for many years and responsible for a number of initiatives that have enhanced the reputation of GSU as a regional leader among community organizations. Sen. DeAngelis drafted substantive legislation aiding GSU and supported the university's budgets through the General Assembly.

Having received awards which include Outstanding Citizen, Businessman of the Year, and Outstanding Legislator, Sen. DeAngelis attributes his public service accomplishments to his family philosophy: “I sincerely believe that I must do everything I can to ensure that the world for our children and grandchildren is improved by my efforts — for that is the major reason most people, including my parents, migrated to this country.”

RICHARD HUNT

Mr. Richard Hunt is a trailblazer and architect of a new direction in the field of sculpture. His work in strong 3D and his unique process of handling steel, particularly welded steel, redefined what sculpture has become in the last 30 years. GSU is proud to be in possession of two of this prolific artist’s innovative pieces: Large Planar Hybrid and Outgrown Pyramid II.

Born in Chicago in 1935, Mr. Hunt earned a bachelor's degree in art education from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1957. Since then, he has studied at the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago and has taught at many locations. The Art Institute, the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, and Northwestern University are some of the institutions where he has taught and expanded his artistic techniques.

In a distinguished career spanning 40 years, Mr. Hunt has had more than 35 one-man exhibitions, pieces in more than 20 public collections, and sculptures all across the nation. He has also had professorships and residencies in numerous colleges and universities which, among many others, include the State University of New York, Harvard University, University of Indiana in Bloomington, and Northwestern University. Currently, Mr. Hunt is a resident of Chicago and is on the Board of Directors for the Art Club of Chicago, on the Smithsonian National Board, and the Board of Trustees for Ravinia Festival.

Mr. Hunt’s sculpting expertise draws its inspiration and direction from an eclectic array of influences. African-American history and culture, biology, the urban industrial environment, modern sculpture, and metal fabricating technology have all influenced the processes that inform the genius that is Richard Hunt.
Order of Exercises

Saturday, June 7, 1997
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Dr. Paula Wolff
President of the University
Presiding

PRELUDE ................................................................................................................ Dr. Charles Hicks, Conductor

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“Pomp and Circumstance” - Elgar/Walters Dr. Charles Hicks

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Provost
Conferring of Honorary Degree ........................................................................... Dr. Paula Wolff
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ................................................. The Hon. Aldo DeAngelis
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ................................................. Mr. Richard Hunt
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In recognition of his devotion to helping others by consistently giving his time
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Coronation March from the “Prophet” - Meyerbeer/Sanders Dr. Charles Hicks

Ms. Susan Bova, Sign Language Interpreter

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Mr. Michael Wortham
Community Liaison
Learning in Context

Mr. Michael Wortham is a public servant whose altruism and energetic talents have enabled disadvantaged youth to pursue a safer and better education. Additionally, the tireless commitment he has demonstrated through his generous volunteer efforts distinguishes him as an integral member of Governors State University and the surrounding communities.

Currently, Mr. Wortham is a graduate student at GSU and holds the title of community liaison to the Learning in Context Project which addresses the specific educational and economic needs of underprivileged students. Due largely to Mr. Wortham's dedication and abilities, the project won a bronze award from a national society of major universities. Mr. Wortham also was recognized by the Chicago Board of Education for his involvement with Students Against Violence, an organization that grew out of his many hours of volunteer work with the Public Allies Violence Prevention Team.

As a 40-hour-a-week volunteer at St. James Hospital, Mr. Wortham organized two health fairs that targeted Chicago Heights and Ford Heights. The overwhelming success of these endeavors prompted United Way to ask for his assistance in the planning and implementation of their fundraiser, Hospitals 1995. Mr. Wortham is a mentor for many of the children of Ford Heights, a catalyst for positive change in his community, and a highly-valued member of GSU.
HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES

GEORGIE ANNE GEYER

Author, journalist, foreign correspondent, and scholar Georgie Anne Geyer is known and respected around the world. Posing sensitive, probing questions has been a forte of Ms. Geyer throughout her distinguished career. In 1984, she had the privilege of being one of the four journalists to question President Ronald Reagan and Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale during the second presidential television debate. As a foreign correspondent, she has interviewed international leaders such as Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, Argentinean President Juan Peron, King Hussein of Jordan, Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini, and Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Ms. Geyer’s abundant talents were recognized early in life, and she was rewarded with the Fulbright Scholarship in history at the University of Vienna in 1957. While working for the Chicago Daily News in 1964, she earned a six-month fellowship for travel in South America during which time she convinced her editor to allow her to write. Consequently, Ms. Geyer’s diligence and love of her craft led to her becoming the Latin American correspondent for the Daily News for three years.

In 1975, Ms. Geyer became Washington, D.C., correspondent for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. Her columns on U.S. foreign policy, international, domestic, and women’s affairs is distributed by the Universal Press Syndicate to approximately 120 newspapers in the U.S. and Latin America. Many honors have been bestowed upon her, including an Alumni Association award from Northwestern University, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area.

A 1991 inductee into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame, Ms. Geyer has also written many books. She has received two awards for her work Buying the Night Flight: Autobiography of a Woman Correspondent. Ms. Geyer is one of those unique individuals whose stunning accomplishments inspire people from many cultures and walks of life. GSU is indeed honored to present such an erudite author and scholar at this year’s commencement.

IRVING B. HARRIS

Irving B. Harris is a philanthropist, businessman, and visionary. Currently, he is chairman of numerous organizations which include the Harris Foundation, William Harris Investors, Inc., Pittway Corporation Charitable Foundation, and the Acorn Fund. Additionally, he is the director of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Harriscope of Los Angeles, Pittway Corporation as well as the Acorn Fund.

Mr. Harris has been interested in education, especially early childhood development, for more than 30 years. He was founder of the Erikson Institute in Chicago and served as president from 1966 to 1983. Now chairman emeritus of that organization, Mr. Harris believes that this facility has the best program in this part of the country for research and training in early childhood development. Several GSU faculty have had the honor of being trained at the institute.

What originally began, forty years ago, as a desire to lower the number of high school dropouts changed when he realized that early intervention was the key to the problem. Consequently, Mr. Harris has been committed to helping poor children, primarily from birth until age three, get a start on the right path for learning. In addition, he has also authored the book Children in Jeopardy.

Currently, Mr. Harris teaches seminars on early brain development that, among other topics, illustrate how patterns leading to low attention span or hyper-activity are already in place in the brain’s neural network before a child is six months old. A 1931 graduate of Yale University, Mr. Harris has received a bounty of awards and honors throughout his illustrious career; today, GSU is only too proud to honor a man whose vision and character impacts the world in such a significant manner.
Order of Exercises

Sunday, June 8, 1997
College of Business and Public Administration
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Dr. Paula Wolff
President of the University

Presiding

PRELUDE ................................................................................................................ Dr. Charles Hicks, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL ........................................................................................................ University Marshal
“Pomp and Circumstance” - Elgar/Walters
Dr. Charles Hicks

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS .......................................................... Dr. Paula Wolff

GREETINGS FROM THE GSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES ............................................... Mr. William McGee
Vice Chairperson

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT ............................ Dr. Tobin Barrozo
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Conferring of Honorary Degree ................................................................................... Dr. Paula Wolff
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ............................................................ Ms. Georgie Anne Geyer
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ............................................................ Mr. Irving Harris
Commencement Address .............................................................................................. Ms. Geyer and Mr. Harris

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Mr. Richard L. Benson ........................................ Mr. Brandon Senter
In recognition of his numerous donations of time and money to prevent child abuse, and promote Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and cultural diversity projects.

REMARKS FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .......................................................... Mr. Roger Addison
President, Governors State University Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS ................................................................................................. Dr. Paula Wolff

RECESSIONAL .......................................................................................................... University Marshal
Coronation March from the “Prophet” - Meyerbeer/Sanders
Dr. Charles Hicks

Ms. Susan Bova, Sign Language Interpreter
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.
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**SPEED 1997 Graduates**

| Rebekah Lee Gordon                  |
| Eleftheria Stefanatos               |
| Elias Valavers                      |
|                                         |
| * = Honors 3.80-3.94                 |
| ** = High Honors 3.95-4.0            |
Mr. Richard L. Benson
Adjunct Professor
College of Education

Mr. Richard L. Benson is the quintessential civil leader and community servant. He is described by friends and colleagues as a man who is always available to his community, a man who never says "no" to volunteer services. Mr. Benson's community endeavors range from numerous donations of time and money preventing child abuse to playing the piano for nursing homes or serving as Peotone's village president; these examples barely scratch the surface of the list of his community services.

A teacher and administrator at all academic levels for more than forty-two years, Mr. Benson has implemented educational programs at the federal, state, and local levels. Currently an adjunct professor at Governors State University and Kankakee Community College, Richard Benson brings his distinguished commitment to multicultural diversity to these fortunate institutions. He has been assisting minorities to gain a stronger footing in society since his days as a consultant with the federal government's Office of Economic Opportunity. Today, he is still striving to provide economic opportunities; he has helped more than 1,000 people earn their GED certificates. Truly, Mr. Benson's extensive accomplishments are dazzling and an inspirational testament to humankind's generosity.


**Academic Regalia**

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers' degrees and colleges or 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**

For each college or field of study, there is a corresponding color. The colors for master's hoods are as follows:

- Accounting: Drab
- Addictions Studies: Salmon Pink
- Analytical Chemistry: Golden Yellow
- Art: White
- Business Administration: Drab
- Communication Disorders: Salmon Pink
- Communications and Training: White
- Computer Science: Golden Yellow
- Counseling: Light Blue
- Education: Light Blue
- Educational Administration: Light Blue
- English: White
- Environmental Biology: Golden Yellow
- Health Administration: Salmon Pink
- Instructional and Training Technology: White
- Multicategorical Special Education: Light Blue
- Music: Pink
- Nursing: Apricot
- Political Studies: White
- Political and Justice Studies: White
- Psychology: Light Blue
- Public Administration: Peacock Blue
- Sociology: White
## Retirement List
### Academic Year 1996-97

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COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS
JUNE 7 AND 8, 1997

University Grand Marshal
Karen D'Arcy, University Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Science

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1997

Board of Governors
Barbara Conant, University Professor, University Library
Ann Glascoff, University Professor, University Library/Technical Services
Jessica Skorupa, University Professor of Counseling, Division of Student Development

College of Arts and Sciences
Ronald Brubaker, University Professor
Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, University Professor
Rashidah Muhammad, University Professor
Soon-Ok Park, University Professor
Yun-Yau (Steve) Shih, University Professor

College of Health Professions
Arthur Durant, University Professor
Jay Lubinsky, University Professor
Sonya Monroe, University Professor

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1997

College of Business and Public Administration
John Bailey, University Professor
Robert Donaldson, University Professor
Richard Fosberg, University Professor
Kelly McCarthy, University Professor of Counseling, Division of Student Development
David Parmenter, University Professor

College of Education
Mercedes Graff, University Professor
Darlene Hawkins, University Professor
Diane Kjos, University Professor
Sharifa Townsend, University Professor

Pam Bax, University Professor of Counseling, Division of Student Development,
Coordinator for Faculty Marshals
The Mace

The Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors 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.