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Governors State University
Twenty-Fourth Annual
Commencement
Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, 1994
2 P.M.
GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION

Governors State University's primary mission is teaching. It provides an affordable and accessible undergraduate and graduate education to its culturally and economically diverse life-long 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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This program is not an official university document. Due to rigid time requirements, it must be printed before the final lists of degree candidates can be determined. The exclusion of the name of a student is not to be taken as indication of official status as a non-graduate, nor is the inclusion of the name of a student to be taken as certification of official status as a graduate.

Photographers are requested to refrain from taking pictures during the ceremony.
Honorary Degree Candidates

Mr. David S. Broder

The Washington Post columnist David S. Broder, a native of Chicago Heights and a graduate of Bloom High School, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for “distinguished commentary,” and in 1985 was named Best Newspaper Political Reporter by the Washington Journalism Review. Broder has covered every national campaign and convention since 1960.

Besides his work as a political reporter and regular columnist for The Washington Post, Mr. Broder is a regular commentator on CNN’s “Inside Politics” and a regular questioner on NBC-TV’s “Meet the Press.”


U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun

U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun made history in 1992 when she became the first black woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate. This followed her long career in Illinois politics as Cook County Recorder of Deeds and a former member of the Illinois Legislature.

The Honorable Moseley-Braun received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a law degree from The University of Chicago. Upon graduation, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

In 1978 Senator Moseley-Braun was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives. She was chief sponsor of the 1986 Urban School Improvement Act and was the chief sponsor from 1980 to 1987 of every school funding bill that affected Chicago schools. While serving in the Illinois Legislature, Moseley-Braun was named assistant majority leader in the Illinois House, and later was the legislative floor leader for Chicago Mayor Harold Washington.

She served as Cook County Recorder of Deeds from 1987 until her election to the U.S. Senate in 1992. She is a member of the Senate’s Judiciary, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, and Small Business Committees.

Saturday, June 4, 1994

College of Business and Public Administration
College of Education

Dr. Paula Wolff, President

Prelude ............................................................... Governors State University Community Symphonic Band
Mr. Roland Rose, Conductor

Processional ...................................................... Governors State University Community Symphonic Band
Pomp and Circumstance

by Elgar/Walters

University Marshal ............................................................................................................ Dr. Diane Kjos

Welcome and Introduction of Guests ........................................................... Dr. Paula Wolff

Greetings from Trustees of the Board of Governors Universities .......... Dr. Dominick J. Bufalino

Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidate .............................................. Dr. James A. Alexander

Conferring of Honorary Degree ................................................................. Dr. Paula Wolff

Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters ................................................ Mr. David S. Broder

Address ................................................................. Mr. David S. Broder

Presentation of the Degree Candidates .................................................... Dr. Edwin Gehelsnik

College of Business and Public Administration ........................................... Dr. Esthel Allen

College of Education ...................................................................................... Dr. Leon Zalewski

Student Address ................................................................................................. Ms. Lori Clancy McKinney

College of Education

Alumni Address ...................................................................................... Mr. Roger Addison, President

Governors State University Alumni Association

Community Service Award: Professor Pamela Faye Bax

For comprehensive service to teens, including teen drug

and pregnancy prevention .................................................................................... Dr. William Dodd

Concluding Remarks ......................................................................................... Dr. Paula Wolff

Recessional ...................................................... Governors State University Community Symphonic Band
Coronation March from the “Prophet”
by Meyerbeer/Sanders

The audience is requested to rise when the procession enters.

The audience is requested to withhold applause until all diplomas have been presented.

The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the recessional.

There will be a reception outdoors.
Sunday, June 5, 1994
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Health Professions
Board of Governors Degree Program

Dr. Paula Wolff, President
Dr. James A. Alexander
Dr. Roger K. Oden
Dr. Cecilia Rokusek
Dr. Otis D. Lawrence

The audience is requested to withhold applause until all diplomas have been presented.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests
Dr. Paula Wolff
Greetings from Trustees of the Board of Governors Universities
Ms. Luz Maria B. Solis

Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidate
Dr. James A. Alexander

Confering of Honorary Degree
Dr. Otis O. Lawrence

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Health Professions
Board of Governors Degree Program

The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the recessional.

For teen AIDS education and service to prison inmates, the homeless, and the elderly
Dr. William Dodd

Concluding Remarks
Dr. Paula Wolff
Ada Middleton
Ada Middleton is a full-time student in the Board of Governors Degree Program, secretary of three student committees, a student senator, president of the university’s Multicultural Enhancement Committee, and member of the Advisory Committee for Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action. Nevertheless, she still finds time for significant service to the community. As a Red Cross volunteer Ada teaches first aid and CPR, and she disseminates HIV/AIDS information. In February she gave five separate HIV/AIDS educational presentations to 79 teenagers at the Park Forest Academy. She ministers to inmates at correctional centers on a regular basis. She helps groups of the elderly to manage the details of their lives, and she does volunteer work with the homeless.
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, which are all black, 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. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and, unlike them, may be ornamented with color.

The Hood

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

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<th>Field of Study</th>
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<td>Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Sciences</td>
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<td>Art</td>
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<td>Business Administration</td>
<td>Drab</td>
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<td>Communication Disorders</td>
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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, which was designed by Dr. Virgilio L. Pucci, are (1) the seal of the state of Illinois; (2) a cardinal, the state bird; (3) the seal of the 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.