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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

*Winter
Commencement Exercises
of the Thirty-Sixth
Academic Year*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008

11 A.M.



GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating Excellence in Education

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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Honorary Degree Candidate

Juan Andrade, Jr.

The life and career of Juan Andrade, Jr. has been an inspiration for all. From his work as a youth in Brownwood, Texas delivering newspapers, picking cotton, hoeing cabbage, peanut, and watermelon, and later as a factory worker, he rose to become co-founder and president of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute.

Dr. Andrade received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Bill Clinton in 2001. At the time, President Clinton said of Dr. Andrade, "As co-founder, President, and Executive Director of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Juan Andrade has been a staunch advocate for America's Latino community. He has helped register more than a million new Latino voters and has worked to increase Hispanic representation at every level of government. Recognizing the promise of future generations, he has also dedicated himself to helping prepare young Hispanic Americans to become leaders of our nation."

Dr. Andrade is a fervent believer in education. He holds five university degrees including a B.A. from Howard Payne University, a M.Ed. from Antioch College, an Ed.S. and Doctorate from Northern Illinois University, and a post-doctorate M.A. from Loyola University.

For several years, Dr. Andrade was a political commentator for ABC-7 in Chicago as well as WGN radio. He also wrote a weekly column for the Chicago Sun-Times. Andrade has worked in the democratization of Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, Paraguay, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, and Haiti. He has been recognized three times as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in America" by Hispanic Business Magazine and has received numerous awards for lifetime achievement and community service.

Today, Governors State University is proud to bestow the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa), on Juan Andrade, Jr. for his lifelong dedication to education, the successful voter registration drives he organized that changed the political structure in America, and his dedication to the nation's Latino community.

Order of Exercises

Saturday, February 16, 2008, 11 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business and Public Administration
College of Education
College of Health Professions
University College

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon
President of the University
Presiding

PRELUDE.....	Encore Concert Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>					
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS	Dr. Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>					
PROCESSIONAL	Paul Blobaum, <i>Grand Marshal</i> "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1," by Edward Elgar Encore Concert Band					
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Lorine Samuels, <i>Chair - Board of Trustees</i>					
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY SENATE	Paul Blobaum, <i>President - Faculty Senate</i>					
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS.....	Tiffany McClarence					
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>					
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE	Dr. Peggy Woodard, <i>Interim Provost</i> Conferring of Degree	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i> Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters.....	Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr.			
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i> College of Arts and Sciences	Dr. Eric Martin, <i>Dean</i> College of Business and Public Administration.....	Dr. William Wilkinson, <i>Acting Dean</i> College of Education	Dr. Eric Martin, <i>Interim Dean</i> College of Health Professions.....	Dr. Linda Samson, <i>Dean</i> University College	John Stoll, <i>Dean</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>					
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Gerald F. McIlvain, <i>President - Alumni Association</i>					
CLOSING REMARKS	Dr. Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>					
RECESSIONAL	Paul Blobaum, <i>Grand Marshal</i> "Crown Imperial," by William Walton Encore Concert Band					

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

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** Enrico J. Bruno
Elyse K. Burke
** Gary W. Cary
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Sara Marie Corrigan
Paul P. DiBenedetto
Patricia A. Gaines
Kristie L. Gorski
Katie J. Hemp
Justin M. Hernandez
* Mathew R. Holdren
** Stephanie A. Irvine
* Martha J. Jackson
Nicole J. James
Tamela Sherice Jasper
Cheryl D. John
Chantel Jones
Lakesha Jones
Stephanie D. Kimble
** Brianne M. Koppers
** Andrea M. Krueger
Marcus E. Maloney
Gina M. Marchese
Kale M. Martin
Beauty M. McClora
* Kristyn M. McKee
* Silvia Melby
Joshua R. Mendoza
Robert J. Miller
Mark D. Milton
Timothy R. Murphy
* Marimonica Murray
Nicholas L. Oyervides
** Joel T. Panattoni
** Dorothy T. Petraitis
Kenna L. Pruum
Bernadict S. Quarles
** Brittney M. Richardson
Michael J. Ripp
Kyle J. Robinson
Michael R. Rosario
Patricia L. Rounsaville
Lisa A. Skoczen
Quentina T. Smith
* Latasha A. Southall
* Kristin L. Stroud
Alan R. Swinford
Katie M. Taglioli
* Elizabeth C. Verkler
Tonia J. Ware
Joseph R. Williams
Steve A. Winding
** Fida S. Yasin
Nesreen Zayyad
Serwa Ziadeh

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Alfonso Diaz
Rolinda L. Dominguez
Jennifer S. Durkin
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Katarzyna M. Kopec
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Michael Pristave
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Katreal L. Carter
Ellen L. Curley
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Kelley G. Dailey
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Alicia R. Knott
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Anese B. Nutall
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Linsey Savage
Bridget Scales
Lauren J. Shover
Jason Stanford
George J. Zalewski

Master of Fine Arts

Seth C. McClellan

Master of Science

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Upendra B. Aemul
Masood Ahmed
Muntajib Ahmed
Raghavendra P. Alla
Zeid M. Alsabbagh
Vamsi Battula
Keerthi Chandu Bhupathi Raju
Siddartha Bitra
Raghu L. Bondugula
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Yatheendra Brahmadevera
Santosh Chakka
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Ramanjaneyulu Garevidi
Abhilash R. Garlapati
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Khalid Habeeb
Witt O. Hawkins
Syed A. Hussaini
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Satish Reddy Jillela
Marla P. Johnson
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Phanidhar Kandala
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Anne Shilpa Reddy Katangur
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Abdul Raheem Khaja
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Krishna Kartik Koppunuru
Avinash R. Kota
Vahini Kotapati
Adihemalatha Majeti
Varun Mallela
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Murtuza Ali Mohammed
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Jenai C. Talbert
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Student Speaker

Tiffany McClarence

Tiffany McClarence believes that education is a never ending process. While interruptions may interfere with the formal acquisition of knowledge, learning is ongoing and should always be sought and encouraged.

McClarence's education has taken her from across the country to Governors State University. She studied in Arizona and California before returning to school to complete her bachelor's degree in English Secondary Education at Governors State University in 2005. Today, she earns a Master of Arts in English from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Watching her cross the stage and cheering her on today, as they have throughout her education, will be McClarence's husband, Michael, two daughters, parents, and parents-in-law.

"The support of my family was also essential in making my education possible. I am so happy they are here to share it with me," said McClarence.

"I have worked hard to be a good example for my daughters. I feel I have shown them that it is never too late to fix the mistakes of the past. I did not finish my degree when I was young, but I am doing it now and plan to continue my education."

Ensuring that others have educational opportunities and the tools and knowledge to succeed is very important to McClarence. She has taught English in areas schools and tutored college students while working as a graduate assistant in the Governors State University Writing Center. After graduation, McClarence will continue to work at the Writing Center where she will train new tutors and work to expand the center's programs.

"The most important part of any job is writing. Writing proficiency gives people a vital skill they need to fulfill their dreams. It is important for me to help others gain the tools they need to succeed."

McClarence is also passionate about the need for GSU graduates to use the lessons they have learned at the university to make positive changes and improvements in their community.

"GSU has been very important in helping each of us achieve our goals. There is a strong sense of community here. Now we must use our educations to help others."

Within the GSU community, McClarence has served as a representative on the Student Senate, participated in the Honors Program and its community service activities, and was a member of the Black Student Union. Academically, McClarence has made the GSU Dean's List and the National Dean's List, been named an International Scholar Laureate in journalism, and was listed in Who's Who in Women in Education.

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
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

Paul Blobaum, President, Faculty Senate

Coordinator of Marshals

Robert Donaldson, Professor, College of Business and Public Administration

College of Arts and Sciences

Xiaoyong Chen, Associate Professor

James Coldren, Associate Professor

William Craig, Adjunct Faculty; Associate Director, Admissions

Pamela Guimond, Assistant Professor

Rosemary Johnsen, Assistant Professor

Rashidah Muhammad, Professor

Beth Parin, Associate Professor

Todd Rohman, Associate Professor

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Dalsang Chung, Associate Professor

Mary Clark, Assistant Professor

Robert Donaldson, Professor

Susan Gaffney, Associate Professor

Kathleen Hamby, University Lecturer

College of Education

Thomas Bierdz, University Lecturer

Lorenzo Flores, Assistant Professor

Sandra Gandy, Assistant Professor

George Garrett, Professor; Interim Division Chair

Nancy Miller, Assistant Professor

Sharon Neste, University Lecturer

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Martha Gainer, University Lecturer

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Tae Hyun Kim, Assistant Professor

Mark Sanders, University Lecturer

Joyce Sligar, University Lecturer

University College

Rhonda Hudson, Academic Advisor

Shelly Kumar, Professor

Paula Levickas, Academic Advisor

Nancy Shlaes, Professor

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 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.