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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

*Spring
Commencement Exercises
of the Thirty-Fourth
Academic Year*

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2005

2 P.M.



GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating 35 Years of Service

Governors State University was officially signed into law by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie 35 years ago, on July 17, 1969. Its mandate? Change the face of higher education.

Even as the foundations for the campus 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

Robert A. Petty, Sr.

Robert A. (Bob) Petty, Sr. has been a friend and trusted advisor to Chicago area residents for more than 30 years. Petty, a Governors State University alumnus, began his long career as a Chicago journalist and broadcaster in 1971, when he joined WLS Channel 7.

In 1988, Petty hosted the award-winning “Racism on Campus,” Governors State University’s first national videoconference. In a year when racial tensions were running high on university campuses across the nation, Petty tackled the subject head on. He interviewed University of Wisconsin president Donna Shalala, later Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Clinton administration, and moderated a panel of national experts. Executive producer and Governors State University Professor Emeritus Mel Muchnik said, “Bob Petty was a key ingredient to the success of that event. It was an important and highly charged topic, which Bob handled fairly and expertly.”

Petty’s place as an honored and respected journalist was hard won. He established his media presence at a time when African Americans faced nearly insurmountable challenges to establishing professional careers, at a time when African Americans were largely excluded from on air media. His move to Chicago came just five years after angry rioters threw stones at Martin Luther King, Jr., exposing racism that King decried as more powerful, more entrenched than he had witnessed in the south.

Yet Petty did more than persevere. He excelled. His reporting brought him into homes regularly, and he became an important voice for a metropolis and its suburbs. His years of commitment and dedication to reporting unvarnished truth educated the public and contributed to real, lasting, positive, and overdue change. The region owes Bob Petty its thanks.

Petty came fully prepared to the task. As a student at Arizona State University, he rolled up his sleeves and tackled every aspect of news production: editing, sound, lighting, camera, and direction. His superior academic performance at ASU saw him graduate with honors in 1970.

Petty knew the craft - but he determined to master the hard issues confronting American society. He enrolled at the University of Chicago with the objective of conducting research on urban issues, including housing and public transportation. He put that skill and knowledge to work at Channel 7, bringing clarity and understanding to the Chicago public at a critical time.

Petty’s broadcasting career included in-depth investigations on consumer issues. His work in the field garnered him the recognition and admiration of the Chicago viewing public, and for five years he produced and hosted “Weekend Edition.”

Along the way, Petty demonstrated his continuing commitment to mastery of the craft. He enrolled in Governors State University’s Communications program and earned his Master’s degree in 1979.

In 1987, Petty was named as a William Benton Fellow in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Chicago.

Today, Governors State University bestows the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters on Petty for his steadfast and long-term commitment to journalistic excellence, for contributing to the region’s understanding, and shaping its conscience.

Order of Exercises

Sunday, June 5, 2005, 2 p.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	Orland Park Community Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>
PROCESSIONAL	Dr. Gary Lyon, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Orland Park Community Band
"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Edward Elgar	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan, <i>President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE GSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Kathleen Field Orr, <i>Trustee</i>
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT	Dr. Paul R. Keys, <i>Provost</i>
Conferring of Honorary Degree	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters	Robert A. Petty, Sr.
Commencement Address	Robert A. Petty, Sr.
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Paul R. Keys
College of Arts and Sciences	Dean Roger K. Oden
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 Degree Program	Dean John Stoll
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Dean Steven Russell
STUDENT ADDRESS	Donald J. Olund
INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Gerald F. McIlvain, <i>President</i> Governors State University Alumni Association
CLOSING REMARKS	Dr. Stuart I. Fagan
RECESSIONAL	Dr. Gary Lyon
"Crown Imperial" by William Walton, arranged by Jay Bocook	Orland Park Community 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

- * Erica Adams
- Alisha S. Bailey
- Shaun N. Bonen
- Daniel D. Brown
- Dereck Cornejo
- Shelita L. Crater
- * Stephanie M. Cundari
- Kevin M. Drucker
- Carlena G. Funches
- ** William L. Gant
- Consuelo Elizabeth Garcia
- * Jeff M. Grigoletti
- ** Timothy M. Hendrickson
- Curtis R. Hill
- Charisse D. Jenkins
- Larry O. Julion
- ** Ann Kladis
- Kurtis Kraehmer
- Kristy L. Kubida
- Delores S. Lewis
- Annette L. Lynn
- Richard M. Marberg
- Magdalena Jadwiga Mazurczyk
- John F. McDowell
- Jamie M. Mossman
- Timika R. Nunley
- Opeyemi O. Olubajo
- Nina M. Quillin
- Joseph W. Rodd
- Theresa J. Rodgers
- Mary T. Rodrigues
- * Michael J. Saele
- Jeremy B. Sims
- * Keith A. Sullivan
- Ambrose A. Utin
- Kelly C. Waldrom
- * Jennifer M. Wishba
- Brian S. Zimmerman

Bachelor of Science

- Michael W. Berry
- Michael J. Brown
- * Joshua J. Cartman
- Matthew J. Daley
- Meghan E. Gelecke
- Justin E. Lane
- Tenesha A. Maclin
- ** Seth A. McIntyre
- ** Michael R. Neuliep
- Brandon M. Reynolds
- Brian S. Somers
- Kimberly Temen
- * Bart Wegrzyn

Master of Arts

- Michelle E. Aukstik
- Valcar W. Bowman
- Vanessa Gayle Campbell
- Patrick J. Casey
- Corynne F. Cooper
- Priscilla M. Davis
- Verletta P. Falconer
- Tiffinee R. Garcia
- Mona B. Gregerson
- Michael F. Harper
- Mary Beth Hobson
- Kristy L. Ingram
- Cecilia C. Jackson
- Chanell Y. Jones
- Nina Klooster
- Jean M. Koehler
- Mark A. Lanting
- Lonyaee C. Ledbetter
- Lee A. Marino
- Michael E. McDonnell
- LaDonna D. Mitchell-Obafemi
- Maria M. Moore-Lomax
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- Sharee M. Pearce
- Victoria G. Pierce
- Todd D. Reed
- Mary K. Schutzius
- Donna D. Shaw
- Brenda J. Stark
- Adrienne Y. Stewart
- Lola C. Thomas
- Wen-Jing Wang
- Anika N. Watkins
- Tanya Williams
- Sean J. Word
- Tara M. Word

Master of Science

- James F. Angelopoulos
- Mamta A. Gadhiya
- Brent F. Gromala
- Praveen K. Gupta
- Syamalmurthy S. Kocherlakota
- Kiran Kumar Medasani
- William S. Myers
- Mayowa U. Okorie
- Devin B. Olson
- Nileshkumar Navinchandra Patel
- Mohammad A. Siddiqui
- Steve Tijerina
- Shilpa Yezzu

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College of Business and Public Administration

Bachelor of Arts

Tiffany Allen
* Brenda M. Andrist
Troy J. Barden
Tasos J. Berdusis
Juan J. Camacho
Anika R. Collins
Cindy Dunn
Nadine V. French
Dennis C. Gravitt
Kita M. Johnson
Gayle M. Jonkman
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Tracy L. Kowalski
Timothy D. Krzyskowski
Ayumi Kurihara
Aneta Lipinski
Celisa K. Lundborg
Dominika Marek
Melissa C. Mollett
Jeremy M. Muzika
* Cedric M. Norwood
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Kristen L. Pirelli
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William M. Reinsma, Jr.
Zivile Stonkuvieni
Carmencita C. Tate
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Shannon R. Whalen
Amber M. Wydeveld
Matthew Zmuda

Bachelor of Science

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Joy E. Deacon
Jamika R. Douglas
Kristin J. Dove
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Eric R. Johnson
Shawn M. McAvoy
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Karen D. Snow
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Annjanette D. Halton
Deana M. Ligda
Kamathi R. Marambii
Mikisha B. Oden
Fatma Selcen Phelps
Brad J. Wilhelm
Maria Williams

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Brenda K. Boykins-Montgomery
Jeff M. Chevalier
Tracy Lauren Dauser
Carole M. Dempsey
Wilson O. Garcia
David C. Habecker
Pamela Howard
Tapin Jindain
Nashena Lynn Johnson
Dee Ann Knollenberg
Marshall S. Miles
Cecelia M. Thomas

Master of Science

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Linda F. Brown-Terrell
Sharon E. Dunlop
Veena Kasi
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- Loretha Brown
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- LaShonna T. Clay
- Tammy R. Cotton
- * Carolyn J. Currins
- Kristen M. Daly
- Patricia E. Davis
- Erma Donner
- Julie Jane Dudzik
- * Priscilla A. Dwyer
- ** Sarah A. Enz
- Tiffany L. Fountain
- * Natasha C. Gargola
- ** Barbara J. Gindville
- Kathleen A. Giuffre
- Karla M. Gomez
- Yvette M. Grooms
- Stephanie N. Hannon
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- Yolanda C. Jones
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- Dannetta C. Kunz
- Jacinta N. Latimore
- Penny L. Lee-Cox
- Karen D. Lewis
- Lindsey Rae Longtin
- Rabab Magid
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- * Colette E. McCain
- Aire L. McCowin
- * Dawn Marie McGuire
- * Denise McPartland
- Joseph A. Mendez
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- Carie L. Nelson
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- Christopher Lee Noward
- Claudia C. Parra
- * Jeannie M. Perry
- Jennifer T. Phee
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- * Teresa Kay Polson
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- ** Linda M. Reule
- * Kathy L. Roseen
- Kristen D. Smith
- Leslie J. Smith
- ** Renee M. Specht
- Pam S. Taylor
- Silvia I. Todd
- * Melissa A. Tuman
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Swiyah Butler
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Danielle L. Calabrese
James J. Calabrese
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Frank R. Davis
Stephanie Marie DeCarlo
Dana R. Dudzik
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Rebecca Emerson-Manfre
Melody L. Fenton-Reichart
Kristin R. Fiedler
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Yadira Gomes-Munoz
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Ruth A. Naples
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Bachelor of Health Administration

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** Oswaldo E. Rivero
** Rhonda S. Schultz
Freda S. Williams
* Kenneth B. Williams
Tuntanetia Williams

Bachelor of Health Science

Kelly E. Chenoweth
Kaye M. Galyean
Kerri A. Haan
** Geri F. Howard
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Carmen Pacheco
Kelly M. Pagoria
Jennifer A. Paszczyk
* Avital Rabin
** Laura A. Thoma
Diane White

Bachelor of Science

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Etoyol V. Nettles-Spivey
Cecile A. Soich

Master of Health Administration

Yang-Hee Joo

Master of Health Science

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Meggan T. Fahey
Gregg Fields
Shirley Ann Golladay
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Sarah Marie Mroz
Stacey F. Paoello
Marisol Parra
Marilyn E. Sakosky
Oliver W. Sims
Barbara P. Szemplinski
Erika J. Trost
Edward James Turner

Master of Occupational Therapy

Esther Meadors
Mikia A. Stewart

Master of Physical Therapy

Ellen M. Griffin

Master of Social Work

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Melissa L. Collett
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Student Speaker

Donald J. Olund

Donald J. Olund is graduating from the College of Education with a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. For Don, this is nothing short of a life-long dream. An ordained minister for the Assemblies of God, Don has a passion for helping others. As a Marriage and Family Counselor, he will bring his experience and scholarship to the fulfillment of that passion.

Don embodies the spirit of many GSU students and graduates. After earning his Associate's degree from Richard J. Daley College in 1980, he started a family; he raised his children, and he built a career. For more than 20 years he worked in pastoral ministry.

At age 40, Don decided to embark on a new journey. He enrolled at Governors State University and earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology. It was the first step toward his ultimate goal: a degree in Marriage and Family Counseling, which he receives today, at the Spring 2005 Commencement of Governors State.

Don has earned his degree with distinction. He credits inspiration and support he received from his College of Education mentors - Drs. Catherine Sori, Byron Waller, Lon Wolf, and Shannon Dermer - with helping him achieve a graduate GPA of 4.0, and membership in Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society of professional counseling.

Don's hard work and professionalism prompted the Marriage and Family Counseling faculty to entrust the supervision of the university's counseling lab to him. In that capacity, he helped families and individuals in need find and receive the free counseling services of the Division of Psychology and Counseling.

Dr. Sori said, "It is very rare to find a student who possesses the combination of unique qualities that Don Olund has. He is brilliant and dedicated, with a true gift for the art of counseling. He has a large heart for helping hurting people. I know he will be a positive force in the field of counseling in the years to come. My life is richer for having had him as a student."

Don has accepted a full-time position as a marriage and family counselor at LifeWork Counseling Center, where he served his GSU internship. He plans to use his degree and knowledge to network with local churches and service agencies to address the needs of the 30,000 working poor in DuPage County. He also intends to continue his education, in addictions studies, and, possibly, doctoral studies.

Wherever his education and career take him, Don says his journey could never have begun, or succeeded, without the continuing support and encouragement of his family - his children Candace, Justin, and Jordan - and his best friend and companion through life, his wife Marian Olund.

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, University Professor of Science Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Coordinator of Marshals

Robert Donaldson, University Professor of Public Administration, College of Business and Public Administration

College of Arts and Sciences

Deborah Holdstein, University Professor of English and Rhetoric

Michele McMasters, University Lecturer of Communication

Rashidah Jaami Muhammad, University Professor of English and Secondary Education

College of Business and Public Administration

Mary Clark, University Professor of Business and Public Administration

Robert Donaldson, University Professor of Public Administration

Susan Gaffney, University Professor of Public Administration

John Simon, University Professor of Operations Management

College of Education

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Nancy Miller, University Professor of Mathematics Education

Byron Waller, University Professor of Psychology and Counseling

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Shirley Comer, University Lecturer of Nursing

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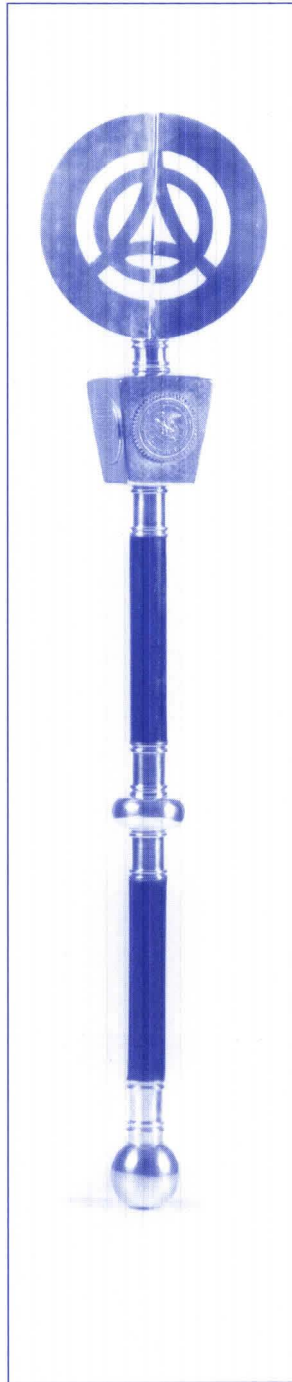
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The Mace



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 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.