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Commencement Exercises of the Forty-Sixth Academic Year

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 • 10 A.M. & 5 P.M.



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UNIVERSITY



GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

From its inception in 1969, innovation and putting students first have been the hallmarks of GSU's success. In 2017, that tradition continues. The university has expanded its reach and has solidified its commitment to inspiring hope, realizing dreams, and strengthening community for generations to come. Our work is informed by the following principles:

GSU's strategic planning and financial decisions always put students first. We know that nothing in higher education is more powerful than an uncompromising commitment to student success.

GSU students deserve a high quality education, with a strong foundation in critical thinking, civic engagement, and communications. Credentials without quality are empty. GSU is an "island of excellence," according to Dr. Martha J. Kanter, former Under Secretary of the United States Department of Education. With bold new initiatives and innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs, GSU excels at providing the quality education that is essential for success in today's global society.

GSU is inclusive, providing students from varying socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds with unequalled educational opportunities and the support — financial, academic, and social — they need to be successful. The award winning Dual Degree Program continues to encourage community college students to complete both an associate and bachelor's degree. Ninety-one percent of DDP students who have matriculated at GSU have either graduated or are on track to graduate.

GSU is a place of civic engagement, where students learn to connect their studies to the responsibilities of citizenship.

GSU is a public square. We are educationally, culturally, and economically committed to programs and partnerships in education, healthcare, government, and business. The Center for the Performing Arts, Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, and the Visual Arts Gallery bring students and community members together to live in the midst of art.

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ORDER OF EXERCISES

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10 a.m.

College of Business • College of Education • College of Health and Human Services

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, *University President, Presiding*

PRELUDE	Encore Concert Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
PROCESSIONAL.....	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Darrin Aase, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i> Dr. Gökçe Sargut, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i>
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar	Encore Concert Band
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Grand Marshal</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Yolanda Pitts, <i>2017 Graduate</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....	Patrick Ormsby, <i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Faculty Senate President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....	Tonya Lambert, <i>Alumni Representative</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER.....	Yolanda Pitts, <i>Student Trustee</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS	Sandra Chavez, <i>2017 Graduate</i>
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i>
Conferring of Degree	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
Honorary Degree Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters	Dr. Shaun R. Harper
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i>
College of Business	Dr. Jun Zhao, <i>Dean</i>
College of Education.....	Dr. Andrea Evans, <i>Dean</i>
College of Health and Human Services	Dr. Elizabeth A. Cada, <i>Dean</i>
Name Readers	COB – William Kresse, COE – Dr. Colleen Sexton, CHHS – Dr. Rebecca Wojcik
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Darrin Aase, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i> Dr. Gökçe Sargut, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i>
“Crown Imperial,” by William Walton.....	Encore Concert Band
FANFARE SELECTION	Encore Concert Band

Sign language interpretation provided by Susan Bova.

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

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Saturday, May 20, 2017, 5 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, *University President, Presiding*

PRELUDE	Encore Concert Band Bill Schuetter, <i>Conductor</i>
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
PROCESSIONAL.....	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Walter Henne, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i>
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1,” by Edward Elgar	Encore Concert Band
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Grand Marshal</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Encore Concert Band
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.....	Cornelius D. Griggs, <i>Trustee, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Faculty Senate President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.....	Jermaine Paul, <i>Alumni Association Representative</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Justin Smith, <i>Student Senate President</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS	Sarah Hirsch, <i>2017 Graduate</i>
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i>
Conferring of Degree	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
Honorary Degree Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters	Bob Abernethy
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, <i>Provost</i>
College of Arts and Sciences	Dr. Andrae Marak, <i>Dean</i>
Name Readers	Dr. Deborah James-Smith and Dr. Lara Stache
CONFERRING OF DEGREES.....	Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, <i>President</i>
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Tony Labriola, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	Dr. Barbara Winicki, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Walter Henne, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i>
“Crown Imperial,” by William Walton.....	Encore Concert Band
FANFARE SELECTION	Encore Concert Band

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Shaun R. Harper

Dr. Shaun R. Harper is a distinguished scholar, recognized nationally as one of the most influential leaders in the field of education and as one of the leading voices in the conversation on race and equity in higher education.

This summer, Dr. Harper will begin his tenure as professor at the University of Southern California, where he also will develop and lead the new Center on Race and Equity.

Currently, he is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also serves as executive director of the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education, which he founded in 2011. His groundbreaking research examines race and gender in education and social contexts, including equity trends and climate issues on college campuses, Black and Latino male student success in high school and higher education, college student engagement, and intercollegiate athletics.

Dr. Harper is blazing trails in the educational landscape. His research has been cited in nearly 5,000 published studies, and he is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and academic publications, including his 13th book, *Race Matters in College*. He has been interviewed on CNN, ESPN, and NPR, and more than 10,000 newspapers have either quoted him or cited his research. Most recently, Dr. Harper was elected president of the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

His revolutionary work on race matters in higher education sheds light on inequities affecting minorities in America and impacts the opinions of policymakers. In 2015, Dr. Harper was appointed to President Barack Obama's *My Brother's Keeper* advisory council.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Bob Abernethy

Bob Abernethy is a veteran journalist whose career spans six decades and eleven presidents. Throughout the years, he has consistently provided thoughtful and perceptive coverage of world events and issues. Abernethy's balanced presentation of the news he covered and the topics he analyzed are hallmark characteristics of his career.

Twenty years ago, Abernethy pioneered television programming that examined religion and ethics when he created *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly* for PBS. This award-winning weekly newsmagazine was widely praised for its thoughtful coverage of all religions, denominations, and expressions of spirituality in American life. Abernethy's perceptive exploration of the issues propelled the national conversation on spiritual matters as he led analysis of the intricacies of morality and the characteristics of faith at the intersection of politics and culture. Before its last broadcast in February 2017, the show had aired on more than 250 public stations nationwide and reached more than 570,000 viewers.

Prior to his work at PBS, Abernethy served as a correspondent for NBC News for more than four decades. He reported from cities around the world and covered major events, from the assassination of JFK to the collapse of communist regimes in the Soviet Union and around the world.

Abernethy is the co-editor of *The Life of Meaning*, a collection of edited excerpts from some of the many eloquent observations made by those interviewed for *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*.

Abernethy is an alumnus of Princeton University, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. In 1984, he took a one-year leave from NBC to study theology and social ethics at the Yale Divinity School. Abernethy received the 2003 "Distinction in Ministry Award" from the Alumni Association of Yale Divinity School and the Wilbur Award in 2009 from the Religion Communicators Council.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Sandra Chavez

This morning's student Commencement speaker, Sandra Chavez, known as Filly, understands the value of her education, the commitment it took to get it, and where it can ultimately lead her. With the support of her parents and three children, today Filly graduates with honors, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a Preclinical Concentration.

The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Filly is the first in her family to attend college. As a first-generation college student, she is driven by her awareness of countless immigrants who risked everything to provide opportunities for their families and how fortunate she has been to have the ability and support to achieve her goals.

Since childhood, Filly has aspired to become a psychologist. She earned her associate degree from Kankakee Community College, where she was president of the Psychology Club and on the board of the Student Activity Committee. She transferred to GSU to complete her B.A. in Psychology and where she served as a Success Coach in the Center for the Junior Year.

During her studies in GSU, Filly realized that her lifelong passion for horses could be combined with her dream of becoming a psychologist. She currently volunteers at the Peotone Equine Therapeutic Riding Center and plans to pursue a doctorate in Clinical Psychology, specializing in Child Neuropsychology. Ultimately, she plans to establish her own equine therapy center. She plans to return to her hometown of Onarga in central Illinois to put her education to good use benefitting her community.

Celebrating with Filly today are her partner, children, parents, and brother.

Sarah Hirsch

This afternoon's student Commencement speaker, Sarah Hirsch, has taken three different journeys to reach this point in her life. Her experiences on each journey have helped shape her life, informed her choices, and guided her to today's celebration.

Sarah's first journey was literal. At 18, she left her home in Mississippi to experience life in Alaska and then spent time traveling the country. On her way, she supported herself by waiting tables, met and married her husband, became a mother, finished her associate degree — and was enriched by the different regions, cultures, and people she experienced. Leaving her comfort zone and living in different regions heightened Sarah's understanding and appreciation of the challenges and accomplishments of others.

Her second journey took her into family life with all its trials, joys, and triumphs. Watching and guiding her two young sons as they learn to navigate the world provides her with much needed perspective. She draws encouragement from her sons' journey as she balances the demands of her job with the responsibilities of raising a family.

Like many GSU graduates here today, Sarah also chose a third journey — to complete the education she began years ago even as she worked and raised a family. Her return to college brought her great success. She graduated from GSU in 2016 Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in English, and today she earns her M.A. in English. Sarah also served the GSU community as editor-in-chief of *Reconstructed*, the student literary magazine, and as a member of the Composition Steering Committee. She was also a graduate assistant in Supplemental Instruction for First-Year Writing and an intern in the Office of Marketing and Communications. In April, Sarah earned the Outstanding Graduate Student award.

Celebrating with Sarah today are her husband, children, parents, and brothers.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Rameses Aaron	Shaniva Brown	Karyn DeCuir *	Ricardo Gonzalez
Nedah Abdel-Aziz	Theresa Brown	Jordan Delgrosso *	Rebecca Gorka
Sama Abderrhaman	Derrick Buckner	Sarah Deluca	Elena Gorski
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Darryl Brown *	Jasmine Davenport	Jazmine Gladney	LaShaundra Johnson
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 Scott Moore ***

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 Jeremy Purchase
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 Tyler Radek
 Stephanie Ramirez *
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Vishwanath Prasad Bingi	Ibrahim Gbadegesin	Raviteja Koripalli	Rafi Mohammed
Lekha Bobbala	Mounik Gopireddy	Pradeep Korlamanda	Sami Ullah Khan
Mounika Reddy Bolla	Sruthilaya Gorantla	Nareshkumar Kothapally	Mohammed
Santhosh Kumar Reddy	Bhupesh Chowdary Gude	Billa Koushik Mohan	Waliullah Mohammed
Bondalakunta	Prakash Gudipudi	Bala Varshaan Kovuru	Mohammed Abdullah
Venkata Chakradhar	Sandeep Kumar Gudivada	Ganesh Kuddula	Mohammed Ayub
Bonthala	Chamanth Kumar Guduru	Ranadheer Kulla	Mohammed Azhar Hussain
Trinath Reddy Boravelly	Naveen Kumar Gujjari	Ashrita Kunchala	Mohammed Ikramuddin
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Prahasith Challa	Gunturu	Mohammed Abdul Lateef	Sravya Mokrala
Mounika Chanda	Jampani Hima Bindu	Francis Lattyak	Sudeepthi Monajigari
Raveendra Cherukuri	McClinton Hoover	Swaroop Varun Kumar Lucas	Jagadish Muddapati Jr.
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Pavan Chityala	Himaja Chowdary Jampani	Murali Manohar Maganti	Kranthikumar Nammayalwar
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The medals worn by some graduates symbolize their completion of the GSU Honors Program. The stoles or cords worn by some graduates symbolize their membership in an honor society.

Honors Program – for undergraduates only

Graduates who complete the rigorous Honors Program develop greater depth within their academic program by completing advanced studies, attending interdisciplinary seminars, and producing a final honors project.

Program	Recognition	Color
GSU Honors Program	Medallion.....	Gold

University Honors – for undergraduates only

Honor	Recognition.....	Color
Cum Laude	Cord	White
Magna Cum Laude	Cord	Silver
Summa Cum Laude	Cord	Gold
Lincoln Laureate.....	Medallion	Gold

Honor Societies – for students who are members of these Honor Societies

Society	Recognition.....	Color(s)
Alpha Eta Society (Allied Health).....	Cord	Green
Alpha IOTA Sigma (Interdisciplinary)	Cord	Blue and White
Alpha Sigma Lambda (Adult Learners)	Cord	Burgundy and Antique Gold
Chi Sigma IOTA (Counselors)	Stole	Blue and White
Delta Mu Delta (Business)	Cord	Purple and Gold
Lambda Alpha Epsilon (Criminal Justice)	Cord	Reflex Blue and Gold
Lambda Pi Eta (Communications).....	Cord	Crimson and Cream
Phi Alpha (Social Work).....	Stole	Blue and Gold
Phi Theta Epsilon (Occupational Therapy)	Cord	Navy and Gold
Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration)	Stole	Light Blue and Gold
Psi Chi International (Psychology).....	Cord	Dark blue and Platinum
SALUTE Veterans.....	Cord	Red, White, and Blue
Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing).....	Cord	Purple
Tau Sigma (Transfer)	Cord	Burgundy and Gold
Student Senate (Student Governance).....	Stole	Black and White
Upsilon Phi Delta (Healthcare)	Cord	Blue and Red
Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computer Science)	Cord	Maroon and White

Dual Degree Program – for undergraduates who entered GSU through the Dual Degree Program

Dual Degree Program Partner	Recognition.....	Color(s)
City Colleges of Chicago	Cord	Light Blue and Black and White
College of DuPage.....	Cord	Green and Black and White
Harper College.....	Cord	Blue and Black and White
Joliet Junior College	Cord	Purple and Black and White
Kankakee Community College	Cord	Red and Black and White
Moraine Valley Community College	Cord	Green and Black and White
Morton College	Cord	Blue and Black and White
Prairie State College.....	Cord	Green and Black and White
South Suburban College	Cord	Blue and Black and White
Triton College	Cord	Maroon and Black and White
Waubensee Community College	Cord	Maroon and Black and White

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. The master's gown has sleeves, with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctoral gown is an elaborate costume, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck and 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 doctoral and master's hoods are as follows:

Degree Programs.....	Color
Accounting	Drab
Addictions Studies.....	Salmon Pink
Analytical Chemistry	Golden Yellow
Art	Brown
Business Administration.....	Drab
Communication Disorders.....	Salmon Pink
Communication and Training	White
Computer Science	Golden Yellow
Counseling.....	Light Blue
Counselor Education and Supervision	Light Blue
Criminal Justice	Navy
Early Childhood Education.....	Light Blue
Education	Light Blue
Educational Administration.....	Light Blue
English.....	White
Environmental Biology	Golden Yellow
Independent Film and Digital Imaging.....	Brown
Interdisciplinary Leadership.....	Light Blue
Health Administration	Salmon Pink
Management Information Systems.....	Golden Yellow
Mathematics	Bright Gold
Multicategorical Special Education	Light Blue
Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy	Slate Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Political and Justice Studies.....	White
Psychology.....	Light Blue
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Reading.....	Light Blue
School Psychology	Light Blue
Social Work.....	Citron

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM GRADUATES

Dual Degree Program graduates received distinctive cords for their academic regalia that intertwine GSU's colors — black and white — with the colors of the student's community college. Braiding these colors together symbolizes the partnership and shared goal of the community college and GSU; working together to help these students achieve academic success.

Governor State University's nationally recognized Dual Degree Program is a partnership with 17 area community colleges that establishes a seamless pathway for students to complete their associate degrees at a Chicagoland partner community college and continue their education at GSU to attain their bachelor's degrees.

THE 2017 CLASS GIFT

Each year, your fellow alumni ask GSU's new graduates to celebrate their achievement with a class gift. This year, you have been asked to leave a legacy in the form of a collective gift from the Class of 2017. Your portion of the legacy gift may be directed toward any area of the university that interests you most.

As you look back on your experience at GSU, we encourage you to embrace the fond memories and appreciate the challenges you faced and success you attained. Giving back to your alma mater is reflective of your personal and professional success. It is a celebration of your achievement. To mark your graduation, we ask you to look to the future and pledge to give \$100 a year for the next five years. That is just \$8.33 a month — less than 28 cents a day. So by the year 2022, you would have given a minimum of \$500 back to your fellow Jaguars. Your legacy will continue to support GSU as a place of opportunity, excellence, innovation, and engagement.

Visit www.govst.edu/donate for more information.

GSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association connects graduates with each other, as well as to professional development, networking, and social and volunteer opportunities. What is most important is that as a graduate of GSU, the Alumni Association is YOUR organization. Your engagement in the association can help make it what you need it to be for your success, both personally and professionally.

As GSU alumni, you represent the very best the university has to offer. Please advocate for GSU in your personal and professional networks and encourage others to investigate opportunities to attend and/or support your alma mater. We welcome your return to campus and encourage you to volunteer as a mentor, leader, or lifelong learner, and join one of our growing alumni chapters.

The Alumni Association and the generations of GSU alumni are proud to welcome the Class of 2017 to its ranks. Congratulations and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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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 the seal of the State of Illinois; a cardinal, the state bird; the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and 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.

