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Welcome Jaguar family and friends to the "Class of 2023" Commencement Ceremony. Congratulations to the students who made this academic journey and are here to celebrate their success today!

We elcome Jaguar family and friends to this momentous and traditional occasion – the Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony. Congratulations to the students who have achieved this academic milestone, but also to their family and friends who also made this day possible!

This year has presented Governors State University with many positive experiences; yet, for some, profound life lessons and sadness. Notwithstanding, everyone who is here today, is here to celebrate those who are walking across the stage in front of their family and friends – a monumental achievement!

Your achievement today, represents not only your success, but the success of the faculty of Governors State University, the success of everyone on campus regardless of their position, or who happened to be there at just the right moment for you. Everyone here today, cares about your success and understands the challenges you faced getting to this point.

Why is your graduation today so important and why is it something to be celebrated? Your graduation today places you into a 23.5% category of those across the nation who have a bachelor's degree and for some of you today, you will also join those elite individuals who hold a master's or doctoral degree – you will be part of the 14.4% who have achieved a higher degree, as posted by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

As we move through the celebration of today's graduates, let us all take a moment to remember our own day of celebration and the many opportunities we have experienced, and we wish for you to keep in mind, there are many who have not had this opportunity, for whatever reason. We are thankful that Illinois continues with a *Thriving Illinois* that promotes equity and equality for everyone interested in continuing their education. I am thankful that the State of Illinois and this country is moving in the right direction in supporting higher education. This promotes social mobility and serves as an economic driver for this region and beyond.

Allow me a moment to thank those of you who have made today happen. Thanks to all the graduates who persisted and had the tenacity to keep moving forward.

Thanks to the faculty and staff who have taught, guided, supported, and provided you with the gift of consult and time, such a rare commodity in today's dynamic and fluid environment.

I am thankful to everyone who has shared their time and talents to help make this day a reality. I am thankful to those who picked you up gently by the shoulder and encouraged you to continue, I am thankful that many of you served in leadership roles to help your constituents and colleagues march forward. I am thankful for everyone's family and friends who gave you that helping hand, just at the right moment, when you needed that little nudge of support.

All of you walking across the stage today – this is a day of celebration in your lifelong journey. Please take a moment and thank those who have helped you with your journey and please continue to be a lifelong learner. Please share your talents with others and please stay in touch with your family here at GSU. I hope you continue to be an active constituent of GSU and that you will help those who are following in your footsteps.

Once you walk across the stage, you will be the newest members of the GSU Alumni Association, and we hope you will continue your affiliation with GSU and support future students at Governors State University. Thanks to all of you today and remember GSU will always be your Alma Mater.

Cheryl Green, Ph.D. President, Governors State University

The Mace

The governor's mace, traditionally carried by the Faculty Senate President 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.

Order of Exercises

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences • College of Business Dr. Cheryl Green, *University President*, Presiding

PRELUDE	Encore Concert Band Matt Jackson, <i>Conductor</i>
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS	
PROCESSIONAL Dr. Carlos Ferran, Dr. V	Walter Henne, Dr. Rebecca Siefert, <i>Excellence Award Recipients</i>
"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Edward Elgar	Encore Concert Band
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Li-Wei Peng, Grand Marshal
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Liane Williams, Vocalist, and Cliff Dubose, Keyboardist
BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND S	SING"Liane Williams, <i>Vocalist,</i> and Cliff Dubose, <i>Keyboardist</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY SENATE GREETINGS FROM THE GSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Dr. Li-Wei Peng, Faculty Senate President
STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS	Bhargavi Kasetti, <i>Class of 2023</i>
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES College of Business College of Arts and Sciences	
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	
CLOSING REMARKS	
RECESSIONAL	Walter Henne, Dr. Rebecca Siefert, <i>Excellence Award Recipients</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 13, 2023, 4:30 p.m. College of Education • College of Health and Human Services Dr. Cheryl Green, *University President*, Presiding

PRELUDE	Encore Concert Band Matt Jackson, <i>Conductor</i>
WELCOME AND SPEAKER INTRODUCTIONS	
PROCESSIONAL Dr. Li-Wei Peng, G	rand Marshal, Dr. Rebecca Siefert, Excellence Award Recipient
"Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" by Edward Elgar	Encore Concert Band
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Li-Wei Peng, Grand Marshal
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CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dr. Cheryl Green, President
CLOSING REMARKS	
RECESSIONAL	Dr. Li-Wei Peng, <i>Grand Marshal</i> Dr. Rebecca Siefert, <i>Excellence Award Recipient</i>
"Crown Imperial," by William Walton	Encore Concert Band
FANFARE SELECTION	

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Student Speakers

Ralph Anthony Sansone



Ralph Sansone is an elementary school major who joined GSU in 2021 as part of the Dual Degree Program's partnership with Kankakee Community College. He also received a scholarship through the Honors Program and will graduate with a 3.91 GPA. Ralph, who earned his GED at age 20, says he looks forward to helping students discover passion for learning and for life.

Bhargavi Kasetti



An aspiring educator and computer science engineer has been selected to deliver student commencement speeches during Commencement ceremonies on May 13, at Tinley Park Convention Center.

Ms. Kasetti hails from Hyderabad, India, and is a graduate student studying Computer Science. She enrolled at GSU in 2021, after discovering the university in her online research. As an undergraduate student, Bhargavi excelled, achieving a 3.85 GPA, has served the campus community as a graduate assistant in the Counseling and Wellness Center and has spent

countless hours in the Food Pantry. Bhargavi looks forward to learning computer languages that will help her write code with a major software engineering firm.



Student Singer

Myrna Montgomery



Governors State University (GSU) Community Health major Myrna Montgomery has been selected to sing the "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the Black National Anthem during the 2023 afternoon Commencement ceremony.

With her bachelor's degree, Myrna hopes to build a career in the healthcare segment serving people with disabilities. She said she is honored to sing for the College of Education and College of Health and Human Services students as they receive their diplomas.

Student Trustee

Lluvia Hernandez-Aguirre



Lluvia Hernandez-Aguirre is a first-generation college student with huge aspirations. Currently, Lluvia serves as the student body representative on the Board of Trustees for Governors State University. Lluvia graduates with her bachelor's degree at the 10 AM ceremony, and has been re-elected by the students to serve as the student trustee during the 2023-24 academic year. She is honored to serve as the connection, while she continues her academic journey in graduate school.



Honorary Degree Recipient





Sylvia Puente is the President and CEO of the Latino Policy Forum, the only Latino public policy and advocacy organization in Illinois. Ms. Puente was the first in her family to earn a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, she continued with graduate studies at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and earned her Master's degree from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago.

As a bridge builder and a trailblazer, she is nationally recognized as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S." She is regularly called upon to provide perspectives on the nation's changing demographics and is considered an

expert on Latino Issues, whereby she has published numerous reports that articulate the vital role the Latino population has on the socio-economic growth of Chicago and the suburbs.

Ms. Puente is a Chicago native who has moved from the picket lines with her mother at the age of 13 to serving on various boards and committees appointed by three different Governors in the State of Illinois. She served on Governor Pritzker's transition team, the Educational Success Committee, which was tasked with addressing the state's educational issues, worked on educational funding, early learning for children and serves as board director for Advance Illinois, a public policy agency working to improve education in the State.

Among many of her continuous recognitions, Ms. Puente is a fellow of Leadership Greater Chicago, she is very proud of her alumni distinction at the University of Illinois, acknowledged by the University of Chicago as an Outstanding Leader of Color; the League of United Latin American Citizens, and the list goes on and on. One significant honor was the National Football League's Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award that was presented to Ms. Puente by the Chicago Bears. Finally, one that is in sync with the values of Governors State University, she was named one of 25 Chicago area women as a "Pioneer for Social Justice!"

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- Honors Cords, Medallions, and Stoles for Commencement -

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

Honors Program graduates complete a rigorous academic curriculum including an honors capstone with the goal of promoting leadership and personal development for the betterment of the students, the university, and the local and global community.

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
	Medallion	

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

Society	Recognition	Color(s)
Alpha Eta Society (Allied Health)		
Alpha IOTA Sigma (Interdisciplinary)	Cord	Blue and White
Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)	Cord	Royal Blue and Gold
Alpha Sigma Lambda (Adult Learners)	Cord	Burgundy and Antique Gold
Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)	Cord	Royal Blue and Gold
Chi Sigma IOTA (Counselors)	Stole	Blue and White
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)	Cord	Green and Purple
Lambda Pi Eta (Communication)	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/Stole	Dark Blue and Platinum/Platinum
SALUTE Veterans	Cord	Red, White, and Blue
Sigma Tau Delta (English)	Cord	Red and Black
Sigma Theta Tau (Nursing)	Cord	Purple
Tau Sigma (Transfer)		
Student Senate (Student Governance)	Stole	Black and White
Upsilon Phi Delta (Healthcare)		
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	
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
Waubonsee 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 and specialist's gowns have 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. While each program of study has a specific color, some programs display the same color. The repetitive color reflects the college (ex. Addictions Studies and Communication Disorders graduates earn a Master of Health Science for which the hood color is Salmon Pink). The trim colors for doctoral and master's hoods are as follows:

Degree Programs	Color
Accounting	
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 Ph.D.	Royal Blue
Counselor Education and Supervision Ed.D.	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	
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

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We are beyond thrilled to welcome everyone to our 2023 Commencement Celebration. This time-honored tradition celebrates the collective efforts of graduates, their families, faculty, staff, and special guests to achieve significant academic goals. Here at GSU, we never tire of this day and what it represents.

Like our graduates, this day is the culmination of many hours of hard work, strategic planning and executing the plans. This year has been met with multiple opportunities, with some sadness along the way, but clearly demonstrates the resilience of our entire Governors State University community.

We celebrate alongside our exceptional, skilled, and confident graduates as they transition to the new designation of proud GSU alumni. Their continued success as responsible citizens in our global society continues to make us proud and we look to the future and can only visualize the many accomplishments and attributes each and every one will bring to their many communities, here and beyond.

This grand ceremony is possible because of the energy, time, and effort of our entire staff, faculty, volunteers, business partners and vendors. Their helping hands hold noble character and dedication to the students, graduates, and University.

We applaud the success of our students, faculty and staff and want to thank everyone who participated in the journey of the students and those who have and continue to support the campus community!

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Everyone, thank you for a job well done! It has been a great academic year.

National Anthem Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there; O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Black National Anthem Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring Ring with the harmonies of Liberty Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

God of our weary years God of our silent tears Thou who has brought us thus far on the way Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee Shadowed beneath Thy hand May we forever stand True to our God True to our native land Our native land

