

*Onward, Mighty Blue and Silver*

Onward, mighty Blue and Silver,  
Emblem fair of DSC!  
Stand we on your firm foundations,  
Minds and skills and lives made free.

Depth of valley, strength of mountains,  
Lamp of learning on life's highway  
Dalton State College, our Alma Mater,  
Close within our hearts you'll stay.

Tune: *Hyfrydol*

# Program

*Processional <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	Elgar
*National Anthem <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i>	Nick Stuard, student <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Applied Economics</i>
	Amanda Karge <i>Bachelor of Science in Psychology</i>
Welcome	Dr. John M. Fuchko, III <i>President</i>
Greetings from the SGA	Mackenzie Manley, student <i>SGA President</i> <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing</i>
Presentation of Honorary Doctorates	Dr. John M. Fuchko, III <i>President</i>
Introduction of Speakers	Dr. John M. Fuchko, III <i>President</i>
Speakers	Commissioner John F. King <i>Georgia Department of Insurance and Safety Fire</i>
	Alex Whaley <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Management</i>
	Moriah Silvers <i>Bachelor of Arts in English</i>

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Presentation of Candidates	Dr. Bruno Hicks <i>Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
School of Arts and Sciences	Dr. Randall Griffus <i>Dean</i>
Wright School of Business	Dr. Marilyn Helms <i>Dean</i>
School of Education	Dr. Sharon Hixon <i>Dean</i>
School of Health Professions	Dr. Gina Kertulis-Tartar <i>Dean</i>
Awarding of Diplomas	Dr. Jodi Johnson <i>Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management</i>
Greetings from the Alumni Association	Laura Alton <i>President, Society '63 Bachelor of Business Administration, May 2020</i>
*Alma Mater	<i>Onward, Mighty Blue and Silver</i>
*Recessional	
Music	Dalton/Whitfield Community Band
Presentation of Colors	Dalton High School JROTC

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## ***Candidates for Graduation***

### ***Certificate***

Sarah Sabry Abouelfatouh  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Jesus Adrian Morales  
*Phlebotomy*

Jose Camacho Jr  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Jennifer Palmerin  
*Phlebotomy*

Jessica Renae Carter  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Amber Rose Queen  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Morgan G. Crawley  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Misty Reynolds  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Lindsey E. Croy  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Jazlyn Ventura  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Madison Faith Gable  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Carly B. Gray  
*Phlebotomy*

Tazhar Iqbal  
*Computer Networking and Service  
Technology*

Makinley Donielle Lewis  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Wendy Anette Lopez-Luna  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

Kristopher Logan Miller  
*Licensed Practical Nursing*

*Associate of Applied Science*

Melissa Altamirano Ortiz  
*Radiologic Technology*

Emilee Brooke King  
*Radiologic Technology*

Jessamine Sarai Bravo  
*Radiologic Technology*

Ronald V. King  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Yolanie I. Cotto-Skerrett  
*Radiologic Technology*

Micah Samuel Manley  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Reyna G Flores  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Angel Cruz Martinez  
*Radiologic Technology*

Erick Daniel Fowles  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Marta Elizabeth Mitchell  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Yareli Fraire  
*Radiologic Technology*

Amanda Brooke Pack  
*Radiologic Technology*

Andy A. Garcia  
*Radiologic Technology*

Kevin Paniagua  
*Computer Networking and Service  
Technology*

Gracie Elaina Grant  
*Radiologic Technology*

Jewel Faith Parham  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Victor Manuel Guerrero  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Alex Giovanni Pellecer  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Kayla Guzman  
*Radiologic Technology*

Keric Jerome Pham  
*Computer Networking and Service  
Technology*

Bibiana Heredia  
*Radiologic Technology*

Sandy Elena Reyes  
*Radiologic Technology*

Courtney Justice  
*Radiologic Technology*

Katelyn Rose Robison  
*Radiologic Technology*

Shana Alane Tanksley  
*Radiologic Technology*

Mariah Wilson  
*Radiologic Technology*

Kayla Michelle Woody  
*Radiologic Technology*

Aracely Zamudio  
*Radiologic Technology*

*Associate of Science in Nursing*

Meagan Britt Baker-Hatch	Jillian Poe Hansird
Ashley Barmore	Ashley J. Hartness Juarez
Lisset Barbara Bennett	Brittany Brooke Haverkamp
Anna Grace Bryant	Flavio Cesar Hernandez
Mikala C Carlson	Derek A. Hofmann
Cameron Spencer Cash	Savannah J. Hott
Juliana Ceja Garibay	Lillian Erna Jones
Hunter Cole Cochran	Sabrina G Jones
Jessica Dannielle Cross	Sadie Elizabeth Kukla
Gisela Beatriz Cruz Flores	Shanna Littleton
Dewayne R. Dixon	Savannah Rae Mabel
Kylea Riley Ewers	Ruby Martinez
Grace Elisabeth Fitzwater	Jeffrey Allen Medlin
Lauren Mackenzie Fleming	Kimberley L. Mendez
Katie Elizabeth Frazier	Lexi Leanne Mitchell
Julie Bowen Gold	Denise Moreno
Samantha Green	Victor Hugo Patino
Alonso Grimaldo	Jaqueline Perez



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Divine Plathottathil

Katrina M. Rose-Hopson

Samantha Katy Sanfilippo

Frances Yohan Santiago Rodriguez

Hartley Cloud Smith

Emma Snyder

Sara Mackenzie Taylor

Madalyn Elaine Thomas

BayLeigh Anne Tinch

Karen Valencia

Mckayla Waters

Haley Nicole Williams

Katie Leigh Williams

Nia Marie Rachell Womack

Skyler J. Yoder

*Associate of Arts, Associate of Science*

Cristopher Amaya

*General Studies,*

*Computer Science Pathway*

Christopher Jayden Appling

*General Studies,*

*Business Pathway*

Grant Childs

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*Elementary Education Pathway*

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Halley Morgan Crump

*General Studies,*

*Nursing Pathway*

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*Nursing Pathway*

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*Business Pathway*

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*Business Pathway*

Anino Emiko

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*Nursing Pathway*

Jennifer Daniela Gallardo

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Carli Gazaway

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*Nursing Pathway*

Zoe Leigh Grace Haggard

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Hannah Michaele Hamrick

*General Studies,*

*Elementary Education Pathway*

Lauren Elizabeth Holguin

*General Studies,*

*Elementary Education Pathway*

Cedric Thomas Howard-Lewis

*General Studies*

Pippa Annaline Key

*General Studies*

Alee Dare Kimbell

*General Studies*

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*Physics Pathway*

Gabriela Lopez  
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*Nursing Pathway*

Roy C McMahan  
*General Studies*

Paige Lydia McQuillen  
*General Studies,*  
*Nursing Pathway*

Eliseo Padilla  
*General Studies,*  
*Computer Science Pathway*

Tyler Pritchett  
*General Studies,*  
*Business Pathway*

Ingrid Lineth Ramirez  
*General Studies,*  
*Nursing Pathway*

Ady Aaliyah Rivera  
*General Studies,*  
*Elementary Education Pathway*

Ava Rayne Robinette  
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Courtney Rollins  
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*Physics Pathway*

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*General Studies,*  
*Computer Science Pathway*

Kevin Johnathan Vera  
*General Studies*

Erika Vidana  
*Criminal Justice*

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*General Studies,*  
*Physics Pathway*

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*Nursing Pathway*

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*Business Pathway*

Autumn Grace Williams  
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*Film Pathway*

Nicholas Williams  
*General Studies,*  
*Physics Pathway*

Kylee Savannah Wilson  
*General Studies*

Rylee Sage Wimpey  
*General Studies*

## School of Arts and Sciences

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Madleen Abu Hadba

*Criminal Justice*

Jacqueline Arredondo

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Emma Grace Bagley

*Psychology with a minor in  
Biology*

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*Mathematics*

Caleb A. Barnes

*History*

Jacob Bailey Bass

*History with a  
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Jessica A. Becerra

*Biology with a concentration in  
Pre-Health Sciences*

Margaret Alana Bennett\*

*Biology with a concentration in  
Environmental Biology*

Thomas George Bentham

*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
minor in Health and Wellness*

Myah Loy Bishop

*Biology with a concentration in  
Pre-Health Sciences*

Abby Warren Brooker

*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Taylor Dawn Brooks

*English with a  
Secondary Certification*

Joshua T. Brotherton

*Biology with a concentration in  
Environmental Biology*

Edwin Castillo

*Chemistry with a concentration in  
Industrial Chemistry and a minor  
in Mathematics*

Virginia Cervantes

*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
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Tristin Seth Chadwick

*History with a minor in  
English*

Autumn Bryce Christian  
*English with a  
Secondary Certification*

Dylan Thomas Cleary  
*Communication with a  
Generalist concentration  
and a minor in English*

Darien Laquan Cone  
*Information Technology*

Landon Ryan Cooley  
*Communication with a  
concentration in  
Digital/Social Media*

Sarah Cooper  
*Biology with a concentration in  
General Biology*

Nathaniel Copley  
*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Omar Alexander Cordero  
*Criminal Justice*

Jordan Crook  
*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
minor in Business*

Tyler Engle Crosby  
*Criminal Justice*

Sabrina Cruz  
*Psychology*

Kirsten Deal  
*Biology*

Shawn Michael V. Deloraya  
*Information Technology*

Chandler Tate Dillard  
*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Alyssa Shae Duncan  
*Environmental and Sustainability  
Studies with a minor in Biology*

Billy Samuel Eads  
*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Samuel Benjamin Eaton  
*Criminal Justice*

Jarod Edwards  
*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
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Molly Belle Evans  
*Chemistry with a concentration in  
Environmental Chemistry*

Jonathan James Fleming  
*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

## School of Arts and Sciences, continued

Kirsten Fowler <i>Psychology with a minor in Health and Wellness</i>	Veronica Xiomara Gomez Cardenas <i>Criminal Justice</i>
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Areli G. Garcia <i>Communication with a concentration in Organizational Communication Leadership</i>	Kailie Hardin <i>Psychology</i>
Jose Ricardo Garcia <i>Biology with a concentration in Pre-Health Sciences</i>	Brandi Morgan Harper <i>English with a Secondary Certification</i>
Veronica Felcia Garcia <i>Biology with a concentration in General Biology</i>	Allyson Brooke Haynes <i>Psychology</i>
Luis Eduardo Garcia Geraldino <i>Chemistry with a concentration in Pre-Health Sciences</i>	Karla J. Hernandez <i>Biology with a concentration in Pre-Health Sciences and a minor Chemistry</i>
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	Abigail K. Holloway <i>History with a Secondary Certification</i>

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*Psychology with a minor in  
Criminal Justice*

Armando Francisco Huerta  
*Criminal Justice*

Patrick Val Hull  
*Biology with a concentration in  
General Biology*

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*Mathematics with a  
Secondary Certification  
and a minor in Global Studies*

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*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
minor in Criminal Justice*

Amanda Lynne Karge  
*Psychology*

Ellis Lee Jr  
*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
minor in Health and Wellness*

Daniel Lopez  
*Engineering Technology  
with a minor in Mathematics*

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*Information Technology*

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General Biology*

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Pre-Health Sciences*

Alyssa Michelle Miller  
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*Biology with a concentration in  
Pre-Health Sciences*

Maribel Ramirez-Raymundo

*Biology with a concentration in  
Pre-Health Sciences*

Bailea Ray

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Connor Rice

*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

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*Communication  
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Pre-Health Sciences*

Juana Rodriguez

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Owen Michael Rogers

*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Brendan H. Roth

*Chemistry with a concentration in  
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Megan Lynne Schauer

*Communication with a  
concentration in Film Studies*

Ivan Serrano

*History with a  
Secondary Certification*



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*English with a minor in  
Appalachian Studies*

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*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
minor Biology*

Michael Luke Sloan  
*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Katie Mae Sponberger  
*Interdisciplinary Studies with a  
minor in Communication Studies*

Baylee C. Stafford  
*English with a  
Secondary Certification*

Halie Amber Sturges  
*English*

Stephanie B. Sullivan  
*English with a  
Secondary Certification*

Jewel Tamayo  
*Communication with a  
concentration in Film Studies*

Gavin T. Taylor  
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minor in Biology*

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concentration in  
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*Information Technology*

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Biology*

Matthew Elijah Turso  
*History with a  
Secondary Certification*

Gianny Albert Valenzuela Geronimo  
*Biology with a concentration in  
General Biology*

Olivia Whaley  
*English with a  
Secondary Certification*

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*Biology with a concentration in  
Environmental Biology*

Jordan Wileman  
*Chemistry with a concentration in  
General Chemistry*

## School of Arts and Sciences, continued

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*Secondary Certification*

Alexander Jacob Williamson

*History with a*

*Secondary Certification*

Justin C. Wooden

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Courtney Raye Yancey

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Kaidey Yi

*Criminal Justice*

Jacob William Zimmerman

*Biology with a concentration in*

*Pre-Health Sciences*

# Wright School of Business

## *Bachelor of Business Administration*

Spencer Alexander  
*Logistics and Supply Chain  
Management*

Mailey Grace Buzzell  
*Accounting*

Joshua Lynn Ashook  
*Finance and Applied Economics*

Sierra Jade Cagle  
*Accounting*

Makenzie Alysse Bailey  
*Management*

Brooke Chasteen  
*Accounting*

Edgar Barragan  
*Management*

Rocio Anahi Chavez  
*Management with a minor in  
Entrepreneurship*

Monica Esmeralda Bautista Tercero  
*Management with a minor in  
Human Resource Management*

Roderick Kenyon Cobb  
*Management Information Systems*

Ismael Jr. Belman  
*Marketing*

Leslie Irene Coleman  
*Logistics and Supply Chain  
Management with a minor in  
Business Analytics*

Edwidge Belony Jr  
*Accounting*

Giselle Contri  
*Accounting*

Ricki Lynn Bickley  
*Management with a minor in  
Human Resource Management*

Brock Davis  
*Management Information Systems  
with a minor in Business Analytics*

Zachary R. Blaylock  
*Logistics and Supply Chain  
Management*

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*Logistics and Supply Chain  
Management with a minor in  
Business Analytics*

McKenzie Brueckner  
*Marketing*

## Wright School of Business, continued

Lindsey Elsie Ruth Guess  
*Finance and Applied Economics  
with a minor in Business Analytics*

Sydney Nicole Hermann  
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Management with a minor in  
Business Analytics*

David Hernandez  
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Susan Hernandez  
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*Management with a minor in  
Human Resource Management*

Brock L. Hoover  
*Finance and Applied Economics*

Valleri Nicole Ide  
*Management*

Katelyn Marie Jackson  
*Management, Marketing*

Kalina Dilyn Janssen  
*Management with a minor in  
International Business*

Ariana Jaramillo  
*Management with a minor in  
Human Resource Management*

Jessica Danae Kean  
*Finance and Applied Economics*

Isaac Carter Lacle  
*Finance and Applied Economics*

Cesar Lara Rios  
*Management with a minor in  
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*Marketing*

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*Finance and Applied Economics*

Tristan Cody Shirey  
*Management*

Hailey Mackenzie Sneed  
*Management*

Garret Lane Strickland  
*Management*

Autumn Talbott  
*Management*

Lindsay Elisabeth Tilley  
*Management with a minor in  
Entrepreneurship*

## **Wright School of Business, continued**

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Alex Whaley

*Management with a minor in*

*Human Resource Management*

Emma A Wilson

*Marketing with minor in*

*Communication Studies*

Samantha Wright

*Finance and Applied Economics*

## **School of Education**

### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

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Olivia Grace Beason	Britney Dixon
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Madison A. Bramblett	Diana Espitia Hernandez
Marissa Kierra Brooks	Clara McKinley Fields
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Caylea Abigail Carter	Lauren Gray
Savannah Cecil	Jaqueline Gurrola
Brittney Leighann Cole	Valarie Shea Hall
Mary Ruthe Cooke*	Samantha Hammontree
Mario Coria Jr.	Hallie Brooks Harrison
Morgan Cowart	Nataly B. Helton
Jessica Danielle Crabtree	Morgan T. Hicks
Alexia Rae Crisp	Cheyenne G. Hodges
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## **School of Education, continued**

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Shelby Mae Woods

Megan Elizabeth Langley

Margaret Ellen Linder

Destiny Maria Medina

Alexis Neely

Emma Grace Owens

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Edgardo M Reyes

Elizabeth Maria Reyes

Gunner Scheeler

Kyler Savannah Schwenk

Claire Rozelle Sloan

Kara Steele

Christian M. Stephens

Carissa Rose Stone

Crystal Torres

Logan Robert Waters



## School of Health Professions

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work,  
Bachelor of Science*

Michelle Lynn Akins  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology  
and a minor in Financial  
Technology*

Abigail Janell Allen  
*Social Work with a minor in  
Psychology*

Amy Arredondo  
*Nursing*

Bradley Bain  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Isabel M. Salinas Barnes  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Allie Lynn Beagles  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in  
Health Care Administration*

Kayelee Alexis Bell  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Zechariah Michael Bowen  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Jason S. Browning  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Brittney Nicole Byars  
*Nursing*

Breanna Kay Cline  
*Nursing*

Kirsten Anne Coker  
*Social Work*

Hevelin Corchado  
*Social Work*

Jennifer Ann Dawson  
*Social Work with a minor in  
Psychology*

Micaiah Grace Duarte  
*Social Work*

Blas Elizondo  
*Health and Wellness with a minor  
in Business*

## School of Health Professions, continued

Laura Whitney Elkins-Thomison  
*Nursing with minors in  
Health and Wellness and Business*

Salicca Leona Ford  
*Social Work*

Abigail Grace Gribble  
*Nursing*

Ashlyn Caroline Hall\*  
*Social Work with a minor in  
Psychology*

Emma Catherine Heiden  
*Nursing*

Denise Hernandez  
*Nursing*

Hayley Nichole Hight  
*Nursing*

Daisy Huijon  
*Nursing*

Kayla Allison Irion  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in  
Public Service Administration*

Mindy Jordan  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in  
Health Care Administration*

Daniel Lucian Kotowski  
*Respiratory Therapy*

Justin J. Lawrence  
*Nursing*

Lexie Legg  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Nicholas Steven Loboda  
*Health and Wellness*

Addison Mariakis  
*Nursing*

Karen E. McKinney  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Kirstin Annette Mousseau  
*Nursing*

Jennifer Ortiz-Zamora  
*Health and Wellness  
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Science and a minor in Psychology*

Katie E. Parrish  
*Organizational Leadership  
with a concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Abigail G. Paseur  
*Organizational Leadership with a  
concentration in Health Care  
Administration*

Lindsey Payne  
*Nursing*

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Administration and Technology*

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*Organizational Leadership with a  
concentration in Health Care  
Administration*

Rachel Posley  
*Organizational Leadership with a  
concentration in Health Care  
Administration*

Lauren Jan Powell  
*Social Work*

Mya Danielle Qureshi  
*Nursing*

Stacy Ramirez  
*Nursing*

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*Organizational Leadership with a  
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Administration and Technology*

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*Nursing*

Berenice Sandoval  
*Nursing*

Samantha Lauren Stephens  
*Organizational Leadership with a  
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Administration and Technology*

Kristy Akiko Strawbridge  
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*Social Work*

Kailee Denise Thomison  
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*Nursing with a minor in  
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Administration*

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*Social Work*

Karen Jennifer Vargas  
*Social Work*

Maria Villa  
*Social Work*

Cameron Reese Walker  
*Health and Wellness with a  
concentration in Exercise Science*

## **School of Health Professions, continued**

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*Nursing with a minor in  
Health and Wellness*

Jennifer Lynn Weaver  
*Organizational Leadership with a  
concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Hannah Marie Wehunt  
*Organizational Leadership with a  
concentration in Health Care  
Administration*

Kylee Savannah Wilson  
*Organizational Leadership with a  
concentration in Office  
Administration and Technology*

Braylen Kaylee York  
*Social Work*

Veronica Zamora  
*Respiratory Therapy*

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Emily Grace Ashe	Ashten Briann Cabe
Emma Grace Bagley	Sierra Jade Cagle
Bradley Bain	Jose Camacho Jr
Meagan Britt Baker-Hatch	Mikala C Carlson
Jacob Bailey Bass	Caylea Abigail Carter
Allie Lynn Beagles	Cameron Spencer Cash
Olivia Grace Beason	Tristin Seth Chadwick
Margaret Alana Bennett	Grant Childs
Ricki Lynn Bickley	Hunter Cole Cochran
Micah Claire Sudie Bishop	Brittney Leighann Cole
Zechariah Michael Bowen	Mary Ruthe Cooke
Ansley Bandy Bowman	Sarah Cooper
Madison A. Bramblett	Hevelin Corchado
Jessamine Sarai Bravo	Ismael A. Corral
Abby Warren Brooker	Yolanie I. Cotto-Skerrett
Jason S. Browning	Jessica Danielle Crabtree
McKenzie Brueckner	Alexia Rae Crisp

*Honor Graduates Candidates, continued*

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Sabrina Cruz	Reyna G Flores
Emily Davidson	Salicca Leona Ford
Brock Davis	Kirsten Fowler
Megan Paige Davis	Erick Daniel Fowles
James Ross Davis	Yareli Fraire
Jennifer Ann Dawson	Katie Elizabeth Frazier
Shawn Michael V. Deloraya	Madison Faith Gable
Chandler Tate Dillard	Areli G. Garcia
Dewayne R. Dixon	Luis Eduardo Garcia Geraldino
Madison Doane	Pharon Givens
Micaiah Grace Duarte	Julie Bowen Gold
Samuel Benjamin Eaton	Yuan Yuan Gong
Julie Elizabeth Elam	Christian Briann Gordon
Laura Whitney Elkins-Thomison	Gracie Elaina Grant
Molly Belle Evans	Lauren Gray
Kylea Riley Ewers	Lily Noel Green
Clara McKinley Fields	Abigail Grace Gribble

Alonso Grimaldo

Susan Hernandez

Jaqueline Gurrola

Morgan T. Hicks

Kayla Guzman

Hayley Nichole Hight

Zoe Leigh Grace Haggard

Kelsey N. Hinton

Ashlyn Caroline Hall

Kylie L. Hinton

Valarie Shea Hall

Lauren Elizabeth Holguin

Jillian Poe Hansird

Abigail K. Holloway

Kailie Hardin

Brock L. Hoover

Brandi Morgan Harper

Kayla Allison Irion

Hallie Brooks Harrison

Nour Nasser Issa

Ashley J. Hartness Juarez

Jessica Danae Kean

Allyson Brooke Haynes

Elizabeth Ann Key

Emma Catherine Heiden

Pippa Annaline Key

Nataly B. Helton

Alee Dare Kimbell

Zach Henson

Ronald V. King

Bibiana Heredia

Daniel Lucian Kotowski

Denise Hernandez

Isaac Carter Lacle

Flavio Cesar Hernandez

Megan Elizabeth Langley

Karla J. Hernandez

Shanna Littleton

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Darren Forrest Otts

Addison Mariakis

Emma Grace Owens

Seth Alexander Maton

Eliseo Padilla

Anthoni Demond McDaniel

Lisbeth Paniagua

Summer Mclendon

Jewel Faith Parham

Tyler McNeese

Katie E. Parrish

Destiny Maria Medina

Hannah Michelle Pass

Luis Julian Medina

Pratham K. Patel

Jeffrey Allen Medlin

Varun Patel

Kimberley L. Mendez

Victor Hugo Patino

Amber Estelle Mikel

Logan Pavlik

Marta Elizabeth Mitchell

Lindsey Payne

Witney Moore

Sydney Marie Pittman

Miguel Angel Moreno

Cetera Bryce Plagmann

Kirstin Annette Mousseau

Divine Plathottathil

Christina Nicole Myers

Samantha R. Poore

Alexis Neely

Rachel Posley

Jennifer Ortiz-Zamora

Lauren Jan Powell



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Mya Danielle Qureshi	Carissa Rose Stone
Celeste Ramirez	Kristy Akiko Strawbridge
Stacy Ramirez	Stephanie B. Sullivan
Bailea Ray	Jewel Tamayo
Maggie L. Reed	Sara Mackenzie Taylor
Misty Reynolds	Kailee Denise Thomison
Connor Rice	BayLeigh Anne Tinch
Parker Miguel Rodas-Webster	Karen Sofia Torres
Fatima Rodriguez	Reynold P. Torres
Samantha Katy Sanfilippo	Manuela Jazmin Toxtle Cuautle
Megan Lynne Schauer	Sergio Valdez
Kyler Savannah Schwenk	Aidan Lynn Valentine
Moriah Mary-Elizabeth Silvers	Gianny Albert Valenzuela Geronimo
Claire Rozelle Sloan	Karen Jennifer Vargas
Michael Luke Sloan	Joshua Aiden Vineyard
Baylee C. Stafford	Cameron Reese Walker
Kara Steele	Cassidy Marie Walker
Samantha Lauren Stephens	Erin K. Walker

Mckayla Waters

Jennifer Lynn Weaver

Hannah Marie Wehunt

Shalee Lane Westfelt

Alex Whaley

Olivia Whaley

Miya Whitfield

Katie Leigh Williams

Nicholas Williams

Alexander Jacob Williamson

Rylee Sage Wimpey

Shelby Mae Woods

Courtney Raye Yancey

Braylen Kaylee York

Aracely Zamudio

Jacob William Zimmerman



# *The History and Meaning of Academic Regalia*

The origins of academic attire date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries in ancient monasteries in Europe where universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric, as most medieval scholars of the day had taken at least minor orders or made certain religious vows. The long gowns and hoods that were worn by these scholars were needed to help provide warmth in unheated buildings.

By the second half of the 14<sup>th</sup> century in England, the statutes of certain colleges prescribed the wearing of a long gown. During Henry VIII's day, Oxford and Cambridge began prescribing a definite academic dress for scholars, which included the long black gown. This dress code evolved to include the assignment of colors on the hoods to signify certain academic disciplines, which became standardized only in the United States in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Red, for example, was assigned to theology, as red was one of the traditional colors of the church. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was adopted for medicine, while golden yellow, representing the wealth which scientific research has produced, was assigned to the sciences.

Today, gowns recommended for use in U.S. colleges and universities have the following characteristics: the bachelor's degree gown has pointed sleeves; the master's degree gown has oblong sleeves; and the doctor's degree gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed, while doctor's degree gowns are trimmed in velvet along the front of the gown and on the sleeves.

The hoods are lined in the colors of the college or university conferring the degree, and the color of the facing denotes the academic discipline.

The colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

Arts, Letters and Humanities, white;	Music, pink;
Business, drab;	Nursing, apricot;
Economics, copper;	Speech, silver gray;
Education, light blue;	Philosophy, dark blue;
Engineering, orange;	Physical Education, sage green;
Fine Arts, brown;	Public Administration, peacock blue;
Journalism, crimson;	Public Health, salmon pink;
Law, purple;	Science, golden yellow;
Library Science, lemon;	Social Work, citron.

## **The Academic Mace**

The tradition of the mace can be dated to medieval kings, whose bodyguards would use a mace as an element of protection. It came to symbolize strength and authority. Gradually, universities adopted the use of a mace to show the right of academic institutions to grant degrees to graduates. The Dalton State College mace features a walnut shaft and sterling silver medallions bearing the College seal.

## **Graduate Distinctions**

A silver cord signifies graduation with honors and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The purple and green honors cord signifies membership in Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education.

A gold and green honors cord signifies membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

A pewter medallion indicates membership in Phi Alpha, a national social work honor society.

A silver medallion signifies the candidate is an Honors Program Graduate.

A green and red honor cord signifies membership in Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta), the national honor society for biology students.

A red and blue cord with mixed tassel indicates membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society.

A red, white, and blue honor cord signifies that the graduate is a current or former member of the United States armed forces.

A silver cord indicates membership in Psi Chi a national psychology honor society.

A light blue cord signifies an International Endorsement.

A blue and gold honor cord signifies membership in the American Chemistry Honor Society, the national honor society for chemistry majors.

A rich cardinal red and black double strand honor cords with tassels represents participation in Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Society.

A purple, mint green and gold cord signifies membership in Kappa Delta Pi, the national honor society for teacher educators.



## *About Dalton State College*

Dalton State serves nearly 5,000 students at its campuses in Dalton and Ellijay and online. Dalton State attracts students from 35 countries and 26 states.

The College was chartered as Dalton Junior College in July 1963 and opened in September 1967. It offered programs designed to provide the first two years of college work for students preparing to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The addition of a technical division in 1976 enabled the school to serve students wishing to develop work skills at the certificate or associate degree level. In 1987, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia removed the word “Junior” from the college’s name, and it became Dalton College.

In 1998, the University System of Georgia authorized Dalton College to offer bachelor’s degrees, and it became Dalton State College. The first bachelor’s programs began that year, in business and technology. Today, Dalton State College offers 24 bachelor’s degrees and seven associate degrees in an array of high-demand professions, including business, education, health professions, criminal justice, and STEM disciplines.

Dalton State College serves a diverse student population seeking challenging academics and rich collegiate experiences. About 50% of Dalton State’s students are the first in their families to attend college, and Dalton State is Georgia’s first Hispanic-Serving Institution.

Dalton State was ranked number one in the nation for Student Experience in The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse 2024 Best Colleges in the U.S. rankings, based on student and alumni survey data relative to campus facilities, community and social life, and diversity on campus.

Dalton State’s campus includes 12 academic buildings and facilities. Following the completion of two planned renovations this year, nearly all buildings and facilities on campus will have been renovated or newly constructed within the past decade.

Dalton State faculty have been honored four times with the prestigious Regents’ Award for Excellence in Teaching by the University System of Georgia Foundation: Dr. Marilyn M. Helms, Professor of Management, in 2007; Dr. Christy Price, Professor of Psychology, in 2009; Dr. Marina Smitherman, Professor of Biology, in 2020; and Dr. Kimberly Hays, Associate Professor of Biology, in 2021.

*Honorary Doctorate Recipients,*  
*Mr. Robert E. “Bob” Shaw and Mrs. Dorothy “Dottie” S. Boring Shaw*

Dalton State College, on behalf of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, will award Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degrees to Mr. Robert E. “Bob” Shaw and Mrs. Dorothy “Dottie” S. Boring Shaw during the College’s spring 2024 commencement exercises.

Mr. Robert E. “Bob” Shaw has been a key Dalton State supporter since the College opened in 1967, and he publicly promotes the College as one of the primary economic drivers of Northwest Georgia.

After graduating from Dalton High School, Mr. Shaw attended the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He began his career in the flooring industry as a teenager driving a truck for his father at Star Dye Company, and, in 1958, following his father’s death, he retooled the company into Star Finishing with his brother, J.C. “Bud” Shaw.

He was co-founder and chief executive officer of Shaw Industries Inc. for 48 years and retired in 2006. A few years later, he established Engineered Floors LLC. Today, Engineered Floors operates more than 10 major facilities and employs nearly 5,000 associates.

Through his corporate and personal philanthropy, his extraordinary vision of what our community can and will become, and his employment of hundreds of Dalton State graduates over the years, Mr. Shaw’s friendship to the institution has propelled us every time we sought to make a leap forward. He was an early trustee of the Dalton Junior College Foundation, and Shaw Industries made its first gift to the College in 1972.

The company was an early and prominent supporter of the College’s first bachelor’s degrees in the late 1990s, and it has given generously over several decades for a wide array of projects across campus. In addition to his corporate philanthropy, Mr. Shaw’s personal investments of time, talent, and treasure have helped to sustain Dalton State’s growth to serve Northwest Georgia and beyond.

Dottie Boring Shaw attended East Mississippi Junior College and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Mississippi State University, a master’s degree in business education from Mississippi State University, and an Education Specialist degree in Community College Teaching with concentration in Accounting from Auburn University. She taught accounting at Dalton Junior College from 1970 to 1981.



She and her late husband, Kenneth E. Boring, endowed a scholarship in 2000 to support Dalton State's growth and encourage students seeking careers in the health professions. She has continued to support that endowed scholarship fund, and, in 2020, she helped endow and equip the College's new engineering technology lab. In 2009, one of her former students, citing Mrs. Shaw's formative influence, created an endowed award for outstanding teaching in Dalton State's Wright School of Business.

The Shaws' enduring friendship to Dalton State College and our students across six decades have enriched the institution beyond measure, and we are pleased to present them with this well-deserved honor.

*Commissioner John F. King,  
Georgia Department of Insurance and Safety Fire*

John F. King was sworn in as Georgia's Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner by Governor Brian Kemp on July 1, 2019, becoming the first Hispanic statewide official in state history. He was elected to a full four-year term on November 8, 2022.

Before becoming Commissioner, King spent his career in law enforcement, beginning as an Atlanta police officer in 1985 and culminating as Chief of Police for the City of Doraville. While at the Atlanta Police Department, he worked various assignments including Red Dog, Organized Crime/Intelligence, and received the Chief's Blue Star in 1987 for being injured in the line of duty as a result of a criminal attack with a firearm. His career also includes assignments to both FBI and DEA as a Task Force Agent.

A native of Mexico, King made a meaningful impact by building bridges among Doraville's diverse populations and implementing youth education and crime-prevention programs in his role as Chief of Police. Recognizing the international composition of Doraville's community, King made it a priority to hire bilingual police officers, place multiple languages on police cars, and ensure effective translators and public defenders were employed at the City Courthouse. Commissioner King's initiatives include Anti-Gang education programs for elementary school students and parents. He worked with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to establish an education program for prospective small business entrepreneurs and worked with state, county, and local leaders to implement a safety and speed reduction program targeted to Buford Highway to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities. Commissioner King is also a member of Leadership DeKalb.

In addition to his former roles in the Atlanta and Doraville Police Departments, King retired as a Major General in the U.S. Army following his final assignment to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. King was the former Commander of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. He served as the Military Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Interior for Security for Afghanistan, who oversaw an agency of over 96,000 police officers.

While serving on Active Duty and the National Guard, King earned numerous awards for his achievements. King received the Combat Action Badge for his service in Iraq and the Combat Infantry Badge for service in Afghanistan. Other awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2) Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, El Salvador Gold Medal for Achievement, and the Afghanistan Barial 2nd Degree Medal.

King received his Bachelor's of Arts degree in criminal justice and public administration from Brenau University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He graduated from Harvard University Senior Executives in National Security and Syracuse University National Security Decision Making Course. Commissioner King was a graduate of class #229 in the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, and also a graduate of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program to Israel (GILEE).

Commissioner King is also fluent in Spanish.

