

# Coppin State University



## One Hundred Twenty-fourth Annual Spring Commencement

Friday, May 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Physical Education Complex Field



Fanny Jackson Coppin Statue

# Greetings From The President

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## Dear Coppin State University Graduates



Congratulations! Today marks a significant milestone in your life, one that will transform your life forever. Your dedication, perseverance, and hard work have brought you to this pivotal moment, and I am immensely proud of you all. As you stand at the threshold of a new chapter in your life, I want to take a moment to commend you for your accomplishments thus far. Your journey to this point has had challenges that you have overcome. Triumphs you have celebrated, and countless memorable moments and experiences to cherish.

Today, as you prepare to take flight and soar from this place, I encourage you to reflect on the lessons you have learned, the friendships you have forged, and the personal growth you have experienced during your time at Coppin. Remember that the knowledge and skills you have acquired will serve as your strength as you navigate the headwinds that are before you.

I urge you to continue to strive for excellence, to pursue your passions with determination, and to never lose sight of yourself. Embrace the journey with courage, curiosity, and an unwavering belief in your abilities. I do not doubt that each of you has the potential to make a profound impact on the world, and I eagerly anticipate hearing about your future successes and achievements.

Congratulations once again, graduates. May your futures be bright, your paths be filled with fulfillment, and your hearts be filled with joy. This is your moment Eagles... Now go SOAR!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony L. Jenkins', written over a horizontal line.

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.  
President, Coppin State University





# Commencement Speaker

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## Linda L. Singh, Ph.D.



Dr. Linda L. Singh is a distinguished professional with over 35 years of experience in leadership consulting and systems integration. She is the founder and CEO of Kaleidoscope Affect LLC, a firm providing leadership development, management consulting, and strategic advisory services.

Before her current role, Dr. Singh made significant contributions as the inaugural Leader-In-Residence at Towson University, where she laid the groundwork for leadership culture and common leader competencies across the campus. Her career also includes tenure as the Interim Executive Director and CEO of TEDCO, an organization that provides

funding, resources and connections for early-stage technology and life sciences companies in Maryland.

Dr. Singh was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan in January 2015 to serve as the Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard, which is comprised of Maryland's Air and Army National Guard forces. She is the first woman and first African American to ever hold this position in the State of Maryland. As the Commander, she was responsible for supporting the formulation, development and coordination of all programs, policies and plans affecting the Maryland Army National Guard, a force of over 4,600 soldiers. She retired in 2019.

Dr. Singh's corporate journey includes a remarkable 21-year stint at Accenture. Her board affiliations include positions with Westat, Capella University Board of Trustees, Strategic Education Inc., Tac (formerly MISI), and the Cybersecurity Forum Initiative. She has also served on the board of WaveDancer, Howard Bancorp, and is an emeritus member of Easterseals DC MD VA and Headstrong boards.

Dr. Singh holds a bachelor's degree in business, an MBA, a Master of Strategic Studies, and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. She has authored several books, "Moments of Choice: My Path to Leadership" and "What's in Your Box? Designing the Life You Want." Her professional certifications include Project Management Professional (PMP), Cyber AB Registered Practitioner Advanced (RPA), Professional Certified Coach (PCC), Certified Corporate Director, and Gallup Strengths Coach. She is also a certified John Maxwell trainer and speaker.

# Commencement Decorum and Courtesy

Commencement ceremonies are held to acknowledge the culmination of one's years of rigorous study. Although it is a celebration, it is a formal academic ceremony. The celebration of this academic milestone is often done with pomp, pageantry, and ritual. The Coppin family realizes this is a joyous occasion, but we ask that the dignity of the occasion not be devalued. Please respect the ceremony, the graduates, and others by adhering to the following:

- silence or disable cellular phones and other electronic devices
- avoid loud conversations
- limit unnecessary movement
- refrain from leaving your seats to take photographs of the graduates
- abstain from disruptive or inappropriate behavior
- remain silent during the announcement of the graduates' names
- do not exit the field until ALL candidates have had their opportunity to cross the stage; remain seated
- do not block aisles or passageways
- do not use horns or noisemakers
- only representatives of the press or photographers authorized by the University are permitted to take photographs from the stage or ramps



# Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 17, 2024

Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance* | Sir Edward Elgar

Ceremony Opening . . . . . Grand Marshal Vaple Robinson, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor; Interim Chair, Graduate Nursing Education

Presentation of Colors . . . . . Coppin State University Army R.O.T.C. Color Guard

*The Star-Spangled Banner*. . . . . Sung by Cameron Dashiell, accompanied by James Alston

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* . . . . . Sung by Cameron Dashiell, accompanied by James Alston

Welcome . . . . . Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D., President

Greetings . . . . . The Honorable Wes Moore Governor of Maryland  
Video

Charles T. (Tom) McMillen  
University System of Maryland Board of Regents

Vaple Robinson, Ph.D.  
President, Faculty Senate

Mykayla Davis  
President, Student Government Association

Introduction of Speaker . . . . . President Jenkins

Commencement Address . . . . . Linda L. Singh, Ph.D.  
Major General (Retired)

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees . . . . . Pamela Richardson Wilks, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees . . . . . President Jenkins

Presentation of Honorary Degrees . . . . . President Jenkins

Military Commission . . . . . Lieutenant Colonel Nadia L. Moss  
The U.S. Army and The United States Army Cadet Command

Recognition of Honors . . . . . Provost Wilks

Greetings from the Coppin State University National Alumni Association . . . . Kevin A. Carr '06  
President, CSU National Alumni Association

Presidential Tribute and Closing Remarks. . . . . President Jenkins

*Hail to Thee Coppin*. . . . . Miles W. Connor Lead by Cameron Dashiell,  
accompanied by James Alston

Recessional

*The War March of Priests* | Felix Mendelssohn, arr.

**Audience: Please remain seated until recessional has ended.**

# School of Graduate Studies

## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

Rashaan L. Ballard, BSN  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2020  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* An Exploration of Motivators for Primary Care-Seeking Behaviors in Urban-Dwelling Adult (Eighteen years of age or older) African American Males

Victoria O. Bassegy, BA, BSN, MBA, MSN, CRNP  
Bachelor of Science, University of District of Columbia, 2000  
Nursing  
Master of Science, Bowie State University, 2014  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* Prospectives and Attitudes on Mobile App Utilization for Self-Management of Type II Diabetes Mellitus in a Primary Care Clinic

Digna Cespedes-Cloud, MSN, Med, CRNP, PMHNP  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2007  
Nursing  
Master of Science, Coppin State University, 2010  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* Examining Nurses' Perception of Their Roles when Caring for Individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder in a Clinic Setting

Angela F. Cooper, MBA, BSN, RN  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2021  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* The Development and Implementation of a Self-Management Hypertension Web-Based

Cheretta L. Gibson, BSN, RN, CM/DN  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2015  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* A Mixed Method Exploration of Hemodialysis Nonadherence among African American Men over 18 years of age with Renal Failure: A Pilot Study

Tyesha N. Karume, MSN, RN, CCM  
Bachelor of Science, University of Rochester, 2005  
Nursing  
Master of Science, Notre Dame of Maryland University, 2016  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* An Educational Intervention to Promote PrEP among Black/African Americans age 18-24 Currently Attending a Maryland Historically Black College or University (HBCU)

Tonja D. Marell-Bell, RN, MSN, CNML  
Bachelor of Science, University of Maryland, College Park, 1991  
Nursing  
Master of Science, Johns Hopkins University, 1998  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* The Utilization of a Career Adaptability Tool in a Nurse Residency Program: Identifying What Influences First-Year Nurses' Intent to Leave

Stephanie M. Robinson, MSN, RN, PMH-BC, NPD-BC, NE-BC  
Bachelor of Science, Clemson University, 2015  
Nursing  
Master of Science, Western Governors University, 2018  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* Preparing the New Nurse Leader: Using a Nurse Manager Self-Competence Assessment to Design an Evidence-Based Nurse Leadership Orientation and Development (L.O.A.D.) Program

Tiffany S. Sumpter, BSN  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2018  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* The Implementation of a Comprehensive Video Monitoring Approach to Prevent Falls in Long-Term Care: A Pilot Study to Improve Practice

Robyn K. Terrell, BSN, RN  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2007  
Nursing  
*Project Title:* Early Pregnancy Education Experiences About Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12, and Vitamin D Among African American Women

# School of Graduate Studies

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## CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREE

### **Master of Arts in Teaching**

Kenisha K. L. Brooks  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2007  
Liberal Arts

### **Master of Education in Contemporary Educational Leadership**

Samuel K. Leonard  
Bachelor of Arts, Morgan State University, 2004  
Music

### **Master of Education in Rehabilitation Counseling**

Nora C. Graham  
Bachelor of Science, City College of New York, 1998  
Education

DeShawna D. Mathews  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2019  
Applied Psychology

Breylen V. Thompson  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2015  
Rehabilitation Services

### **Master of Science in Addiction Counseling**

Edward N. Brown Jr.  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2014  
Applied Psychology

Jay W. Cloyd  
Bachelor of Arts, Sojourner – Douglass College, 2004  
Criminal Justice

Latashia N. Pettiford  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2020  
Applied Psychology

### **Master of Science in Adult and Continuing Education**

India Ampaw  
Bachelor of Science, South Dakota University, 2022  
Kinesiology-Sports-Science

Antonio L. Hill  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2015  
Management

### **Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Rehabilitation**

Jamaal M. Brown  
Bachelor of Science, University of Maryland, Global  
Campus, 2011  
Social Science

Rahsaan E. Bryant  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2008  
Criminal Justice

Bridget D. Epps  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2016  
Rehabilitation Services

Kiara N. Hopson  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2017  
Interdisciplinary Studies

Rachel C. Killete  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2013  
Rehabilitation Services

Racquel S. Sparks  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2017  
Applied Psychology

Tobie L. Thomas  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2020  
Applied Psychology

### **Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement**

Jaia L. Alexander  
Bachelor of Arts, Butler University, 2020  
Marketing

Stacey Marie Longo  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2022  
Applied Psychology

Jeffrey W. Shorter  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2021  
Criminal Justice

Taylor O. Sweat  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2018  
History

Shenelle N. Tomlinson  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2022  
Criminal Justice

Lionel I. Williams  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2020  
Criminal Justice

### **Master of Science in Human Services Administration**

Rickyah A. Brooks  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2021  
Social Science



Rosalind Jones  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2018  
Social Work

Danielle L. Rigby  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2022  
Nonprofit Leadership

Nikea T. Taylor  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2011  
Early Childhood Education

Clay Thompson  
Bachelor of Science, University of Texas Permian  
Basin, 2022  
Negotiations and Conflict Management

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Inenyo O. Angel  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2014  
Nursing

Frances Serena Dix-Powell  
Bachelor of Science, Notre Dame of Maryland  
University, 2015  
Nursing

Corinthia T. Harrell  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2017  
Nursing

Karen S. Lloyd-Williams  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2012  
Nursing

Lazinia L. Smith  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2017  
Nursing

### **Master of Science in Polymer and Materials Sciences**

Keturah Postell  
Bachelor of Science, North Carolina State University,  
2020  
Polymer and Color Chemistry

Curtis B. Williams  
Bachelor of Science, Coppin State University, 2015  
Chemistry

## **College of Arts & Sciences And Education**

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### **CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

#### **Biology & Life Science**

Oluwanifemi Agbede  
Mariam Oladayo Allison, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Annalyse Imani Belton, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Imani Blackman-Murray  
Damonair Aireon Carter  
Muyang Angye Chunga, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ruth Asante Damoah  
Delonn Darien Dixon  
Nicolas Anthony Felber  
Natalie Chante Gray, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ayanna M. Harrison  
Genesis Hernandez, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tremaine Lyamar Holmes  
Tochi I. Iwuji, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Angelic Rose Jefferson  
Miracle Shakayla Marie Jordan  
Atiatunur Kukoyi  
Suonique A. Marshall  
Christopher Okine, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Alysha Pulliam-Robinson  
Lashawna Starr Robinson  
Ashley Nicole Roman, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Marcus Smith  
Kayla Nicole Whitfield  
Aisha Wigfall

#### **Chemistry**

Nya Erin Hursey

#### **Computer Science**

Ashley L. Fru  
Jayda T. Garrett  
Chiemeka Justin Ikegwu, I, *Cum Laude*  
Payalben S. Jewan, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elijah M. Johnson  
Joy'dan Alexis Rowley  
Tyshea M. Samuels  
Jaime Cid Tudor

#### **Dance**

Vanessa Kimberly Ball  
Timothy Lamar Johnson-McCoy, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Monet Elexus Mabry, *Magna Cum Laude*

#### **Early Childhood Education**

Beverly A. Abdullah  
Ray'Yanna Carol Belton  
Tamia Lovie Brown  
Jo-Nai Pierre Marcella Duncan, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Dajahne Harrison  
Tori Devon Haynes-Harrison, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Savannah Marie Holman  
Katelin Briana Holt  
Imani Hunt

Jachele M. Jennings  
Laketa Wanda Knott, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Fatima Adama Savage  
Taylor Stewart, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kayla N. Welch, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shuquor Lahann Williams  
Kiara Woolford

### **Elementary Education**

Elaine Cas'Sandra Davis

### **English**

Anita Maria Brockington  
Soniya Johnson, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kenadi N. Williams

### **History**

Michael Hinton  
Luis Ramiro Perez, Jr., *Summa Cum Laude*

### **Mathematics**

Dainia S. Higgins, *Cum Laude*  
John Edward Neeld, *Magna Cum Laude*

### **Special Education**

Vanessa Janelle Carrizosa

### **Urban Art**

Justin Eastman, *Cum Laude*  
Obed Dale Gant  
Deonte Lee  
Jordan E. Redmond  
Christina L. Stigler-Brisco  
Saidai Z. Stuteley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Isa Williams  
Kaitlyn Wolf  
Jazmin A. Wright

## **College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

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### **CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

#### **Applied Psychology**

K'Sha Adams, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Dashana T. Davis  
Galen H. Dennis  
Dynasty Leasia Eggleston  
Robin Louanne Erhardt, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gisela Maria Everett  
Eguine Jamier Foster  
Amy Ilene Fulcher-Belt, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lyshae Gorham  
T'Asia Destiny Hall  
Marly Langlois, *Cum Laude*  
Teonna McConnell  
Dayonna K. McCoy  
Tonette McFadden  
Noah Murciano, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Adama V. Parker  
Tanera Rochelle Parker  
Betty Ann Phillips, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashanti N. Roberts  
Elisha T. Smithwick-Bey  
Aerika Solomon  
Alaia Teklemariam  
Danyel Torsell  
Andrea Borislavova Tsvetanova, *Cum Laude*  
Simone Wade  
Taisha A. Woodard

#### **Criminal Justice**

Ashanti Fate Barnes  
Colleen Patrice Bucknor, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Giovanni Santiago Canales, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chelsey L. Cooper, *Cum Laude*  
Deziah M. Davis  
Naquan Ryanne Frazier  
Mermose S. Goy

Ty'Neka R. Gray  
Samiyyah Nafessa Harvey  
Carla M. Heath  
Trinity Holland, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kayla Jasmine Jenkins  
Tennille Nichelle Johnson  
India Jordan Johnson  
Travis C. Jordan, Sr.  
Tasia Samia Leftwich  
Cameisha Danielle Lipscomb  
Marcus Lowe  
Sam T. Mensuphu-Bey  
Sidney Denise Norman  
Wesley Corin Rice  
Charia A. Roberts, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shawnee R. Ronyak, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Danasia Ross  
Genesis Gabrielle Clark Scott, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dametrius Matthew Xaiver Sturdivant  
Anaiah Tallent  
Shenikka Tate  
Paola Ten Caten Viana  
Charron Ada Thomas, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nadgy Tyler  
Nydiera Simone Vaughan  
Shanaya Tiyonna Walker  
Ro'Nia E. Wallace, *Cum Laude*  
Jordyn Janae White  
Timmema Wilkins  
Brandon Williams, Sr.  
Annette Wilson-Coleman  
Kaelyn Nicole Woodrum

#### **Interdisciplinary Studies**

Ira Emmanuel Anderson, Jr.  
Sherita Renee Andrews

Chad Andrews-Fulton  
Ana Barbara Baez Mateo  
Malik Akeem Battle  
Kayla K. Berry  
Faith Mylaya Blackstone  
Darien Tarell Carroll-Johnson  
Frank Benjamin Chambers, III  
Sita Conteh  
Anthony James Di Vittorio  
Aleksander Elges  
Erica Monique Hawkins, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tearha T. Hill  
Cynthia Donnella Hyman  
Martha Nana Legette, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Roselynn L. Mbah  
Charles Anthony Muse, III  
Cornelius Edward Palmer III  
Maria B. Peterson  
Forrest Bernard Poindexter  
Jonae K. Prescott  
Gautham Paul Rajapandi  
Shanice Talayah Smith  
Jamala Cheron Spriggs  
Brandee S. Stevenson  
Jada Williams  
Jada J. Williams  
Kerry Ann S. Williams

#### **Non-Profit Leadership**

Dante L. Reavers

#### **Political Science**

Anthony Chima Amalaha  
Stephanie Dolores Carter

#### **Rehabilitation Services**

Sherell Michele Flanagan  
Jeannette Thomas  
Jawaad A. Williams  
Tiffany F. Young, *Summa Cum Laude*

#### **Social Sciences**

Usman Shafiq Ahmed

Ashley Jai Andrews  
James Lee Bell  
Kelsey Brown  
Kenya Zoriah Dixon  
Keisha Maria Greene  
Jeff Hammond

#### **Social Work**

Karyl Denise Banks, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Shawnell Demetria Booker  
Kyshea L. Brockington  
Shirelle M. Davis  
Jasmine Nicole Dilworth, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kristian Fowlkes  
Tyler Torell Fullwood, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lizzy Gachau, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Destini Gavin  
Kellie Guy  
Jasmine Jamicka Jones  
Monicah Macharia  
Donyell Tamika Matthews  
Barbara Jean Moore  
Jaela Yvonne Morris  
Janiya Morton, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Livita Mondinde Njeuma  
Faith Willow Rogers, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Damond Shaw  
Joshua Simpson  
Jedlickica J. Smith  
Krishna Smith, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tiffany N. Smith  
Diamond Bernard Staggers  
Nickitah Strickland, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Xavionah D. Wallace  
Ahmein Kareim Watson Jr

#### **Sociology**

Taraja A. Lawery  
Constance Daneen Gregory  
Ebbawak Kebede Kaba  
Ryan A. Miller  
Taylor Toni Smithson

## **College of Business**

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### **CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

#### **Accounting**

Jalen Camp, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mason Josiah Cox  
Zakyr D. Grimsley  
Aujhile Hilliard  
Elisa E. Martinez  
Shania Ali Moore

#### **Management**

Deshauna Nicole Alexander  
Brody James Black  
Ladajjah S. Bush

Kasey Marie Dudley  
Cheryl Finley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Travis Jeffrey Francis  
Andrea Triche Lakeisha Hampton  
Izais Devon Hicks  
De'jah Aliyah Holland, *Cum Laude*  
Deron K. Hunt  
Desiree K. Jenkins  
Bria Monae Johnson  
Cheyenne Elijah Johnson  
Keva Lee  
Brandi F. Lowe

Trisheena McKenzie  
Tikia Shaffon Neblett  
Diaja R. Norman  
Brooke Lauralee Nowlin  
Thomas Kereu Ondieki  
Siara S. Pridgen  
Kyra Simmons  
Brea Thomas  
Kavon Romeo Toney

**Marketing**  
Walid Bangna  
Aubriana A. Strickland

**Sports Management**  
Isaiah D. Gross  
Halutie Hor, *Cum Laude*  
Emperess Asia Johnson, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Haneef Muhammad  
Rockeen Oliver  
Geraldyn Palacios, *Magna Cum Laude*

## College of Health Professions

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### CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

#### Health Information Management

Antoinette B. Baker  
Elanda Brown  
Melisa George, *Cum Laude*  
Danielle Aisha Hinton  
Tameka Patience Huff  
Nicole Y. James  
Nakia Denise Johnson  
Mackenzie Margaret Jones  
Mabel B. Mabena, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Olabisi Madariola,  
Katlyn T. McFadden  
Shamicka M. Moore  
Shayla Rich, *Cum Laude*  
Kendria Rose  
Charnay Tamia Tassy  
Chamia Rochae Winston  
Jasmine Alize Wright

#### Health Sciences

Ayisat Adigun  
Kyle M. Boothe  
Elanda Brown  
Khala Sharel Cameron  
Chisom Estelle Chukwu  
Jessica J. Goodman  
Danielle Marie Jaiyeola  
Shelly-Bright Ewangué Manga, *Cum Laude*  
Chiamaka Nnabugwu  
Erin Monay Palmer  
Rikaiah Alexis Penn  
Avianna Imajae Peterson, *Cum Laude*  
Karina Ruby Rodriguez Portillo  
Stephanie Sagastizado  
Trenai N. Sanders  
Mary Tiffany Saunders  
McKenzie Alease Sorey, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Deja D. Thornton  
Taniya Chanel Venable  
Rashad D. Whitaker  
Jada Williams  
Jericha Ke'Azia Williams  
Brianna Wilson-Lee

#### Nursing

Shalom Oluwasey Arowosegbe  
Collyne J. Baboolal  
Raoul Ross Lato Belches  
Arianna Bradley, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sheree Shanta Clarke  
Tanisha L. Cole-Byfield  
Antoinette Crawford  
Deonna Davis  
Lakisha T. Davis  
Miles James Dawson  
Erin Elcock  
Lavinia Taifuna Fanua  
Kyndel Fisher  
Traneika Shaquan Fleet  
Diamond Ford  
Briana Ruby DeShawn Garrett, *Cum Laude*  
Rasheeda M. Gillis  
DeMia Christina Elizabeth Goddard, *Cum Laude*  
Keniequa L. Grossman  
Carl Harding  
Clara Johnson  
Kaiya Darnais Johnson, *Cum Laude*  
Abigael Sharon Kwamboka Joseph  
Laniyah Deshawn Lewis  
Ashante Jacara Manning  
Ash-Lee A. Marshall, *Cum Laude*  
Aryanna A. Martin-Sanderson  
Kayla Monae Matthews  
Talahya Eryka McEwen  
Shalam Minter  
Tamera M. Montgomery  
Tari W. Nelson  
Cindy-Bernadette Akiambom Nkwain, *Cum Laude*  
Chinonso Nwagwu  
Tanika Nicole Paxton  
Jasmine Simone Robinson  
Sara Ruben  
Danielle Alexandria Santiago  
Bolatito Olufunlola Tubi  
Britney Frances West  
Tasia A. White  
Mya L. Williams  
Tiffany Shane Williams  
Shardonnay Wright

# Honors and Recognitions

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## Honors

Consideration for honors for any Coppin undergraduate student (transfer or non-transfer) will be determined by the cumulative grade point average of all college work entered into the undergraduate's permanent academic record, regardless of where the work was pursued. Any student graduating with honors shall have earned not more than one grade of "D" or "F." Academic clemency for purposes of honors shall apply to students who have not attended any college or university for a period of ten years or more immediately prior to the current period of attendance at Coppin.

**Latin Honors** are determined as follows:

**Summa Cum Laude** – accumulative average of 3.75 or higher

**Magna Cum Laude** – accumulative average of 3.50 to 3.74

**Cum Laude** – accumulative average of 3.25 to 3.49

**Circulus Scholarum Society** criterion for induction is:

Graduate Student – A student who has maintained a 3.8 average as a full-time student, enrolled in at least nine credits hours per semester.

Undergraduate – A student who has maintained a 3.50 average for six semesters as a full-time student, two semesters of which must be junior year.

**Distinguished Eagle Award** is awarded to seniors who have earned the highest grade point averages in their majors, 3.5 minimum, for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

Honors listed in this program have been computed from the end of the candidate's last term of enrollment. A final computation will be conducted after all final grades have been submitted for Spring 2024 candidates.

## Summa Cum Laude

K'Sha Adams

Karyl Denise Banks

Annalyse Imani Belton

Jo-Nai Pierre Marcella Duncan

Robin Louanne Erhardt

Amy Ilene Fulcher-Belt

Tyler Torell Fullwood

Natalie Chante Gray

Trinity Holland

Tochi I. Iwuji

Emperess Asia Johnson

Timothy Lamar Johnson-McCoy

Laketia Wanda Knott

Mabel B. Mabena

Janiya Morton

Christopher Okine

Luis Ramiro Perez, Jr.

Ashley Nicole Roman

Shawnee R. Ronyak

Tiffany F. Young

Jasmine Nicole Dilworth

Cheryl Finley

Lizzy Gachau

Erica Monique Hawkins

Tori Devon Haynes-Harrison

Genesis Hernandez

Payalben S. Jewan

Soniya Johnson

Martha Nana Legette

Monet Elexus Mabry

Noah Murciano

John Edward Neeld

Geraldyn Palacios

Betty Ann Phillips

Charia A. Roberts

Faith Willow Rogers

Genesis Gabrielle Clark Scott

Krishna Smith

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# Commencement Information

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## Academic Regalia

The current practice of wearing caps and gowns has been handed down from the Middle Ages when scholars in the monasteries wore habits characteristic of their respective orders. Each order had its own style and colors.

The Bachelor's gown, which is worn closed, has long pointed sleeves. The Master's gown is made with openings in the sleeves near the elbow for the arms to come through. The Doctor's gown has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal bars stitched across the upper arm. The hood is long, full, rounded at the base and bordered with velvet.

The velvet color of the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was granted.

Dark Blue	Philosophy	Purple	Laws
Light Blue	Education	White	Arts and Letters
Orange	Engineering	Drab	Business Administration
Gold-Yellow	Science	Brown	Fine Arts
Green	Medicine	Gold	Psychology
Apricot	Nursing	Citron	Social Work
Salmon Pink	Public Health	Scarlet	Theology

The colors of the satin lining of the hood represent the degree-granting institution.

## The Coppin Mace

The Coppin mace, a heavy medieval war club with a spiked or flanged metal head, was used to crush armor. In England, when a high official was taking office or opening his court and needed a bodyguard, the mace, a formidable weapon, was held ready to protect the person of the dignitary.

From sixteenth-century England and colonial days in America, the mace, an ornamental staff, has become a symbol of authority and is carried immediately preceding the president in processions, recessions, and other official academic ceremonies. Though it is not used in all school ceremonies, the mace is particularly prevalent in academic ceremonies of older, more prestigious colleges and universities on the east coast of the United States.

The mace borne today was donated to Coppin State College by the Class of 1986.

## Alumni Induction Pledge of Allegiance

For all the inspiration Alma Mater has brought me through the years that are past, and for all the brightness that Alma Mater will shed along my path in the future, continuing to give direction and meaning to my life in order that I might help others find meaning in living and serving, I am grateful. And for these gifts, I pledge everlasting loyalty, love, and devotion.

Always I shall be a faithful and active member of the Association of Alma Mater and shall do all within my power to support her plan, spread her name abroad, expand her membership, and keep her first among all organizations.

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## **The Star Spangled Banner**

*by Francis Scott Key*

(The first verse)

Oh, 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, thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' 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?

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## **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

*by James Weldon Johnson*

(The first verse)

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.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

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## **The Alma Mater**

(“HAIL TO THEE, COPPIN”)

*by Dr. Miles W. Connor*

Hail to thee, Coppin, our alma mater true,  
We raise our song to thee with hearts anew;  
Thy name has been our pride,  
Thy light has been our guide,  
Leading us ever on  
Through all the years.  
Hail to thee, Coppin, our alma mater true,  
Emblem of light and love, our gold and blue.  
Here at thy shrine we bow,  
Gladly to make our vow  
That we shall always stand  
Loyal to thee.



