Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater here today,
We for thy lasting blessings pray,
We know not where our paths may go,
But, thou’l hold us still we know,
Unchanging thou, ‘mid changes vast,
Unswerved from ideas of the past,
Steadfast and true, our watchword e’er shall be—
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!
TO OUR GUESTS

The faculty and staff of Northwestern State University welcome you to the one hundred thirty-ninth spring commencement exercises. This is a happy occasion, but yet a dignified occasion. It is a time of recognition of the graduates’ years of study and is important and meaningful to the graduates and their families, staff, and students of Northwestern State University. Guests and participants are requested to maintain a proper decorum during the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement about the seating area and by withholding applause until the entire class has been graduated. We heartily welcome you to the commencement exercises of Northwestern State University.
Dear Graduates:

Congratulations! You did it. You’ve crossed the finish line and are embarking on the next phase of your journey. As you stand on the threshold of this new chapter, it’s important to acknowledge the tremendous support you’ve received along the way – from your family, friends, mentors, professors, classmates, and all those who have inspired you.

I am filled with anticipation for the future – for your future. The pace and scope of positive change has accelerated, and I have no doubt that your class, the Class of 2024, will be at the forefront of these transformative innovations. It is through your collective efforts that we continue to reshape the world for the better.

In a time when our society faces pressing challenges and a need for qualified professionals, NSU remains committed to bridging the gap between education, training, and the workforce. We are proud to serve as the critical link that equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in your chosen fields.

While your time as students may have come to an end, please remember that our support for you does not stop with graduation. Lifelong learning is a journey we all must embrace, and NSU is here to provide you with opportunities for growth and development at every stage of your life. Whether it’s career assistance, networking opportunities, CAPA events, or alumni gatherings, know that you can always count on NSU to be by your side.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. As you move forward, I encourage you to continue striving for excellence and to make a positive difference in the ways that only you can.

Please come back and visit often, and as always, Fork ‘Em Demons!

Dr. Marcus Jones
President, Northwestern State University
STUDENT USHERS
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Together, we acknowledge that the NSU campuses are located on the traditional and contemporary lands of Indigenous nations, including Caddo, Tunica, Biloxi, Ofo, Chahta, Adaes, Apalachee, Apache, Chatot, Pascagoula, Chitimacha, Coushatta, Alabama, and other Indigenous nations, including Native refugees from other nations. Indigenous nations care for and are cared for by the land. The relationships between the original peoples and their lands remain of great historical, spiritual, cultural, and personal importance. We recognize the sovereignty of modern Indigenous nations, and through this land acknowledgment we affirm our commitment to supporting tribal self-determination through education. We give our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have cared for these lands and join in their commitment to the lands’ stewardship. We thank the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe, which hosts our Marksville campus on their tribal land.

COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES
SPRING 2024
Peyton A. Bordelon, Second Lieutenant
Army Aviation, Louisiana Army National Guard

Loren T. Higginbotham, Second Lieutenant
Infantry, United States Army – Distinguished Military Graduate

Breanna N. James, Second Lieutenant
Adjutant General’s Corps, Louisiana Army National Guard

Andrew J. Wesley, Second Lieutenant
Chemical Corps, United States Army

FACULTY MARSHALS

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PROCEDURAL .................................................................................................................. Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION .................................................................................................................. Ebenezer Robert Aggrey
Graduating Senior, Mr. NSU, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ............................................................................................. Malaina B. Aultman
Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music

WELCOME .......................................................................................................................Dr. Marcus Jones
President, Northwestern State University

PRESENTATION OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREE ............................................................ Dr. Marcus Jones
Alicia Rene Davis – Bachelor of Science, Psychology

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES ..................................................................... Dr. Greg Handel
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of The Graduate School

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES .................................................. Dr. Greg Handel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES .......................................................................................... Dr. Marcus Jones

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Dr. Greg Handel
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dean of The Graduate School
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Mary Edith Stacy
Dean of the College of Business and Technology
Bachelor’s Degrees

Dr. Neeru Deep
Interim Dean of the Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development
Bachelor’s Degrees

THE ALMA MATER ....................................................................................................... Air: “The Watch on the Rhine”
Stephanie Rebekah Craft
Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music

RECESSIONAL .................................................................................................................. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
by Mozart
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PROCESSIONAL.......................... Pomp and Circumstance—Sir Edward Elgar
arr. Paul Sterrett

INVOCATION ................................................................. Bailey C. Willis
Miss NSU, UL System Board Member

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM............................................ Malaina B. Aultman
Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music

WELCOME .............................................................. Dr. Marcus Jones
President, Northwestern State University

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES......................... Dr. Greg Handel
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Graduate Degrees

Dr. Aimee Badeaux
Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees

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WELCOME ............................................................... Dr. Marcus Jones
President, Northwestern State University

PRESENTATION OF SECOND DIPLOMA TO THE CLASS OF 1974..... Dr. Greg Handel
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Dean of The Graduate School

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES .......................... Dr. Greg Handel

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES .................. Dr. Greg Handel

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Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor's/Associate Degrees

OATH OF OFFICE .................................................. LTC Joshua R. Drake
Head, Department of Military Science

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Graduating Graduate Student, College of Arts and Science, Master of Music, Music

RECESSIONAL .................................................... Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
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**PHI KAPPA PHI**

**Spring 2024**

Mia Elizabeth Adams
Brandi Lynne Bellard
Kristen Alisha Ciconte
Stephanie Rebekah Craft
Meghan Lyn Cross
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Marita Tennille Hunt

Allise L’Chelle Mixon Johnson
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Michael D. Price
George W. Roberts
Robert Lee Swayze, Jr.
Kenneth A. Trahant
Rebecca Robinson Trammel
Stephen J. Wells
Jerry W. Williams
Mae C. Williams
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION
GRADUATE DEGREES
SPRING 2024

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
MAJOR: ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Lakeidra Taylor Bell, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *An Analysis of Minority Student Persistence in Radiologic Technology Education Programs*

*Patricia Marie Murphy Chowdhury*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Online Degrees or Degrees Earned In-Person: Which Do Employers Prefer?*

*Charles Kirk Fontenot*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *The Developmental English Course with a Lab Corequisite: Success and Persistence in Community College Students*

*Marita Tennille Hunt*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Adjunct Instructors’ Attitudes & Perceptions Regarding the Advantages & Challenges Faced While Employed at a Post-Secondary Institution*

*Stacey Michelle Kernisan*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *A Qualitative Evaluation of COVID-19 and the Impact on Black Working Mothers, Mental Healthcare, and Advancing Their Education*

*Melissa Lynn Schmidt*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Agile Methodology and Advancing Technology in Healthcare Organizations: Impacts to Learning and Development*

*Felicia Natalie White*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *Front-Line Leadership Development in the Quick Service Restaurant Industry*

*Angela Marie Wilson*, Doctor of Education, Adult Learning and Development
Doctoral Dissertation: *What Perceived Challenges Contribute to the Retention of Black Female Culinary Students at a Community College in Southern Louisiana?*

*Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program*
SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREE

*Sarah Shelton Lange*, Educational Specialist, Educational Leadership and Instruction

Field Study: *A Comparison of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Scores and the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA)*

MASTER’S DEGREES

SPRING 2024

Malak Hilmi Abdelhadi, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Joseph Daniel Adams, Master of Science, Computer Information Systems

*Mia Elizabeth Adams*, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

Thesis: *Working Your Wage: Evaluating the Effects of Workplace Benefits in Relation to Employee Retention*

Jessica Cecile Adger, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Jose Miguel Bustillo Aguero, Master of Music, Music

Performance Document: *The Life and Career of Keiko Abe and Her Influence on the Marimba and Its Repertoire with an Emphasis on Her Piece Marimba D’Amore*

*Anuhea Ariane Holt Akamu*, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

Thesis: *The Impact of High-Quality Early Childhood Programs and Promoting Socio-Emotional Development During the Early Years*

Traci Michelle Alford, Master of Arts, Counseling

Trace D. Anthon, Master of Science, Homeland Security

*Malaina B. Aultman*, Master of Music, Music

Thesis: *A Night at the Opera by Dr. Judith Cloud, A Performer’s Guide*

Morgan Danielle Austin, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Felicia Towanna Badger, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

Thesis: *Staying the Course: First-Year Retention*

Renata Michelle Collins Barker, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences

Kelly Louise Beavers, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Quiana Renee Bell, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

*Brandi Lynne Bellard*, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Joan Elizabeth Blake, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Caroline Grace Bland, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

James Russell Boffenmyer, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development

Cynthia Marie Boswell, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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*Darby Alan Boudreaux, Master of Science, Homeland Security
Katie Nicole Boyett, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
*Jessica Nicole Bradford, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
*Madelyn Bryan Brandl, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Ashley Webb Brewbaker, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
*Hannah Elizabeth Brooks, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
*Regina Salard Brossett, Master of Arts, English
Annemarie Angelle Broussard, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
Jessica P. Brown, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Shequita Shunquanette Brown, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Hope Mitchell Bryant, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
*Andrew Francis Burns, Master of Arts, Art
Creative Research Project: BE ANYTHING How to Be the Person That You Were Always Meant to Be
Arlissa Irene Byers, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Anee Briglio Carmouche, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Alejandro Dager Carrasquilla, Master of Arts, Counseling
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Dillon Mathew Dawson, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
Heather Nicole Deshazo, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
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Thesis: Virtual Grief on Twitter and Its Relationship to College Students’ Mood
Marquita LaJuan Dixon, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing

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Elizabeth Anne Gilliam, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Willie Andre Gosey III, Master of Music, Music
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*Gabrielle Lee Granger, Master of Science, Homeland Security
Deonmonique Uginee Nicole Granville, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance
Dominique Shanicia Grisby, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Meagan P. Guidry, Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12
*Lyndsey Gabrielle Hale, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
Johnnieleanna Sherrelle Hampton, Master of Arts, Adult Learning and Development
  Thesis: *What Are the Possible Causes of Eating Disorders in Children Ages Ten and Under at a Central Louisiana Elementary School?*
Makeia Raejeanne’ Hardy, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
  Thesis: *Analysis of Childhood Maltreatment and Body Modification as Predictors of Autonomy and Self Objectification*
Ashley R. Hayes, Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing
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Learning for Life

As of 2020, all of Northwestern State University’s baccalaureate programs have implemented Learning for Life, the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan. Learning for Life is dedicated to ensuring all baccalaureate programs conclude with meaningful capstone experiences that prepare graduates for careers and graduate study. Congratulations to all of Northwestern’s graduates who took part in Learning for Life this semester.

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THE PRESIDENT’S CHAIN, REGALIA, and the MACE

The President’s Chain holds the seal of the University, which is cast in bronze. Around the black satin ribbon holding the seal are engraved platelets bearing the name of a former president of Northwestern and the years he served. Chains of similar design have been worn for centuries during ceremonies at universities. This chain is unique in recognizing the leaders who have served Northwestern while most others are original works of art.

The President’s Chain was presented to the University by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to commemorate the University’s commitment to academic excellence for 125 years.

The President’s Regalia was designed by the Student Government Association on behalf of the student body and symbolizes the mutual trust, respect, and collaboration between the students and the University administration.

Academic regalia dates back to the Medieval universities of Europe and is based on clerical robes worn at that time. The President’s Regalia is comprised of a purple robe and hood with velvet panels and bars with white piping in the University’s colors. The front panels are emblazoned with the seal of the University, and the four bars on the sleeves are exclusive to the regalia of the President.

The Mace is crafted from dark walnut and silver-plated solid bronze. It bears the seal of the University and features details of oak and pine. The Mace is topped by a silver fleur-de-lis finial, symbolizing the French heritage of the area and is encircled by the original Latin motto of the school, “Educatio Adulescentis Est Civitiatis Salus (The Education of the Youth is the Salvation of the State).”

The Mace originated as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Archers and other unmounted warriors used it as a hand arm. Sergeants at arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, also carried maces. Gradually the mace gained a ceremonial character and became a symbol to denote authority.

The commencement ceremonial occasions begin with the entrance of the University Mace, carried by the Mace Bearer, President of the University's Faculty Senate. The ceremonial Mace symbolizes the dignity and authority of the University.

Mace Bearer
Dr. John T. Dunn

GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state of office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The gonfalons displayed represent the academic areas of Northwestern State University. The colors of the University, purple and white, are joined together in a pattern common to all flags. The top portion is the designated color for each academic area.
COMMENCEMENT COMMENTARY

The practice of wearing academic attire extends back to Medieval times and the Renaissance when teachers and students in European universities wore caps, gowns, and hoods. The long sleeves of the gowns and the deep hoods were used to carry books and refreshments. Each European university developed its own style of dress and strict rules for its design. In the United States, most institutions have agreed on a uniform design and color code.

Although the wearing of academic regalia in this country is now limited to formal occasions, the attire may be considered the mark of the professional scholar and teacher. The style and color serve as symbols of academic achievement.

Holders of the associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist’s degrees wear purple gowns; the pattern and trimming differ for each degree. Originally, the bachelor’s gowns were made of serge or worsted and the master’s gowns were made of serge, worsted, or silk; but now synthetic fabrics are also used. The master’s and specialist’s gowns are distinguished by their long pointed sleeves with a slit for the arm at either the elbow or wrist.

The doctor’s gown is made of silk and may be in a color other than black. It has rounded, open sleeves, and the trimming includes velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet on the sleeves. The velvet may be black or the color appropriate to the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Holders of all degrees wear caps, popularly known as mortarboards, to which a long tassel, the color of which indicates the academic discipline of the degree, is fastened and hangs over the left side of the cap. Doctors and presidents of institutions may wear tassels of gold thread.

At Northwestern State University, students earning bachelor’s, master’s and specialist’s degrees wear purple and white tassels and students earning associate degrees wear purple tassels. The hoods of the candidates for advanced Northwestern State University degrees are lined with the colors of the University, purple and white. The colors of the edging of hoods are representative of the degree:

- Arts, Letters, and Humanities.............White
- Business........................................Drab
- Education......................................Baby Blue
- Music..........................Pink
- Nursing.................................Apricot
- Science.............................Golden Yellow

Commencement is the most important event of the academic year on a university campus. On that occasion, the faculty traditionally recognizes the graduating class by marching in procession attired in the regalia appropriate to their degrees and the institutions where they were earned. Position in the faculty columns is determined by academic rank; persons of higher rank process first.

The column is led by two marshals wearing regalia in the colors of Northwestern State University. The marshals are chosen by their faculty colleagues on the basis of distinguished service and achievement.

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Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater here today,
We for thy lasting blessings pray,
We know not where our paths may go,
But, thou’l hold us still we know,
Unchanging thou, ’mid changes vast,
Unswerved from ideas of the past,
Steadfast and true, our watchword e’er shall be—
To thee, our Alma Mater, Loyalty!