Pacer Graduation Parade
and Celebration

June 26, 2020
Order of Exercises
June 26, 2020

PRESIDING
Dr. Sandra J. Jordan
Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken

“THE NATIONAL ANTHEM”
Briana Gilyard, Bachelor of Arts, Major in Music

SPECIAL BLESSING
Mason Spires, Degree Candidate, Bachelor of Arts
Darius Ross, Degree Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Education

INTRODUCTION OF THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR STUDENT
The Chancellor

OUTSTANDING SENIOR STUDENT ADDRESS
Kelsey Lynn Spurlin, Degree Candidate, Bachelor of Arts in Education

REMARKS
The Chancellor

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dr. Daren J. Timmons
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE
The Chancellor

PARADE
“The Pacer March”
Dr. Mark Hollingsworth
Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Master of Ceremonies
Hoss Brown
Assistant Director of Student Life—Diversity Initiatives
Degrees in Course

The following list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will in fact receive a degree from the University of South Carolina Aiken at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student’s name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. Honors for degree candidates are based on the cumulative grade point average on file at this time. Honors to be printed on the diploma will be based on the final cumulative grade point average on all collegiate work.

May 2020

Master of Business Administration
Brandon H. Behun
Brooke G. Bickley
Joel B. Clonts
Stephanie P. Cortes
Nicholas R. Crawford
Roger Davis
John T. Duke
LeSean D. Fleming
Luke Frogge
Matthew H. Gould
Tyler A. Graham
Alexandra Gumen
Regina R. Jackson
Camden T. James
Angela Jones
David P. Kinard
Steven Kirsch
Dinah I. Merritt
Sarah S. Moyer
Patricia P. Parajon
Mark T. Phillips
Ryan J. Ross
Chelsea A. Siar
Dorothy J. Thomas
Robert G. Vandagriff
Joshua K. Vogt
Micala G. Wachowski
Daniel R. Willis

Master of Education
Angela R. Drake
Tabatha K. Younts

Master of Science
Destiny A. Chandler

August 2020

Master of Business Administration
Stephanie J. Bachman
Allison G. Brinkley
Alyson N. Craig
William M. Daggett III
Samantha M. Dimaria
Tommy N. Ginn
Charles J. Gray
Kyler S. Hart
Amy M. Ingram
Natalie B. Irick
Robert L. Johnson
Victoria R. Layfield
Ryan B. London
Lisa A. Lotti
Amy Miller
Selene N. Moniz
Michael A. Moore
Daniel Negrete Navarro
James W. Reed
Jesus P. Sanchez
Susan T. Young

Master of Education
Michael A. Roever

Master of Science
Lauren A. Baroni
Kylie M. Jupp
Karli E. Kolsut
Chelsea J. McMahon
Zane M. Repp
May 2020

Bachelor of Arts
Cheyenne M. Alibocas, cum laude
Valerie N. Allen
Regan D. Anthony
Sydia I. Baggit
Crystal A. Bagwell
Lauren M. Baker, cum laude
Bianca M. Baxter
Martha S. Boyleston
Keisha J. Brantley, summa cum laude
Shyann N. Brinson
Mallory E. Brown
Shakenia A. Carter
Morgan A. Creasy
Paige T. Davis
Sloman D. Dean
Anna E. Deegan
Anne R. Deibel, summa cum laude
Trevor M. Dent
Taylor A. Elam
Kwajelin N. Farrar
Minneka R. Green
Stefany Harden, cum laude
Kristen M. Harmon
Robert W. Hill
Brandon R. Hill, magna cum laude
Ashley S. Hines
Mattie L. Inabinet, cum laude
Kayla M. Jerkins
Nicholas M. Jobst
Hannah K. Jones, cum laude
Joshua E. Lowe
Avery E. Macklin, cum laude
Cecilia M. Maddox
Ian J. Martin, cum laude
Tynetra E. McBride
Tyler J. Middleton
Collin A. Mills
Bailey H. Mullins, cum laude
Qu’asia T. Oliver
Dylan T. Phillips, magna cum laude
Daijah A. Pickens, cum laude
Allie P. Pizzamento, cum laude
Kailey B. Prather, cum laude
Amanda L. Prothman-Roberts
Marvin R. Pyles
Summer E. Ricciardi, cum laude
Abigail R. Rice, cum laude
Briana A. Risher
Mitchell A. Robinson
Amber L. Rodgers
Kevin W. Roth
Kristin S. Rutland
Eric D. Sanders
Connie B. Shealy
Madeline G. Smith, cum laude
Mason A. Spires, magna cum laude
Samantha R. Thames, magna cum laude
Victoria N. Thomas
De’On K. Turner
Deanna P. Webb
Imani R. Wedderburn
Daniel E. Williams
Carson D. Williams, cum laude
Destiny Woodard
Priscilla Young

Bachelor Arts in Education
Simone D. Barr
Shelby A. Bell, cum laude
Carrie A. Brazell, magna cum laude
Olivia I. Burns, magna cum laude
Amber E. Byrd, magna cum laude
Savanna J. Carter, cum laude
Jordan D. Chavous, cum laude
Kayla R. Christopher, cum laude
Becky L. Doolittle, cum laude
Kathleen L. Evans, cum laude
Alyssa S. Fender
Hannah L. Holbrook, cum laude
Sharon H. Hughes
Savannah J. Jones, summa cum laude
Katlyn A. Jordan, cum laude
Alex M. Kinard, cum laude
Katelyn D. Lowry, cum laude
Kayla D. McPhee
Jordan E. Nettles
Chloe M. Outlaw
Darius J. Ross, magna cum laude
Jahnina L. Smith-Azango, cum laude
Kelsey L. Spurlin, summa cum laude
Santanna M. Templeton, magna cum laude
Miles A. Thompson
Janna M. Whaley, cum laude
Tiffany D. Zorn, summa cum laude
Bachelor Arts in Special Education
Cala D. Cater, *cum laude*
Megan L. Coleman, *cum laude*
Ashley N. Elia, *cum laude*
Morgan D. Foster, *cum laude*
Kaelen F. Harper
Victoria A. Reyes

Bachelor of Science
Sylvia J. Aldrete
Khlod N. Alghamdi
Amal K. Almutairi
Bradley S. Barrett
Hannah G. Bayrd, *cum laude*
Kelly K. Beattie
Terrell M. Blocker
Kayla Blume
Ryan L. Booker
McKenzie A. Bray
Thomas F. Burgess, *magna cum laude*
Rebecca A. Burke
Davina R. Byars
Taiya L. Calvert, *cum laude*
Benjamin J. Canady, *cum laude*
Jessica R. Candido
Shelby N. Carpenter
Lauren E. Carroll, *magna cum laude*
Danielle A. Clamp
Gabrielle C. Connor, *magna cum laude*
Cara Culpepper
Carrie B. DuBose, *magna cum laude*
Tonoria I. Durant
Scott A. Eyth
Sydney A. Failla, *magna cum laude*
Samantha R. Fox
Shaelynn L. Frederick
Ivy N. Frost
Angelica L. Gellatly
Tharon A. Giddens, *cum laude*
Anneliese M. Gordon, *cum laude*
Brionte T. Green
Katelyn L. Hammonds
Shekinah S. Hampton
Kelsey C. Hancock
Ana S. Hebert, *magna cum laude*
Matthew K. Helms
Robert C. Holloway
Phenicia D. Howard
Hanna C. Hyder
Joseph M. Johnson, *magna cum laude*
Asia L. Johnson, *magna cum laude*
Latia A. Jones
Bradley C. Jones, *cum laude*
Drake A. Jones, *magna cum laude*
Brittany A. Jones
Reese N. King, *summa cum laude*
Rebecca B. Koumas
Savannah R. Lawson, *summa cum laude*
DeAsia Q. Manuel
Rebecca A. Martinez
Janee E. McCarthy
Keileigh J. McMurray
Scottie Melvin
Christopher A. Mikolanis
Bailey E. Morgan
Rebekah M. Morton, *magna cum laude*
Karah B. Moulton, *summa cum laude*
Angel A. Owiriwa
Brandon J. Pate
Elizabeth J. Peck
Kali L. Phillips, *cum laude*
Monica A. Pineda
Bryana L. Preston
Onyemachi Provost
Amanda Raleigh
Sossan Razae Frotan
Lance D. Reynolds
Monique L. Reynolds, *cum laude*
Mitchell D. Rich, *cum laude*
Kelli L. Richardson
Alyssah N. Ridley, *magna cum laude*
Evan L. Roberson
Christy E. Rooker
Kylle K. Rouse
Helen C. Rowell, *summa cum laude*
Sarah E. Sams
Rebecca K. Schander
Sonja Scott
Eboney L. Sharpton
Sarah R. Shealy, *cum laude*
Madison E. Spires
Kathleen J. St Peter, *cum laude*
Grant J. Stevens
Ashley R. Strawbridge
Shanteace Sulton
Aubreyanna L. Swearingen
Zachary T. Swearingen
Cameron S. Taylor
Alexandra B. Thomas
Arthur C. Ward
Carnisha P. Washington
Pressley E. Wilson, magna cum laude
Michael W. Wilson
Victoria A. Winchell
Sharda’ M. Wright
Wei J. Zheng, magna cum laude

Bachelor Science in Business Administration
William W. Ard
Sydney K. Bolton
Tracy L. Boreman, cum laude
Travis A. Brown, magna cum laude
Brendon J. Calvert
Brittany S. Canady
Karissa A. Chambers
Rachel Chris
Travis D. Coleman
Peggie A. Cooke
Elbert J. Davis
Breanna E. Drew, cum laude
Jeremy J. Dumont
Chandler A. Dunn, cum laude
Parker C. Dye, cum laude
Christopher J. Eddy
Tomika L. Ellison
Cruiz Emery, cum laude
Ashley N. Enlow
Jarad A. Fields, cum laude
Connor E. Floyd
Laura Garcia, cum laude
Brittany M. Gibson
Wesley R. Greene, summa cum laude
Peyton E. Hartmann, magna cum laude
Brittany W. Hayes
Rebekka L. Heigermoser, summa cum laude
Da’Zahnay M. Houston
Elizabeth M. Jayroe, cum laude
Savannah M. Johnson, cum laude
Kaylee A. Jones
Michaela A. Keklak, cum laude
Oliver L. Macallan, cum laude
Alejandra P. Martinez
Jarod D. McElveya
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Courtney S. Myers
Alice J. Neves, cum laude
Brian Parreira
Blase J. Pauciello, cum laude
Hector I. Pena
Ross T. Russell
Antonio Sabugueiro, magna cum laude
Blake P. Seigler, cum laude
Daniel Sheehan, cum laude
Sean S. Simms, cum laude
James C. Sowell, summa cum laude
Kevin Stewart, cum laude
Chandler J. Stokes
Courtney S. Strauss, cum laude
Chloe A. Styles
Alaine K. Sullivan
Katelyn N. Syper, magna cum laude
Melyk R. Taouil, cum laude
Jeremy N. Taylor
Brooke A. Thomas, cum laude
Summer A. Tudor
Francine D. Washington, cum laude
Haley M. Wilbanks
Casandra Williams, cum laude
Makayla A. Wilson
Joseph M. Wingard

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Abigail Abbott, cum laude
Joseph C. Alloways, cum laude
Brittney N. Barnes
Justin Blackmon
Hannah G. Bonham, cum laude
Heyward Brown, magna cum laude
Xavier Dixon
Jessica L. Epperson
Claudia L. Fleese
Olivia A. Floyd
Kiana M. Franklin, cum laude
Ashlyn R. Freeman, cum laude
Allison D. Glenn, magna cum laude
Eirian K. Hackenberg
Emily M. Hall
Hannah A. Hoskins, cum laude
Sheila L. Huffman, cum laude
Mary M. Jauch
Bethany M. Jones
Shelby Jones, cum laude
Kevin Martinez Ruiz, cum laude
William Mcdaniel
Kayla E. Muse
Luke A. Nightwine
Jessalyn B. Phillips, cum laude
Lauren N. Prather
La’Naisha S. Proctor
Stacy S. Record  
Esmirna Sanchez Barron, *cum laude*  
Samantha B. Smith  
Julia C. Strong  
Jade A. Surrett  
Kyle J. Tackeberry, *magna cum laude*  
Laura M. Valdes  
Brandie N. Walter  
Sydney K. Williams, *magna cum laude*

**August 2020**

**Bachelor of Arts**
- Naomi Q. Allen  
- Matthew P. Cross  
- Teirra D. Felder  
- Carrie R. Fink  
- Owen T. Hennessey  
- Tyriq R. Jetton  
- Samantha R. Knight  
- Daija Mims  
- Thomas A. Nyland  
- Patrick D. Ott  
- Janet Rodriguez-Wood

**Bachelor Arts Education**
- Catherine A. Pullan

**Bachelor Arts Interdisciplinary Studies**
- Fionna S. Harper

**Bachelor of Science**
- Allison S. Brown  
- Cameron H. Bunch  
- Ashlyn D. Calliham  
- Bradley M. Carter  
- Christopher D. Clark  
- Stephen A. Dezelle  
- Shelby L. Faust  
- Austin M. Ferguson  
- Zachary G. Gilmer  
- Jada R. Hammonds  
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- Hillary Polander  
- Gillian M. Quinn  
- Aerin A. Richardson  
- Madison A. Shiver  
- Martis J. Simmons  
- Ashley N. Simmons  
- Calvin Smith  
- Jamir D. Wiggins  
- Madison L. Willis  
- Brittany D. Wyatt

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**
- Adamek Wojciech  
- Abdul Rahman J. Al Maymani  
- Lawanda P. Baker  
- Mendel J. Bell  
- Caitlin D. Bickford  
- Erika N. Canty  
- Des’Tiney D. Cox  
- Candace E. Davis  
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- Parker D. Fleming  
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- Brandon D. Hair  
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- Kristin A. Kepler  
- Addison R. Kreisher  
- Brandon J. Nesbitt  
- Michael S. Swindell, Jr.  
- Sherlyn H. Vaughn

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
- Devin L. Baugh  
- Jessica B. Brady  
- Nathaniel T. Cantrell  
- Michael W. Cooper  
- Ashton S. Crocker  
- Devin Hunt  
- Katie M. McAbbee  
- Karen J. McAlhaney  
- Leah P. McPherson  
- John D. Mims Jr.  
- Caroline M. Phelps  
- Courtney M. Pittman  
- Cassandra D. Shivar  
- Glenn T. Spradley  
- Hillary L. Traeger
Graduation with Honors

The University of South Carolina Aiken awards The Chancellor’s Medal to those students who graduate with honors. This polished bronze and cloisonné medal is a gift from the University in recognition of the highest level of academic achievement. Graduation with honors is based on a cumulative GPA calculated on the basis of all work in the student’s college career, including any transferred from other institutions. The projected honors shown for the degree candidates indicate the highest levels of academic achievement. A cumulative collegiate GPA of:

- 3.95–4.00 receives the designation of *Summa Cum Laude*.
- 3.75–3.94 receives the designation of *Magna Cum Laude*.
- 3.50–3.74 receives the designation of *Cum Laude*. 
Outstanding Senior Student
— Kelsey Lynn Spurlin —

Kelsey Spurlin, originally from Gaffney, South Carolina, graduated from Gaffney High School in 2016. At UofSC Aiken, Spurlin has maintained a 4.0 grade-point-average earning a spot on the President’s List all semesters. Majoring in Secondary English Education, Spurlin is a South Carolina Teaching Fellow and was awarded UofSC Aiken’s Secondary Education Student of the Year in 2019.

Spurlin served as Vice President of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society, Treasurer of Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honors Society, member of Omicron Delta Kappa International Leadership Honors Society, and a member of the Teacher Candidate Student Advisory Board. Accompanying Dr. Judy Beck, Dean of the School of Education, Spurlin represented the university at The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education’s Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C. Spurlin also presented at the South Carolina Association for Middle-Level Education Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on behalf of the university.

Spurlin was a member of the university’s volleyball team after her commitment four years ago. Spurlin and the Pacers won the Peach Belt Conference championship three out of the last four years, made the NCAA Tournament four years in a row, and finished in the Elite Eight once and the Sweet Sixteen twice in their respective seasons. The Peach Belt Conference has named Spurlin to the All-Academic Team from 2017-2019. Spurlin was also awarded the Peach Belt Conference Elite 15 award two years in a row for having the highest grade-point-average in the conference. Named First Team CoSIDA Academic All-District her senior year, Spurlin placed among the top scholar-athletes in the nation.

An active member of Student Life, Spurlin was a Chancellor’s Ambassador. She served as an Orientation Pacesetter for two years, an Orientation Team Leader, and was a participant in the Disney Leadership Exchange Trip and the Leadership Certificate Program. Spurlin has been accepted into Florida International University’s Master’s Program in Curriculum and Instruction and will begin pursuing her Master’s Degree in the Fall. Post-graduation, Spurlin will start her teaching career at Aiken High School, where she will also coach the Junior Varsity Volleyball Team.
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