



# Faulkner University

Commencement

2024



Saturday, May 4, 2024

Faulkner University | Tine Davis Gymnasium | Montgomery, Alabama

# Kay Ivey

## *Governor, State of Alabama*

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**Governor Kay Ivey** Growing up in the small town of Camden in Wilcox County, Alabama, and working on her father's farm, Kay Ivey was taught the value of hard work and living within one's means. Her parents instilled the Alabama values of faith, family and community.

After graduating from Auburn University in 1967, Kay worked as a high school teacher and a bank officer. She served as Reading Clerk of the Alabama House of Representatives under Speaker Joseph C. McCorquodale and was Assistant Director of the Alabama Development Office, where she worked to spur job creation and economic development across the state.

In 2002, Kay became the first Republican elected State Treasurer since Reconstruction, and she was re-elected in 2006. As Treasurer, Kay was committed to making the office more open, transparent, and efficient. Kay was elected Lieutenant Governor in 2010, becoming the first Republican woman to hold the office in Alabama's history.

She again made history on November 4, 2014, by becoming the first Republican Lieutenant Governor re-elected to the office.

Governor Ivey has been honored to receive numerous awards for her service to the state of Alabama, including the 2015 ALFA Service to Agriculture Award; Newsmax's 50 Most Influential Female Republicans in the country; the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) 2016 Public Service Award; and 2017 Citizen of the Year, by River Region Living Magazine. In September 2019, the Alabama-Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America distinguished Governor Ivey as a Golden Eagle for her 'scout like service' and being a trailblazer for women. In 2021, Governor Ivey was awarded the prestigious Army Aviation Order of St. Michael Knight Award. The American Village also presented the governor their highest honor, the Cornerstone of Liberty Award. Most recently, Governor Ivey was presented the inaugural Cognia STEM Champion Award and the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association Hall of Fame Award.

On April 10, 2017, Governor Ivey was sworn in as the 54th Governor of the state of Alabama in the Old Senate Chamber in the Alabama State Capitol by Acting Chief Justice Lyn Stuart. Following a successful nineteen months in office, the people of Alabama made history again in November 2018 by electing Governor Ivey to a full term. She is the first Lieutenant Governor of Alabama elected to a full term after taking over as governor due to a vacancy in the Governor's Office.

On January 14, 2019, Governor Ivey was officially sworn in for her full term by Associate Justice Will Sellers. Governor Ivey's first term brought conservative leadership with effective results to make this generation more productive and the next generation more prosperous.

Governor Ivey was reelected to a second full term November 2022 in a landslide voting outcome, and she was sworn in January 16, 2023. Noting education, economic development, roads and bridges, broadband expansion, public safety and government reform as the top priorities of her second administration, Governor Ivey vowed to keep Alabama working, ensuring the state's best days are yet to come.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, the Montgomery Rotary Club and the Board of Directors of the Montgomery YMCA. Governor Ivey is also the first Girls State alumna to be elected to an Alabama Constitutional Office.

# Fred D. Gray

## *Attorney*

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A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Fred D. Gray currently lives in Tuskegee, Alabama, and is a civil rights lawyer. He was educated at the Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, Tennessee; Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama; and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

An admittee of the Alabama and Ohio Bars, Gray is admitted to practice in the following courts: Supreme Court of Ohio, 1954; Supreme Court of Alabama, 1954; U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, 1955; Supreme Court of the United States, 1956; U.S. Court of appeals for Fifth Circuit, 1958; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, 1963; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1968; U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1982; Tax Court, 1968.

Gray's legal career spans a time period of over 50 years. Enthusiastic, energetic and out of law school less than a year, he began a dynamic civil rights career in 1954. In 1955 he represented Mrs. Rosa Parks who was arrested because she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, which ignited the Montgomery Bus Boycott. *City of Montgomery v. Rosa Parks*. He was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s first civil rights attorney.

The list of Gray's civil rights cases that he won can be found in most constitutional law textbooks. One of the first African Americans to serve in the Alabama Legislature since reconstruction, he served from 1970-1974. He received the Capitol Press Corps Award for Best Orator in the House of Representatives in 1972, and was a member of the National Society of State Legislators from 1970-1974.

His love and commitment in promoting the works of the National Bar Association gave him recognition as its 43rd President, 1985-86. He initiated the NBA Hall of Fame (becoming an inductee in August of 1995), and was the recipient of the Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit from the Washington Bar Association. He currently serves or has served as a member of a number of distinguished boards. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. He is the senior partner in the law firm of Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray, Gray & Nathanson, P.C. with offices in Montgomery and Tuskegee, Alabama. Gray and his wife, Carol, reside in Tuskegee, Alabama.

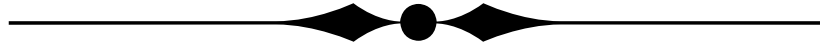
As a child, Fred Gray's family attended Montgomery's Holt Street Church of Christ. Gray attended the Nashville Christian Institute, a boarding school operated by Churches of Christ for African Americans, where he was chosen to serve as one of the "boy preachers" by NCI president, Marshall Keeble. After graduating from NCI, he returned to Montgomery and served as a part time minister with several churches in the community, including Titus, LaGrande, Brundidge, and Lanett. He continued his ministry work while attending law school at Western Reserve University in Cleveland by serving as the assistant minister of Street Church of Christ (now University Church of Christ). In 1957 he agreed to serve as the full-time preacher for Newtown Church of Christ in Montgomery, where he continued to serve for 16 years. In 1973 he became the minister of the Tuskegee Institute Church of Christ, where he helped organize the merger to desegregate two of the city's Churches of Christ to form the Tuskegee Church of Christ. Gray has taught and baptized hundreds of people during his time in ministry. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for Southwestern Christian College (Terrell, TX) and Faulkner University.

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**Special Presentation to Fred Gray from Faulkner University for the conferral of the Honorary Doctor of Ministry Degree.**

# Commencement Program

10:00 AM



\* **PROCESSIONAL**.....Faculty and Students

\* **MACE BEARER**.....Rebecca Horn, Ed.S.  
*Assistant Professor, Director of Graduate Programs, College of Education*

**INVOCATION**.....Grover Plunkett, M.S.  
*Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Alabama Christian College of Arts & Sciences*

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**.....Mitch Henry, J.D.  
*University President*

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**.....Kay Ivey  
*Governor, State of Alabama*

## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES, PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS**

Mitch Henry, J.D.  
*University President*

Dave Rampersad, Ph.D.  
*Vice President, Academic Affairs*

Jeff Arrington, Ph.D.  
*Dean, Alabama Christian College of Arts & Sciences*

Todd Brenneman, Ph.D.  
*Dean, V.P. Black College of Biblical Studies and the Kearley Graduate School of Theology*

Sandy Ledwell, Ed.D.  
*Dean, College of Education*

Justin Bond, Ph.D.  
*Dean, Harris College of Business and Executive Education*

Charles B. Campbell, J.D.  
*Dean, Jones School of Law*

Cassie Boyd, Ph.D.  
*Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences*

Michelle Otwell, M.S.  
*University Registrar*

**ALUMNI ADDRESS TO STUDENTS**.....Wayne Baker, Ed.D.  
*Senior Advisor to the President, Vice Chancellor*

**ALMA MATER**.....Steve Phillips, M.Ed.  
*Associate Professor, Sports, Recreation, and Fitness, Alabama Christian College of Arts & Sciences*

**BENEDICTION**.....James Guy, Ph.D.  
*Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Alabama Christian College of Arts & Sciences*

**RECESSIONAL**.....*Pomp and Circumstance Opus 39, No. 1, Sir Edward Elgar*

\*Audience Please Stand

# Candidates for Graduation

## Alabama Christian College of Arts and Sciences

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

David Thomas Alexander  
Sylvester Deri Benson  
Adam Troy Betts, II  
Benjamin A. Causland  
Carson Williams Cooper  
Jason Edward Freeman  
Heath Randolph Gilmore  
Mary Kathryn Hodge  
Sid B. Little  
Patrick Gene Lowery  
Michael Alan Ranes  
Shadrelica Robinson  
Emanuel Vincent Rosato, Jr.

### **BACHELOR OF FIRE SCIENCE**

Gregory Dawson, Jr.

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

#### **Computer Science**

Carol Logan Bone  
Brandon Lee Dishmon  
Kyle Denton Percer

#### **English**

Angelina Marie Guilbert  
Brooklyn Carol Owens  
Audrey Elizabeth Tindoll  
Lauren Elizabeth Williamson

#### **History**

Charity Elizabeth Milner

#### **Music**

Mahala Ann Bennefield  
Scott Andy Richardson

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

#### **Biology**

Delphine Niyonizeye  
Keeley Shea Percer  
Kelton Robert Pilkinton

#### **Counseling Psychology**

Lauren Faith Allen  
Emma Danielle Brown  
Lolitia A Bull  
Lindsey Rhea Gee  
Destini Janaisha Gibson  
Micayla Nicole Heard  
Chadsity Brenae Jones  
Davonne Marie Parks  
Emma Rose Scott  
Savannah Jaivone Thomas

#### **Computer Science**

Alexander Russell Fischer  
Caleb Micah Harris  
Trae Allan Parker

#### **Criminal Justice**

Seth Thomas Crider  
Jacob Randall Harris  
Dixie Ellen Herndon  
Francisco Antonio Soriano  
Tyler Evan Watkins

#### **Exercise Science**

George William Sloan, III

#### **Forensic Psychology**

Irene Cruz  
Brooke Parker Lucas

#### **General/Clinical Psychology**

Maria Wiletta Moore

#### **Health and Rehab Psychology**

Anna Grace Foster

#### **History**

Kaleb Gregory Bane  
Brianna Danielle Dukes

#### **Interdisciplinary Studies**

McKayla Joy Barber  
Jack Clayton Brinkley  
Chad Kristjan Cagle  
Tywrenski Dontal Hardnett  
Lydia Sarah Beth Jackson  
Isaac Andrew Murray  
Ella Carol Phillips  
Trinity R. Thomas  
JaNiya Shanequa White

**Industrial/Organizational Psychology**

Steven Michael Patterson

**Legal Studies**

Austin Brendle McIlwain

Madilyn Blair Studds

Elizabeth Grace Tucker

**Mathematics**

Laura Grace Vaughn

**Sports Psychology**

Joseph Cameron Burnett

Bryant Perry Carrell

**Sports, Recreation, and Fitness**

Benjamin Brian Anderson

Terry Lee Brown, III

Timothy De'Andre Cody

Spencer Robert Fields

Toby Allison Guest

Riley Michael Hall

Kordell Derrick King

Malik Jordan Murray

Jeffrey Bernard Selden

Jose R. Vargas

Samaj Duane Washington

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

Brandy Renee Coleman

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**

Shawon Alecia Brown

Ashlyn Michelle Danzy

**Computer Information Science**

Justus Armbrester

Adam Wade Roberson

## Harris College of Business and Executive Education

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE****Accounting**

Abigail Diane Chavers

Michael Logan Clark

Ainsley Brooke Lockwood

Alexandra Grace Lockwood

Akil Ajani Rivers

Nolan Christian Taylor

**Business Administration**

Gabriel Almeida Dias

Thomas Sam Buijs

Kyle Adams Garnett

Nicholas Anthony James Mak Graham

David Copeland Hilyer

Tabitha Judy Landis

Bryson Clet Lariscy

Aldin Gage McDaniel

Riley Corinne Palermo

Gabriel Rokbrand Soares

Colby Jessup Sanford

Matthew Kenyon Skaziak

AnnaMarie Caroline Stooksbury

Ilan Mohamed Tabet

Michael Joseph Wooldridge

**Finance**

Royelle David Comer, Jr.

**Management**

Hunter Joseph Dupuy

Andrew James Mackie

**Management Information Systems**

Daryl Terrell Pollard

## V.P. Black College of Biblical Studies

**BACHELOR OF ARTS****Biblical Studies**

Grant Osburn Copeland

Phillip Connor Gaither

Analeigh Elise Mooneyham

Nicholas William Webb

# College of Education

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

### **Elementary Education**

Isabelle Marie Bechtold  
Neely Nicole Johns  
Macy Elizabeth Kemper  
Brooke Alexandria Moore

### **Physical Education**

Daniel Jason Janes

# College of Health Sciences

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

### **Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Morgan Andrea Holland

### **Health Sciences**

Ellie Nicole Alexander  
Jordan Taylor Boyd  
Evaiah Burrows  
Kayla Grace Clements  
Cameron Reese Gentle  
Mackenzie Lee Gregor  
Lucas Wade Hampton  
Kaileigh Monroe Harrison

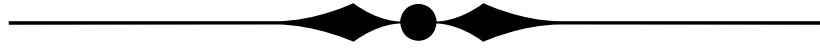
Messiah Israel Hayes  
Markie Philan Hicks  
Judson Ray Hogeland  
Shelby Peyton Huckabaa  
William Tyler Johnson  
Haley Alyssa Lewis  
Janna Alexis Miles  
Brittini Alisha Moore  
RaShad RaShun Pounds  
Julianna Elaine Thames  
Matthew Cayde Todd  
Korbin Newell Traywick  
Dylan Kinlee Varnell  
Elizabeth Ann Wright

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*Faulkner University makes every effort to include the names of degree candidates in the program. Appearance of the name in this ceremony program is not official acknowledgement of completion of the degree, certificate, or diploma indicated.*

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1:00 PM



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\* **MACE BEARER**.....Rick Trull, Ph.D.  
*Professor, Intercultural Studies, V.P. Black College of Biblical Studies*

**INVOCATION**.....Gary “Buddy” Parker, M.S.  
*Lecturer, Birmingham Campus*

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*Assistant Professor, Director of HRM Program, Harris College of Business and Executive Education*

**BENEDICTION**.....Ron Lambert, M.S.  
*Assistant Professor, Director of BBA/BSB Programs, Harris College of Business and Executive Education*

**RECESSIONAL**.....*Pomp and Circumstance Opus 39, No. 1, Sir Edward Elgar*

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# Candidates for Graduation

## Alabama Christian College of Arts and Sciences

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Humanities

Brett Zackry Chancery  
Kevin William Harrold  
Kurt Bradley Hoffman  
Suzette James  
Landon Burgess Loftin  
Katherine Elizabeth McKay  
Kenneth Ray Odom  
Ray Shelton  
Michael James Zwolanek

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### Humanities

Chelsea Lee Carrier

### MASTER OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Tabitha Brooklyn Austin  
Deshona Denise Collins  
Karen L. Costa  
Jacquelyn Marie Doblinger  
Kevin Jason Freeze  
Marshall Gulley, Jr.  
Trevor Mitchel Hendricks  
Logan Davis Hosford  
Jamarcus Diero Jones  
Gregory DeUntate Miller  
Jeremy Alexander Mims  
Shawn Michael Murray  
Jana Marie Newsom  
Kemyria Romea Pennington  
Baylee Elizabeth Perkins  
Nathaniel Scott Syner  
Peter Anthony Vellucci  
Jasmyne Shemese Wilson

## Harris College of Business and Executive Education

### EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Maxine LeAnne Clements  
Katy Beckett Cook  
Natasha Marie Cowans  
Cumberland Danielle Davis  
Tabitha Lenice Davis  
Erin Dillon  
Aaliyah Shontell Dock  
Michael Garland Dungan  
Naopi Lokel Chappell Evans  
Mary Diane Gatlin  
Rahi Ghazimorad  
Alia Danielle Golightly-Robinson  
Eugene L. Graves, Jr.  
Jeffrey Paul Griffin  
Braden Grant Gunn  
Beverly Tiara Heard  
D'Andre Deshae Henson  
Loretta G. Hester  
Phillip Lawrence Hill  
Shakeria Nicole Holmes  
Katelynn Marie Inness  
Jeremy Blaine Lowery  
Andrea V. Lockett

Kamisha LaShawn Mitchell  
Bianca Jenee Mitchell  
Jonathan Tyler Moorey  
Grayson Alexander Plunkett  
Robyn Symone Riley  
Taylor Lavada Rena Rodriguez  
Kenneth Jacob Shrider  
Ashley Symone Talley  
Tyler B. Tribolet  
KeLontae Earnest Marshun Varner  
Shaun Frederick Vincent  
Candy Annette Woodard

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Jordyn McKenzie Berrong  
Demetrius Kelley Chappell  
Sundra Lee Courtland  
Brittany Cunningham  
Cherisa Ne-Shawn Edwards  
Jakithia Shanea Edwards  
LaDarrius Fullenwilder  
Daniel Eduardo Garmendia  
Monica Anne Gomez  
LaShundra Ronique Gordon  
Vanesha D'Andrea Johnson

James Wilson Jolly, IV  
Denise Michelle Joseph  
Baltazar Perez  
Chesley Shaun Prince  
Adria L. Roland  
Shamequa Latrice Scott  
Brian Nicholas Smith  
Jennifer Lindsey Williams  
Tommie Lee Williams, Jr.

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

Donna Faye Johnson  
Curtia Leonard Moon  
Sonia Renee Pough  
Clay Elliott Varner, Jr.  
Mikah Jake Waldrop

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS**

Pamela Jo Allen  
Kayla Beth Brown  
Kisha Hooks Burts  
Ashley Nicole Coleman  
Kristen Flora Cooks  
Kenan Gerard Davis  
Kamilah Buchanan Gray  
Cody Glenn Hagood  
Brittney Rai Harris  
Zachary David Haynes  
Lochlyn Joann Henry  
Alyssa Hope Herring  
Shermeka Howard

Aliska Hughes-Monroe  
Shelli Mims James  
Adam Clark Kilcrease  
Karen U. Lacey  
Lorenzo Antonio Martin, Sr.  
Felecia Harris Meade-Rodgers  
Fabish Mark Mutsoli  
Velma McElrath Nix  
Alexis Sade Payne  
Whitney Jason Ray  
Charles Russell Saunders  
Eryn Devon Smith  
Tyler Shawn Thornton  
LaTrice Townsend

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Jennifer Renee Barrett  
Morgan Alexis Beck  
Emily Ann Cain  
Alison Marie Dennis  
Jamarius Marquell House  
Faridul Hussain  
Michelle Smiley Jackson  
Misunia Janae Lucious  
Ivana Jackquin McLeod  
Reanna Denise Perdue  
Damarra Slack  
Meagen Leigh Smith  
Mayra Mercedes Torrens-Atchley  
Jerrell Wiggins  
Jennifer Lynn Wolf  
Lela Danielle Wright

## V.P. Black College of Biblical Studies

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Biblical Studies**

Joshua Seth Houston  
James Andrew Kingsley

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Biblical Studies**

Walter Byron Harper

**MASTER OF ARTS**

**Family Life Ministry**

Iris Ann Boykins

# College of Education

## **MASTER OF EDUCATION**

Kelton James Doby  
Trace Don Hill  
Ashley Nikkita Stewart  
Hannah Kaye Traylor  
April Danielle Turner  
Lindsey Anne Winburn

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

### **Counseling**

Thaddeus Clifford Lockhart, Sr.

### **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

Christopher David Barnes  
Julia Braxton

Jasmin Shanice Carthen  
MacKenzie Claire Crow  
Brian Keith Dill  
Nikoyah LeeShe' Dunn  
Syteria Monique Flott  
O'Megan Tania Marion  
William Justin Maynard  
Bianca Shakell McKinney  
Tessa Rashelle Myers  
Tonya Denise Oliver  
Gary Nelson Parker  
Chrystal Elaine Ramsey  
Tamara Santana Sanders  
Armando Tyi Strickland

# Faulkner University

## Graduating with Honors

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### Graduation Attire

#### CORDS:

**Black and gold cord** denote membership in *Chi Alpha Sigma*, a National College Athlete honor society.  
**Red and white cords** denote membership in *Phi Alpha Theta*, a National History Honor Society.  
**Blue and white cords** identify Graduate Counseling students with a 3.7 GPA or higher.  
**Gold cord** identifies those graduating with honors. In the traditional program, honors are announced in increasing levels of honor as *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude*.  
**Green and purple cord** denotes membership in *Kappa Delta Pi*, an international Education honor society.  
**Orange and white cords** denote membership in the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.  
**Platinum and dark blue cord** denotes membership in *Psi Chi*, an international Psychology honor society.  
**Black and platinum cords** denote membership in the National Society of Leadership and Success.  
**Red cord** denotes membership in the Aspiring Educators Program.

#### LAPEL PIN:

**Black and gold pin with Faulkner emblem** denotes recipient of the Lou Harris Criminal Justice Honor Graduate Award.

#### MEDALLIONS:

**Blue and gold medallion on blue ribbon** denotes membership in *Alpha Iota Sigma*, an Interdisciplinary Studies honor society.  
**Blue and gold medallion on gold ribbon** denotes membership in *Sigma Zeta*, a national honor society for Mathematics, Computer Science, and Science majors.  
**Gold medallion on blue and green ribbon** denotes membership in *Alpha Chi*, a national honor society.  
**Red and black medallion on red and black ribbon** denotes membership in the National Society of Leadership and Success.  
**Silver medallion on blue ribbon** identifies honorees of Faulkner's academic departments.

#### STOLES:

**Blue stole with white trim** denotes successful graduation in Faulkner's Great Books Honors program.  
**Purple stole with white trim** denotes membership in *Lambda Epsilon Chi*, a national Paralegal honor society.  
**Silver stole** with Greek letters ΚΑΠ in black denotes membership in *Kappa Delta Pi*, an international Education honor society.  
**Platinum stole** with Greek letters ΣΑΠ denotes membership in The National Society of Leadership and Success.

#### **Academic Regalia**

**The Cap and Gown** The academic cap signifies the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry refers to the cap as square, symbolizing a book. From medieval times, academic robes have most often been black.

**Marks of Distinction** Belled sleeves with three bars of velvet and velvet trim down the front of a gown distinguish those who received Doctoral degrees. Hoods with school colors and colors peculiar to each academic discipline distinguish those who have received Master's degrees or Doctoral degrees.

#### **In Honor of the Dignity of this Occasion**

- Please silence all cell phones and similar devices.
- Please remain in your seat from the time the procession begins until the graduation ceremony has concluded.
- Please do not enter the aisles during the ceremony to take pictures.



# FAULKNER

## A L U M N I

May 4, 2024

Dear Graduate,

I am absolutely thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on this momentous occasion. As the Director of Alumni Gifts and Engagement at Faulkner University, it brings me joy to celebrate your remarkable achievement with you.

Completing your academic journey and earning your degree is a tremendous accomplishment that speaks to your dedication, perseverance, and unyielding commitment to success. The countless hours of hard work, late-night, study sessions, and the challenges you've overcome have all led you to this significant milestone. Your unwavering determination has paid off, and now you stand at the threshold of a new and exciting chapter in your life.

Faulkner University has provided you with a strong foundation for your future, and I have no doubt that you will go on to accomplish great things. Your education has equipped you with the knowledge and skill necessary to tackle the world's most pressing challenges and to make an impact on the world around you. As alumni of this esteemed institution, you are now part of a proud tradition of excellence and service, and I'm confident that you will carry that legacy forward with honor and distinction.

Your journey though doesn't end here. Your next chapter is about to begin. My prayer is that you embrace the future with enthusiasm and the same determination that brought you to this point. May you be challenged to continue to learn, grow, and reach for the stars. Remember that the Faulkner University community is always here to support you, and you will forever be a valued member of our extended family. I welcome you as a valued Faulkner University alumnus. I hope you will stay in touch, participate in alumni functions as your schedule allows, and consider becoming a member of the Faulkner University Alumni Association.

I can't wait to see the incredible contributions that you will make in this world! Savor this moment, revel in your success, and embark on new and exciting adventures with your head held high.

Congratulations, graduate! May your future be filled with endless opportunities and unparalleled success.

For your continued success,

Karen Bruce,  
Director of Alumni Gifts and Engagement  
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Faulkner University

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# Faulkner University Alma Mater

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Weaver

Rodney Bell

In the heart of our fair south - land stands a school that we hold  
Ev - ery - one's a friend to oth - ers, Bi - ble truth is taught each  
Do you yearn to be a ser - vant of our Lord and fel - low

4  
dear. Our be - lov - ed Al - ma Ma - ter, To our hearts will e'er be  
day. Teach - ing us to e're be Christ - ians, In our thoughts, our work, our  
man? O - pen are the doors to know - ledge: If you will to do, you

8 Chorus:  
near.  
play. Faulk - ner U - ni - vers - i - ty, You shall nev - er fail.  
can.

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Let our prai - ses ring out loud - ly, Al - ma Ma - ter, Hail!

# Letter from the President

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Congratulations, graduates! Welcome to you and your family for our May 2024 Commencement Ceremony. Welcome also to our Faulkner family of alumni and our special guests, Governor Kay Ivey and attorney Fred Gray.

Your success in your chosen career field will impact generations to come. We have every confidence that you will not only thrive in your career, but you will live as vocational ministers, making your work a ministry to serve other people every day.

Faulkner's mission is to glorify God through education of the whole person, emphasizing integrity of character in a caring, Christian environment where every individual matters every day. You have been and will continue to be a part of that mission as you live and work each day.

We live in challenging times. Our world is filled with suffering and human needs abound. Political and cultural polarization are prevalent, but you have been equipped to face these challenges. As Faulkner alumni you will bring glory to God by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and your faith. You will bring healing to suffering, bring fulfillment to critical human needs, bring peace to disputes, and bring hope to our world.

God bless you for all the good you have done and will do, and the many happy hours we have spent together.

Mitch Henry  
President, Faulkner University



