

— SIUE 2022 —

# **NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT GRADUATION**

## *Celebration*

A Celebration of  
the Achievements  
of Non-Traditional  
Students

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022

5 p.m.

Morris University Center  
Conference Center

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The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



# **Non-Traditional Student Graduation Celebration**

## **Processional**

### **Introduction and Welcome Remarks**

Lindy Wagner, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Inclusive Excellence, Education and Development

### **Faculty/Staff Keynote**

Kevin Wathen, Director of Military and Veteran Services

### **Award Presentation**

Lindy Wagner, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Inclusive Excellence, Education and Development (The Hub)

Tarsha Moore, Assistant Director of The Hub

### **SIUE Alumni Association Remarks**

Millie Clark, '17

### **Closing Remarks**

Tarsha Moore, Assistant Director of The Hub

Group picture and reception immediately following ceremony

## **Undergraduate Degrees**

Eniola C. Awoniyi  
Jada M. Bamberg  
Daniel Flaum  
Chantel V. Irving  
Emily Sue Norris  
Amy Y. Short  
Andrea L. Young

## **Graduate Degrees**

Saraiya N. Kalu  
Amy S. McCrary  
Joshua Gbenga Ogunleye

# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES





## **Eniola C. Awoniyi**

**Degree:** B.S. Sociology **Minor:** Pre-Law

**Student Involvement:** VP of African Student Association 2019-2020, Undergrad Research Assistant 2021, Truth and Racial Healing and Katherine Dunham Housing Project in East St. Louis

**Special thank you** Connie Frey-Spurlock, John Cabage, Darryl Cherry

I want to thank every professor I've ever had here, especially Dr. Frey-Spurlock and Dr. Cabage for the amazing opportunities they gave me. I also want to thank my freshman advisor, Darryl Cherry, as well as the peers I met while I was here.



## **Jada M. Bamberg**

**Student Involvement:** Club Basketball, National Association of Colored Women's Club (NACWC), Girls basketball manager for D1 Team

I just want to thank my friends for making this feel like home away from home. To my coaches, thank you for always being one phone call away. To my parents, without you none of this would have been possible. I told you I was going to graduate Dad and I did. #RIPDADDY



## **Daniel Flaum**

**Degree:** B.A. Computer Science **Minor:** Linguistics



## **Chantel V. Irving**

**Degree:** B.S. Integrative Studies

**Special thank you** Sarah Anderson

First, I would like to thank my family and friends for being supportive during this process, especially my son Bryce and my partner Billie who have been patient with my being preoccupied with homework, especially during finals week. Finally, Sarah Andersen, my academic sustainability professor, whom I met during my first returning semester as a non-traditional student. She has remained the calm voice of reason to help keep me motivated during my entire program. I am grateful and thankful to all of you!



## **Emily Sue Norris**

**Degree:** B.S. Anthropology **Minor:** Forensic Sciences

Thank you for your love and support.



## **Amy Y. Short**

**Degree:** B.S. Criminal Justice Studies

Thank you to all my professors for their patience during this last year and a half. Thank you to my parents for always believing in me and a special thank you to my kids for supporting me and encouraging me through this journey.



## **Andrea L. Young**

**Degree:** B.S. Integrative Studies

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# GRADUATE DEGREES







## **Saraiya N. Kalu**

**Degree:** M.S. Mathematics - Statistics & Operations Research

**Student Involvement:** TA and Math Tutor

**Special thank you** Zenia Agustin, Song Chew, Andrew Neath

I really want to thank Dr. Zenia Agustin, Dr. Song Chew, and Dr. Andrew Neath for being so helpful and understanding when it came to my work schedule. I also want to thank my mom for always encouraging me to keep going even when it was stressful.



## **Amy S. McCrary**

**Degree:** M.B.A. Business Administration -  
Management Information Systems

Thank you to my husband for pushing me to finish my degree when I got stressed and wanted to quit. I also want to thank the staff at SIUE for answering my questions and providing me with the knowledge I need to advance in my career.



## **Joshua Gbenga Ogunleye**

**Degree:** M.S. Industrial Engineering

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