SIUE 2022

BLACK Graduation CELEBRATION

A Celebration of the Achievements of
African, African-American and Black Students

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

4 p.m.

Morris University Center
Meridian Ballroom

Sponsored by
The Inclusive Excellence, Education and Development Hub and
The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Black Graduation Celebration
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Processional
The Atum Jones Drum Ensemble

Introduction and Opening Remarks
Dr. Howard Rambsy, Distinguished Research Professor of English Language and Literature

Student Keynote
Jamesha Purdiman, M.S. Education

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Sheila Caldwell, SIU Vice President for Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Dr. Howard Rambsy, Distinguished Research Professor of English Language and Literature

Presentation of Graduates
Dr. Earleen Patterson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Dr. Candace Hall, Professor of Educational Leadership

SIUE Alumni Association Remarks
George Ladd ‘07 ‘09

Closing Remarks and Reception
Dr. Jessica Harris, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Group picture and reception immediately following ceremony.

Bachelors Degrees

Jaida M. Adams
Allyson D. Anderson
Domeana Anderson
Micah L. Arps
Samantha R. Ashton
Andrew L. Ballenger
Darren Bennett
Kristina N. Bennett
Tameya C. Bibbs
Trinity T. Bishop
Christal C. Borden
Trevon M. Bosley
Demarco S. Brownlee
Breana L. Buford
Courtney Carter
Jasmine N. Cates
Natalie P Chandler
Demia M. Cherry
Ariel A. Combs
Bailey M. Cunningham
Markiysha K. Cunningham
Daeja J. Daniels
Hawwaou Diallo
Nicole A. Dixon
Rotrisha L. Epps
Taylor A. Ewing
Dejaneé J. Geeters
Monica D. Gilliam

Ceja Timani Gordon
Kahlil T. Graves-Thomas
Kendyll E. Hansbro
Keyara N. Harshaw
Quineil Hill
Jayla J. Howard
William M. Hughes
Alexis C. Hutchins
Ashley N. Jackson
Tacara L. Jackson
Ty'Von K. Jones
Terena M. Joyce
Raillane S. Kamdem
Mikia V. Keith
Keishele N. Keys
Jasmine E. Landry
Kaitlin M. Lee
Nakera S. Lewis
Kourion Mack
Morrocca M. McGeeBey
Dana D. Merritt
Monica D. Mitchell
Minerva A.N Mixon
Shawn E. Moton
Jeancy V. Muleba
Keonae' Nelson-Hines
Ukachi N. Nkwocha
Tobe Nono
Precious J. Nunn

Osawaru Obasuyi
Munaonyewi Okeke
Cherii D. Palet
Takiera S. Parnell
Breonna L. Pettigrew
Mahoggani Pickett
Ahlaya T. Pierre-Louis
Chanae M. Powell
DaeMarkis C. Powers
Jennifer T. Ramsey
Kierra L. Scott
Chastity E. Smith
Jacqueline R. Smith
Kinjii Y. Smith
Alexis M. Starks
Tyreese B. Terrell
Nicolette A. Thompson
Kamaria A. Tinsley
Eno-obong B. Udoh
Jordan J. Washington
Tyler A. Washington
Jada N. Weaver
Destiny M. West
Dasmin L. Whitted
Kiah N. Williams
Kelsie A. Williams
Shamiya L. Wilson

Masters Degrees

Eyitayo F. Akomolafe
Carolyne M. Banks
Kalere G. Caldwell
Lakia Day
Kiah A. Hairston
Ahnnyshia Hibler
Monique J. Jameison
Kyle J. Johnson
Tyrone D. Johnson Jr.
Anashay V. Love
Solomon M. Matuku
Sorenya T. Miller

Tariq J. Minor
Sierra L. Moore
Jamesha Purdiman
Saleem A. Rashad
Lunetha Robinson
Gideon N. Sampson
Muhammed R. Shehu
Janessia N. Slaughter
Niamoye Toure
Lakenzie D. Walls
LaKeshia R. Willis
Sherice D. Wilson

Doctorate Degrees

Akosua A. Adu
Michael A. Burris
Aaliyah M. Dent
Alaine L. Hamilton
Myia N. Harper
Jamaal E. Heavens
Bodunrin D. Jaiyeola

Chaketa D. Mack
Michelle Mwangi
Chandra A. Pierson-Rye
Tanya D. Rolfe
Christian A. Watts
Catalina L. West
Ashley L. Whitlatch

BACHELORS

DEGREES

JAIDA MONTRECE ADAMS

DEGREE

B.S. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

CONCENTRATION

MEDICAL SCIENCE

MINOR

CHEMISTRY

Student Involvement: Illinois Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program

Special thank you to Dr. Christina De Meo

I would like to thank my mother for being my #1 supporter throughout my entire academic career. I would also like to thank Dr. Christina De Meo for continuing to be a teacher even when I wasn't in her class.

ALLYSON DION ANDERSON

DEGREE

B.S. INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

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Kayla and Kamen, words can't thank you enough for the love, inspiration and motivation. Mom, your love, support and lectures are appreciated. Thanks you to Professor Andersen for the constant reminder that quitting is not an option!!! Donald, we did it!!!! Randal, thank you for never letting my hand go!!!

DOMEANA ANDERSON

DEGREE

B.S. SOCIOLOGY

CONCENTRATION

DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

MINOR

GEOGRAPHY

MICAH L. ARPS

DEGREE

B.S. APPLIED COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Student Involvement: SIUE Softball team

SAMANTHA R. ASHTON

DEGREE

B.S. NURSING

Student Involvement: Student Nursing Association, Johnetta Haley scholarship, and the National Society of Leadership and Success

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ANDREW L. BALLENGER

DEGREE

B.S. PHILOSOPHY

MINOR

URBAN STUDIES

Student Involvement: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity INC - Vice president, The National Pan-Hellenic Council - President, Honors Student Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, College REadiness student Speaker, Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities assistant and Meridian Day interviewer

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DARREN BENNETT

DEGREE

B.A. ART STUDIO

CONCENTRATION

ART STUDIO

KRISTINA NICOLE BENNETT

DEGREE

B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

MINOR

FORENSIC SCIENCES

Student Involvement: National Association of Colored Women's Club, SIUE Cheer '18 - '20, Criminal Justice Club, SIUE Rotary Student Leader of the Month - December 2021 and ITS Helpdesk Student Employee

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DEGREE

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CONCENTRATION

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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TRINITY TAYLOR BISHOP

DEGREE

B.S. MASS COMMUNICATIONS

CONCENTRATION

JOURNALISM

MINOR

PSYCHOLOGY

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DEGREE

B.S. PSYCHOLOGY

MINOR

ART STUDIO

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DEGREE

B.S. ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

Student Involvement: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

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DEGREE

B.S. NURSING

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DEGREE

B.S. APPLIED COMMUNICATION STUDIES

MINOR

MASS COMMUNICATIONS

Student Involvement: Public Relations Society of America, Black Girls Rock and Sister Circle

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COURTNEY CARTER

DEGREE

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Student Involvement: Men's Basketball

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JASMINE NICOLE CATES

DEGREE

B.S. PSYCHOLOGY

MINOR

SOCIOLOGY

Student Involvement: Psychology Club and Phi ETA Sigma

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NATALIE P. CHANDLER

DEGREE

B.S. MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES AND THEATER/DANCE

Student Involvement: United States Institute of Theater Technology and Honors Student Association

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B.S. NURSING

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ARIEL ARMANI COMBS

DEGREE

B.S. SOCIOLOGY

MINOR

BLACK STUDIES

Student Involvement: The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Black Girls Rock, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sister Circle, Sociology Club, Black Unity Council and TAP Book Club

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DEGREE

B.S. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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MARKIYSHA KIERRA CUNNINGHAM

DEGREE

B.L.S. LIBERAL STUDIES

Student Involvement: Inclusive Excellence, Education and Development Hub Equity Inclusion Ambassador and Kreative Kreation Modeling Organization

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DAEJA JONAE DANIELS

DEGREE

B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

Student Involvement: Society of Women Engineers, American Society Mechanical Engineers, National Association of Colored Women's Club and National Society of Black Engineers

HAWWAOU DIALLO

DEGREE

B.S. PUBLIC HEALTH

NICOLE A. DIXON

DEGREE

B.A. MASS COMMUNICATIONS

CONCENTRATION

MEDIA PRODUCTION

MINOR

ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING

Student Involvement: National Association of Colored Women's Clubs

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B.S. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Student Involvement: Veteran and Johnetta Haley scholarship

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TAYLOR A. EWING

DEGREE

B.S. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

CONCENTRATION

INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

MINOR

CHEMISTRY

Student Involvement: Student Leadership Council, Black Girls Rock, Pre- Health Hub, Healthcare Issue and Ethics Club

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B.S. INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

Student Involvement: Pre-med Association and Chemistry Department

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CEJA TIMANI GORDON

DEGREE

B.S. SOCIOLOGY

MINOR

ART STUDIO

Student Involvement: Black Girls Rock

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KAHLIL T. GRAVES-THOMAS

DEGREE

B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

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KENDYLL ELIZABETH HANSBRO

DEGREE

B.S. PUBLIC HEALTH

Student Involvement: Imperial Dance Team, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Campus Activities Board, Eta Sigma Gamma and Epsilon Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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KEYARA NICHOLE HARSHAW

DEGREE

B.S. PUBLIC HEALTH

Student Involvement: Campus Activities Board, Late Night In the Muc Chair, Black Heritage Month Chair, Member of National Association of Colored Women's Club and Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated

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QUINEIL HILL

DEGREE

B.S. SOCIOLOGY

MINOR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Student Involvement: Sociology Department Student Ambassador and Sociology Club President

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JAYLA JOI HOWARD

DEGREE

B.S. INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

WILLIAM MALACHI HUGHES

DEGREE

B.S. PSYCHOLOGY

MINOR

EXERCISE AND SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

Student Involvement: Kappa Alpha Psi, Black Student Union

Special thank you to Kelly Atkins

ALEXIS CAMARA HUTCHINS

DEGREE

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CONCENTRATION

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

SECOND CONCENTRATION

MANAGEMENT

Student Involvement: Track & Field Team, Weight Throw school record holder and Student Athlete Advisory Committe

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DEGREE

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TACARA LEE JACKSON

DEGREE

B.S. SOCIAL WORK

Student Involvement: Student Social Work Association

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DEGREE

B.S. MASS COMMUNICATIONS

CONCENTRATION

ADVERTISING AND STRATEGIC MEDIA

MINOR

APPLIED COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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B.S. PUBLIC HEALTH

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DEGREE

B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

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B.S. EXERCISE SCIENCE

Student Involvement: Women's Basketball, Student Athletic Advisory Committee and Black Girls Rock

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KEISHELE NADINE KEYS

DEGREE

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CONCENTRATION

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Student Involvement: National Association of Colored Women's Club, Inc., Campus Activity Board homecoming committee and Cougar Cupboard

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JASMINE ELAINE LANDRY

DEGREE

B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

MINOR

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DEGREE

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

Student Involvement: SIUE Women's Intercollegiate Basketball Team Fall 2018 - Spring 2020, SIUE American Society of Mechanical Industrial Engineers - Secretary Fall 2020 - Spring 2021, SIUE Pi Tau Sigma - President Fall 2020 - Spring 2022 and University Honors Mentor Program - Mentor Fall 2021-Spring 2022

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DEGREE

B.S. EXERCISE SCIENCE

MINOR

PSYCHOLOGY

Student Involvement: Exercise science club

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DEGREE

B.S. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

MINOR

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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B.S. SOCIOLOGY

MINOR

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DEGREE

B.S. PSYCHOLOGY

MINOR

BLACK STUDIES

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DEGREE

B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Student Involvement: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc

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DEGREE

B.S. INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

Student Involvement: National Society of Black Engineers, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers, United States Institute for Theater Technology, Honors Program, Honors student Association, Cougar Connectors and Bluff Hall Area Council

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DEGREE

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CONCENTRATION

MARKETING

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UKACHI NIKKI NKWOCHA

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B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Student Involvement: President of African Student Association 2019-2021, SIUE MVP tour guide, Internal Audit Chair Epsilon Xi, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, National Association of Colored Womens Club and University Housing Resident Assistant

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DEGREE

B.S. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CONCENTRATION

MARKETING

PRECIOUS J. NUNN

DEGREE

B.S. SOCIOLOGY

CONCENTRATION

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

MINOR

MASS COMMUNICATIONS

Student Involvement: SIUE Gospel Chior and SIUE THRT Projects

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B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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MUNAONYEWI OKEKE

DEGREE

B.S. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MINOR

MATHEMATICAL STUDIES

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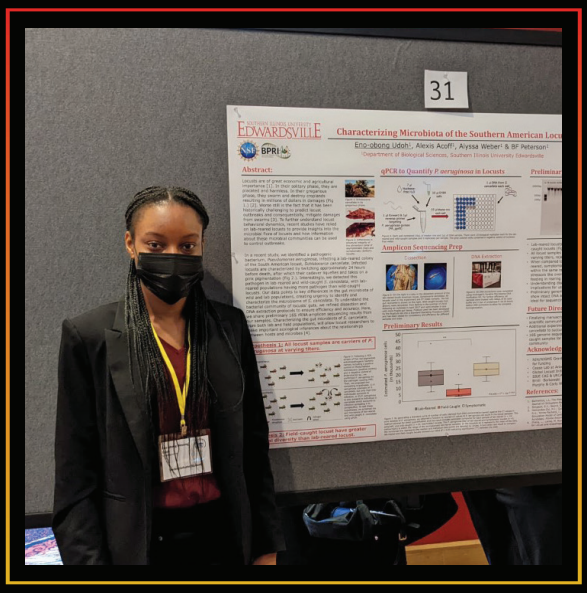

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DEGREE

B.S. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

CONCENTRATION

MEDICAL SCIENCE

MINOR

CHEMISTRY

SECOND MINOR

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