

Southwest Tennessee Community College



2020-2021 Commencement



Commencement

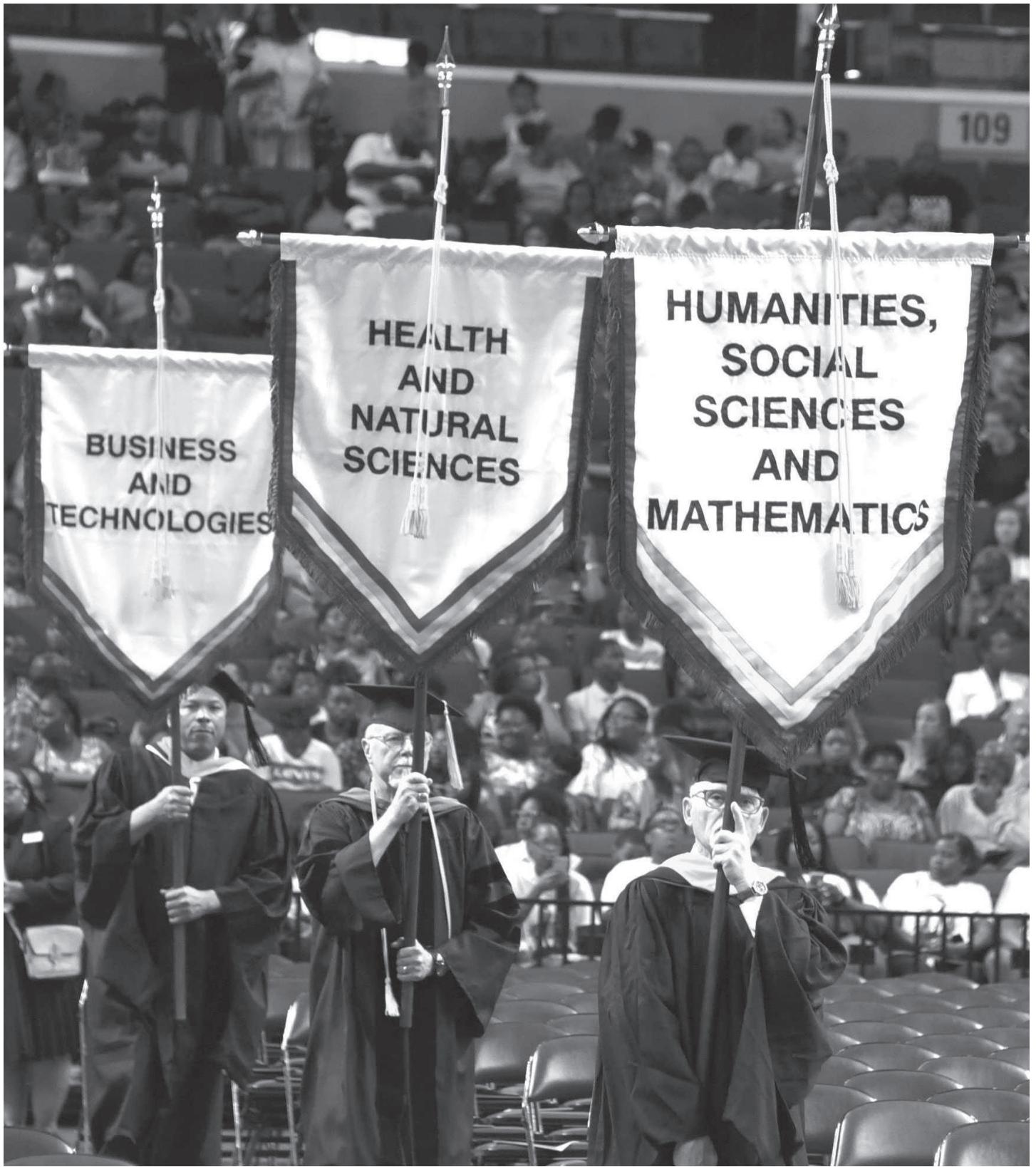
Saturday, the First of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-One 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, founded July 1, 2000, is an award-winning, comprehensive, multicultural, public and open-access college. It is one of the largest community colleges in the Tennessee Board of Regents system. As a member of Achieving the Dream, a national nonprofit dedicated to helping community college students succeed, Southwest achieved Leader College status in 2020 and received the Bellwether Consortium's prestigious national award for Planning, Governance and Finance in 2021.

Southwest awards Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, Associate of Applied Science degrees for immediate career entry; and technical certificates to prepare for entry-level positions. Areas of study include liberal studies, fine arts and humanities, natural and physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics, allied health sciences, nursing, business studies, information technologies, engineering and related technologies, criminal justice, and education. The College is ever vigilant to incorporate new technologies and disciplines into the curriculum to serve new educational needs as they arise and are recognized by the community.

It is the College's mission to anticipate and respond to the educational needs of students, employers and communities in Shelby and Fayette counties and the surrounding Mid-South region; and to provide an effective teaching and learning environment designed to raise educational levels, enhance economic development and enrich personal lives.

Southwest Tennessee Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097, Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Science in Teaching degrees, as well as certificates.



Procession

Grand Marshal

Hannah D. Province

Mace Bearer

William Summons, Faculty Senate President

Platform Party

Tracy D. Hall, Ed.D., President

Kendricks Hooker, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs

Safari Love, Commencement Speaker

Jacqueline A. Faulkner, Vice President for Student Affairs

Sherry Greene, Interim Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services

Cynthia Graham, Vice President for External Relations

Jeremy Burnett, Dean of Faculty Support

Robin Cole, Sc.D., Dean of Business and Technologies

Evan McHugh, Ph.D., Dean of Allied Health and Natural Sciences

Professor William G. Turner III, Reader

Professor Thomas King, Reader

Professor Michael Rounds, Reader

Professor Martin Wakefield, Reader

Faculty

Candidates for Graduation

The Student Speaker

First-generation college student Safari Love is a native North Memphian who began his lifelong dream of earning a college degree in 2018.

Early in his life, Love was convinced he was not college material. Despite a successful career with the City of Memphis, and lingering doubts, he always regretted not earning a college degree. Imbued with an entrepreneurial spirit and earnest desire to serve the hearing-impaired community, Love later became a solopreneur, working as a sign language interpreter, his second language. Though his careers were personally and professionally fulfilling, Love's yearning to obtain a college degree grew with each passing year.

After learning about Tennessee Reconnect, a program that provides adults the opportunity to attend community college tuition-free, Love decided to bury his regrets and realize his lifelong dream of earning a college credential. Filled with hope and fueled by the encouragement of his family and a new-found passion for architecture, Love chose to pursue an Associate of Science in General Studies at Southwest. As a 44-year-old away from college for several years, Love discovered a nurturing environment at Southwest, seemingly created for students just like him. From the infrastructure of holistic support to the flexible course calendar and convenient locations, Southwest was the perfect fit.

Overcoming the typical fears and uncertainties associated with attending college as a nontraditional student was no small feat. But, Love persevered. He has blossomed into an award-winning scholar with a 3.80 grade point average and member of Project M.O.S.T. (Men of Southwest Tennessee) and Delta Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He also continues to give back as an avid mentor to his fellow Saluqis.

Today, Love culminates his academic career at Southwest as the first in his family to earn a college degree. He plans to continue his studies at the University of Memphis this fall where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in architecture. Love's ultimate goals: to share his entrepreneurial spirit with those who dare to dream, channel his passion for personal and professional development to uplift those who dare to strive and hone his affection for architecture to shape the city he loves.



Safari Love

Order of Program

Presiding

Kendricks Hooker, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs

Prelude

*Academic Processional..... “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar
Arrangement by Blue Claw Philharmonic

*National Anthem..... Mark Townsell
Student (soloist)

The President’s Welcome and Recognition of Special GuestsTracy D. Hall, Ed.D.
President

Debut of Southwest Alma Mater.....Valetta Brinson
Associate Professor, Fine Arts

Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....Jacqueline A. Faulkner
Vice President for Student Affairs

Commencement Address.....Safari Love, Student
Southwest Tennessee Community College Class of 2021

Presentation of the Alumnus of the Year AwardCynthia Graham
Vice President for External Relations

Presentation of the William W. Farris Faculty Service AwardSherry Greene
Interim Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services

Presentation of the Candidates.....Kendricks Hooker, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates.....Tracy D. Hall, Ed.D.
Assisted by:
Jeremy Burnett, *Dean of Faculty Support*
Robin Cole, Sc.D., *Dean of Business and Technologies*
Evan McHugh, Ph.D., *Dean of Allied Health and Natural Sciences*

*Recessional..... “Ain’t No Stopping Us Now” by McFadden and Whitehead

**Guests are requested to stand.*

Alma Mater

ALMA MATER

Words: Valetta Brinson and Martin Wakefield

Music: Valetta Brinson and Kevin Sanford

Student Contributors: Annisha Weddington and Ronald Davis

Dear Alma Mater we hail
with honor, pride and thanksgiving. Within our hearts to Thee we sing,
Southwest, Southwest, Southwest.

Her torch, it lights our way.
She leads us day by day.
Through trial and err,
with zest and care,
Southwest, Southwest, Southwest.

March on, be strong.
We praise you with song.

We'll carry Thee our
whole life long.
Within our hearts
to Thee we pledge,

Southwest *[the best], Southwest *[the best], Southwest
Southwest *[the best], Southwest *[the best], Southwest!

Student Honors and Recognitions

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) promotes the development of character and intellectual growth as it invokes the voice of the students in campus affairs. SGA members, elected by the student body, excel in leadership and service. They will be identified by white stoles.

The Honors Academy

The Honors Academy at Southwest offers an enhanced program of curricular and extracurricular activities for academically talented and creative students. Emphasizing the development of exceptional leadership, inquiry and critical thinking skills in students, the Academy offers select students and their faculty opportunities to enrich both the intellectual and cultural climate of the College while preparing for the future. Students who earn 15 or more hours of Honors credits within the Academy are distinguished as Honors Academy Graduates and receive an Honors Diploma at graduation. All Honors Academy members are recognized by their silver medallions.

2020-2021 Candidates

Associate of Applied Science

** Jessica Peyton Enochs
 *** Malisa L. Gillum
 Julisa Goodwin
 †† *** Bonnie Katherine Holt
 Tyrell K. Johnson
 Donte M. Jones
 Joni R. Jones
 *** JoAnn Louise Lovell
 Iyad Wisam Mansour
 Kierra Powell
 Ida B. Randle
 Clarice R. Rice
 †† *** Lowquitta Scott
 * Priscilla Yvette Scott
 Anthony D. Sparks
 ** Brittney L. Toler
 *** Tamara R. Walker
 Melody Gail Walls
 Alexus L. Watkins
 Jashaunna M. Williams
 ** Elizabeth Wills
 * Martha Wilson Smith
 ** Vicky Wright

COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
 * Claude Hale
 Antorrious J. Harvey
 *** Caleb Holt
 Ashley Johnson
 Antoine Xavier Mason
 †† *** Anthony Leon Padgett
 Duenos Rucker
 Corey C. Shaw
 Christopher M. Tyler
 Zoey Valentine
 Taylor David Walker
 Wheeler

COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CYBER DEFENSE
 * Natalis S. Crosby
 Nicholas Scott Douglas
 Candis L. Logan
 ** Tai Thanh Nguyen
 Zoey Valentine
NETWORKING
 Johnathon H. Barr
 *** Christopher Reed Brasfield
 ** Derek Lee Crewse
 ** Kourtney N. Kelley
 †† *** Scott Mertell
 †† *** Liam J. Phillips
 ** Mayra Rangel
PROGRAMMING
 ** Juan Carlos Alfonso Vina
 †† *** Shaurya Arya
 ** Heather Bosi
 Josue Isai Gonzalez
 Edgar Martinez-Montes
 ** Simmons O'Neil Messer
 ** Kaneisha L. Mitchell
 ** Craig W. Parker
 ** Allison Paige Philippart
 Maciah H. Strickland
 * Mariah H. Strickland
 Earl Sylvester Whitby
 Nia D. Yarbrough
 Ola Nassar
 * Joshua Chase Pipkins
SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
 ** Matthew Charles Danner
 ** Tianna L. Ford
 ** Daniel Montalvo

†† *** Patrick Siglin
 *** Willie Mae Thompson
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES
 * Michael S. Austin
 Laramie D. Bougard, Jr.
 Naoshia Imani Butler
 Gary Giles
 Anthony A. Hill
 * James R. Ivy
 Maria Martinez
 ** Johnetta Denise Sanders
 ** Richard T. Sanders
 * Quenterius Deandre Stephenson
 Caliente Z. Thomas
 Venus J. Walker Christina
 * Michelle White Rodmese
 Denise Wiggins

CORRECTIONS
 * Veronica Smith
LAW ENFORCEMENT
 Jameka Shonne Wade

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
 Christy Lashelle Shipp
 Peggy Panagiota Anastassiou
 Jayla D. Brown
 ** Yasmine Carbajal
 ** Sheena Natasha Cox
 * Noah G. Drzycimski
 Kierra N. Hassell
 Rachel M. Lang
 Isabel Kay Lievens
 Chiquita D. Snerling

2020-2021 Candidates

Associate of Arts

	SOCIOLOGY	SPEECH AND THEATER
*	Shekita Janea Johnson Jessica T. McVey Lekesha N'Quia Mckinney Mykala Donyae Nunley Amanda Starrett	Tenille Coria Holmes Stacey Jana Parham Laura Rodriguez
*	De'Miracle Tabb Celena Trejo Charmaine L. Wooten Arreon Young Janelly Itzel Zaldana	
		** Samuel Hudson Barnes Jarvis E. Brown Gabrielle A. Johnson Andre Renee Johnson, III Julien Milton

2020-2021 Candidates

Associate of Science

*** Madelyn Henderson
Lakedra M. Hill
* Samanual Jesse Jones
* Sheliah Kallon
* Zaire Miceala Elyse Kee
Mya Mercedis Mandolini
Jerika Mason
** Brenda Arleth Mejia
Hernandez
Nicole Norman
Lasandra R. Person
Jada Pittman
Kellie Larosa Richardson
* Kaleathia Sain
Tamara N. Saunders
Letina C. Simmons
Derrick Sean Smith
*** Jessica Vaughn Smith
*** Katelynn Summer Sowell
Alyssa S. Terry
Valerie May Whitman
Maya A. Wilchie

RADIOGRAPHY AND X-RAY

Denesha Denise
Rodgers-Jefferson

SOCIAL WORK
** Chantrice N. Adouko
Alexandria Nicole Anderson
Cortez Darron Battle
Rasheema A. Cannon
Nagah Darfor
Brandon Gray
Reneatha H. Hardaway
Michelle Hebert
Sebrena Y. Jordan
Sydnie Caroll Jordan
*** Bethany Green Justice
Brenda Aneliz Martinez
John'Neisha Mattison
Alexis Nichole Moss
Felicia R. Nicholson
Velma Parker
Ebony Monique Perry
Jessica Ramos
Alcenia Tamayo
* Adrienne Danielle Walker

SOCIOLOGY
Brilann Z. Coleman
Timothy Hillman
†† *** Joseph Anthony Januchowski
Jessica N. Kinner
Chatsity Faith Lewis

TEACHING
††*** Amber G. Barrera
*** Katherine F. Cook
Lubita Akram Ibrahim
*** Nicole L. Kesler
Kristin Soto
** Rebekah A. Taylor

TEACHING PRE K-3
** Jenea' L. Adamson
†† *** Hallima Adel Ismail
** Alondra Celeste Marin
Jailene Izamar Moreno
Laura A. Sanchez
* Kristin D. Soto

The Seal of Southwest Tennessee Community College



The College Seal, much like a heraldic coat of arms, is symbolic of the College's aspirations and mission. Southwest Tennessee Community College has incorporated both ancient and new elements and symbols into a seal that is 21st Century in design, to signify the College's origin in this millennium and its commitment to the future.

The Southwest Seal is a circle, centered by a shield, which is quartered to hold four "charges," denoting the general programs the College offers. The Torch, a symbol of general education, also stands for guidance, knowledge and enlightenment – the flame that lights the darkness of ignorance. The Gears represent the wide range of technological programs. The Atom, the most modern ideogram, symbolizes the natural sciences. The Caduceus, the most ancient symbol, illustrates the medical arts.

The Open Book, in the very center of the Seal, symbolizes knowledge and the wisdom of the universe. The Laurel Leaves, on which the shield rests, proclaim achievement, excellence and triumph. Finally, the Motto, KNOWLEDGE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY, sums up the Mission of the College.

Colors of the Seal:

The College's official colors are red (signifying life and warmth) and blue (signifying calm, reflection, and intellect).

Use of the Seal:

The Seal is used officially to authenticate documents, such as diplomas, transcripts, and in jewelry, such as college rings and nursing pins. It is engraved on the College Mace, which is carried in solemn procession by the faculty senate president, symbolic protector of the president of the College.

Presidential Medallion

Bearing the seal of Southwest Tennessee Community College, the Medallion is symbolic of the College and represents the Office of the President. Worn by the President only during formal academic events, it signifies authority, trust, leadership, accomplishment and continuity of tradition. The sterling silver medallion, coin-struck with the College Seal, is supported by a double strand of silver links with eight sculpted silver shields. Each shield will eventually be engraved with the name and dates of tenure of a president of the College. The Medallion is a gift to the College from the Southwest Foundation.

The College Mace

The mace is an ancient symbol of authority, usually a spiked club, carried in ceremony before a king or other ruler by an officer charged with his protection. The College Mace is an ornamental "Lamp of Knowledge," representing the body of learning imparted by the faculty to enlighten students, and also symbolizing authority as embodied in the president of the College. The silver lamp is engraved with the College Seal and is mounted on a staff of silver and carved wood. The president of the Faculty Senate carries the mace before the College president during Commencement and other ceremonial occasions as a symbol of the protector of knowledge.

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