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2019 Fall Undergraduate Degrees Sought

- Associate of Arts, **2**
- Associate of Science, **47**
- Associate of Applied Science, **85**
- Certificate, **164**
- Reverse Transfer, **4**



We welcome you to the *Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony*



This is the day the students have been focused on for so long: the day for which they have dedicated themselves knowing that this degree will propel them toward their career goals. This is also the day that all of our faculty and staff have committed their efforts: to see these students walk across the stage. Nothing is more satisfying or rewarding to an educator than to see students learn, grow and reach their potential. This is why we are here. This is our mission.

So, today is a day of celebration for goals obtained, new beginnings and new opportunities. We are thankful for these students sharing their very best with our campus community. Each one has strengthened us and inspired us to continue this mission for decades to come. Today is also a celebration for the families and friends of these students. Support systems are extremely important to college students. So, to all of the parents, guardians, spouses, children, grandparents, and other loved ones and friends, we say thank you!

We are so very happy that you are all here today as part of the Cleveland State family to join the celebration. Congratulations, students, and best wishes.


Dr. William Seymour,
CSCC President

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Presiding	Dr. William Seymour President, Cleveland State
* Processional	Pomp and Circumstance No. 2 Sir Edward Elgar
Moment of Silence/Meditation	Mr. Gary Fuller Chair of the Cleveland State Foundation Board
* National Anthem	Vocal Rhapsody Under the direction of Mrs. Karen Dale, Director Associate Professor of Music
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. William Seymour
Greeting Tennessee Board of Regents	Regent Thomas White
Introduction of Distinguished Staff Member	Dr. William Seymour
Distinguished Staff Member Commencement Address	Mrs. Sheila Smith Executive Secretary for VP for Student Services
Introduction of Distinguished Faculty Member	Dr. William Seymour
Distinguished Faculty Member Commencement Address	Mr. Robert Brewer Associate Professor of Biology and Coordinator of the Greg A. Vital Center for Natural Resources and Conservation
** Presentation of Graduating Class and recommendation for degrees	Dr. Barsha Pickell Vice President for Teaching and Learning
Confirmation of Degrees	Dr. William Seymour
Awarding of Degrees	Dr. Barsha Pickell
* Cleveland State Alma Mater	Special Music Ensemble Arrangement by Mrs. Karen Dale
Closing Remarks	Dr. William Seymour
* Recessional	Don't Stop Believin' Journey

Names are read by Mr. Will Benson, Assistant Professor of Music

In honor of our graduating class, we ask that you refrain from exiting the building during the recessional. You may meet your graduate outside the L. Quentin Lane Gymnasium once they have exited. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

** Audience is requested to stand*

*** Graduating class is requested to stand*

Distinguished Staff Member



Mrs. Sheila Smith
*Executive Secretary for
Office of the Vice President for Student Services*

This year's Distinguished Staff Member is Mrs. Sheila Smith. She began her Cleveland State career in 2004 and has worked tirelessly for the college ever since. Currently, she is the Executive Secretary for Office of the Vice President of Student Services. Smith has served in this role since May of 2017. Prior to that role, she served as the Coordinator for the Athletic Department for 13 years. Per her supervisors, "She handles a diverse workload flawlessly."

Although she has some of the most comprehensive tasks and capacities of anyone within the Cougar Nation, Smith's best known role is unofficially as the "cheerleader" for all things involving our students at Cleveland State. She is an outstanding employee who comes to work each day with a positive attitude. In addition to numerous campus committees, she also serves as a Tennessee Promise Mentor.

From professional development to developing relationships across the campuses of Cleveland State which helps make the college perform seamlessly, Smith does her part each and every day to support CSCC and the students and communities it serves. Among the committees which Smith has served through her years of service at the 2019 Tennessee Board of Regents College of the Year are the Athletic Committee, Athletics Hall of Fame Committee, Student Government Budget Committee, Cougar Cares Employee Mentorship, Staff Senate, Staff In Service Committee, Student Life Committee, and CSCC 50th Anniversary.

Through the years, Smith has served as an ambassador of student service for each and every Cougar who has called Cleveland State home. From volunteering her service countless times throughout her career to her commitment to her peers throughout the Cleveland State family, her dedication to our mission has made her an outstanding selection for the 2019 Distinguished Staff Member of Cleveland State Community College.

Distinguished Faculty Member



Mr. Robert Brewer

*Associate Professor of Biology and
Coordinator of the Greg A. Vital Center for Natural
Resources and Conservation*

This year's Distinguished Faculty Member at Cleveland State Community College is Mr. Robert Brewer. Brewer came to the college in 2003. In a short amount of time, he established and built the Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries major and the associated student chapter of The Wildlife Society. It has grown from a single course to a well-developed major with a large number of students enrolled with an international reputation. He has given students opportunities for research and internships that are extremely rare for students at the community college level.

Brewer has built an exceptional program of undergraduate research, seldom seen at the community college level. Now, he has graduates working in the field in many locations across the U.S. Working with a colleague in New Mexico, he founded the S.W.A.P. program which allows our students to travel to New Mexico and allows their students to travel to Tennessee in alternate years.


Brewer's program won the Gifford Pinchot Award for Excellence in Interpretation and Conservation Education for the Southwest region and was a finalist for the national award. He was appointed Coordinator of the Greg A. Vital Center for Natural Resources and Conservation and works with Mr. Vital to ensure that his vision for the Center is being carried out. According to his nomination, "He is a person that inspires students, faculty and the broader community through his hard work and devotion to the program, his integrity and service."

From his first day with the college, colleagues knew Brewer was a perfect fit at Cleveland State. Over the years, he has been an outstanding mentor and friend to his peers at the college. However, it is his high level of commitment and dedication to our students which have made him an obvious choice for the 2019 Distinguished Faculty Member of Cleveland State Community College.

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The Board of Regents of the State of Tennessee upon recommendation of the Faculty of Cleveland State Community College hereby confers upon the following individuals degrees and certificates with all the rights, privileges and honors pertaining thereto in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the courses prescribed.

Students who are graduating with honors are designated as follows:

- *** With Highest Honors (*White and Gold Cord, Grade Point Average of 3.80 to 4.00*)
- ** With High Honors (*Light Blue and Gold Cord, Grade Point Average of 3.60 to 3.79*)
- * With Honors (*Navy and Gold Cord, Grade Point Average of 3.30 to 3.59*)
- ΦΘΚ Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Members (*Gold Stole with Blue ΦΘΚ Key and Gold Tassel*)
- ΑΔΝ Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society Members (*Apricot Cord, maintain an overall 3.0 GPA and 3.0 in all their nursing classes.*)
-  Veteran Recognition (*Red, White and Blue Interwoven Cord, used to recognize the graduates who have served our country honorably in a branch of the military.*) Cleveland State has been recognized as a veteran friendly campus.
- † Honors Scholars: In order to earn an Honors diploma, a student must complete Honors Colloquium and Leadership Development Studies, take at least nine hours of courses for Honors credit, and complete a Capstone project during his or her final semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher at graduation. (*Navy, Light Blue and Grey Cord.*)
- ‡ Presidential Honors Scholars: In addition to earning an Honors diploma by completing all requirements of the Honors program, these students have earned the Presidential Honors Scholarship while at Cleveland State. Students are chosen for this prestigious scholarship based on at least a 3.5 high school GPA and a score of at least 24 on the ACT.
- Gold Award for completing 75 or more Service-Learning Hours (*Gold Lapel Pin.*)
- Silver Award for completing 50-74 Service-Learning Hours (*Silver Lapel Pin.*)
- Bronze Award for completing 25-49 Service-Learning Hours (*Bronze Lapel Pin.*)

(GPA based on grades at end of Summer Semester, 2019)

Please note: (1) The names appearing in this program represent those applying for graduation. For various reasons, some may not be awarded degrees today. (2) Titles of degrees correspond to titles listed in the catalog under which the student enrolled and may vary from the current degree titles.

Designations for Career Communities



Advanced
Technologies



Arts &
Humanities



Business



Education



Healthcare



Social
Sciences



S.T.E.M.

Degrees to be Conferred *Fall 2019*

Candidates for Honors Diploma

* **Forrester, Mikaela Brook**
† Education AS
Capstone Topic: *My Student Is Gay!: Integrating Inclusivity Training, LGBTQ+ Curricula, and Comprehensive and Inclusive Sexual Education in Middle Grades Education*



Capstone Director: Dr. Victoria Bryan

† **Furgal, Sabrina Mae**
Pre-Health Professions AS
Capstone Topic: *Animal Rights vs. Animal Welfare*
Capstone Director: Robert Brewer



‡ **Patel, Harshil Rajnikant**
ΦΘΚ University Parallel AS
Capstone Topic: *Effects of Increased Nurse-Patient Ratios on Patient, Nurse, and Healthcare Organizations*
Capstone Director: Vickie Still



Candidates for Honors Business ADVANCE



This departmental honors track requires that students take Leadership Development Studies and complete extra service hours with organizations where they can practice the leadership techniques they have studied. Their Capstone projects integrate research, reflection, public presentations, service, and leadership.

*** **Baughman, Erica Naomi**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
*** **Burnette, Heather Denise**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
*** **Davis, Melissa C**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
*** **Delaney, Holly S**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT



* **Johnson, Amanda G**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
* **Johnson-McMahan, Melanie**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
* **Jordan, Wanda Sue**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
* **Newman, Dedra Diane**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

*** **Shelton, Stephanie Paige**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
** **Thomas, Tina Lizette**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT
*** **Watkins, Margaret E**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

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Candidates for **Advanced Technologies**

	Allen, Caroline Welding Basic Entry Level CRT		Gilliland, Adam Corey Electromechanical Technology AAS Electrical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT Mechanical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT		Levkiv, Yaroslav Welding Basic Entry Level CRT
	Arp, Marcus Tyler Welding Basic Entry Level CRT				McLemore, Keith Duane Electrical Fundamentals CRT
	Boblewski, Casey Jackson Computer Information Technology AAS Network Systems Design CRT	***	Goodine, Dennis Howard, Jr		Oliver, Sean Ashton Computer Information Technology AAS Network Systems Design CRT
	Branam, Matthew Adam Welding Basic Entry Level CRT	ΦΘΚ	Hackney, Blake Aaron Welding Basic Entry Level CRT		Patel, Parth Arvindbhal Computer Information Technology AAS Network Systems Design CRT
	Brock, Adam Ryan Welding Basic Entry Level CRT		Haddle, James William, III Electrical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT Mechanical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT		Patel, Rajat Dineshkumar Electromechanical Technology AAS Electrical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT Mechanical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT
	Bullard, Jason M Electrical Engineering Technology AAS Electrical Fundamentals CRT	***	Hozouri, Niloufar Computer Information Technology AAS Network Systems Design CRT		Phillips, Nathan Engineering Systems Technology AAS Architectural Design CRT Civil Technology CRT Mechanical Drafting CRT
**	Cain, Joshua Allen Electromechanical Technology AAS Electrical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT Mechanical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT	ΦΘΚ	Huckabey, Bryson E Computer Information Technology AAS Network Systems Design CRT	 *	Phillips, Nathaniel Elisha Welding Basic Entry Level CRT
***	Cole, James D Computer Information Technology AAS Network Systems Design CRT		Huskey, Makayla Welding Basic Entry Level CRT		Renfro, Joshua E Welding Basic Entry Level CRT
*	Crisp, Matthew Ray Engineering Systems Technology AAS Architectural Design CRT Civil Technology CRT Mechanical Drafting CRT	***	King, Jared Heath Electrical Engineering Technology AAS Electrical Fundamentals CRT		Thompson, Cameron Drake Welding Basic Entry Level CRT
ΦΘΚ			Kyslytsya, Dennis Welding Basic Entry Level CRT		
			Levkiv, Lyubomir Electrical Engineering Technology AAS Electrical Fundamentals CRT		



Candidates for **Arts & Humanities**

***	Borton, Kaitlyn Mackenzie History AS	*	Gatlin, Randall T History AS	ΦΘΚ	Singleton, Alix T University Parallel AS
ΦΘΚ					Townsend, Hannah G Art (Studio) AA
RTS	Britton, Jacob David University Parallel AS	RTS	McAmis, Mary General Transfer AA		Whittle, Colby Dewayne General Transfer AS
●	Crittenden, David Justin History AS		Miller, Shaun David Mass Communication AS	RTS	
	Gabel, Jedidiah Bishop Mass Communication AS	RTS	Scroggs, Melanie R University Parallel AS		

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Candidates for Business



	Allen, Andrew Hamilton Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Denton, Sondra Jean Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Lovin, Joseph Alan Business Administration AS
	Allmon, Shanandoha Nicole Legal Office AAS Legal Office CRT		Diaz, Patricia Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Lutz, Benjamin Business AAS Business and Management CRT
*	Barham, Jordan Matthew Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Etherton, Katie Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Manes, Mary C Business AAS Business and Management CRT
	Bolt, Debra Lynne Customer Service CRT		Frerichs, Candace M. Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Mayhew, Shelby Kay University Parallel AS
	Browder, Taylor Cassandra Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Frost, James Business AAS Business and Management CRT		McClure, Samuel Jason Business AAS Business and Management CRT
***	Brown, Ashton Elizabeth Accounting AAS Accounting CRT		Goodman, Heather Nicole Business AAS Business and Management CRT		McNabb, Jeremy Tyler Business AAS Business and Management CRT
	Brown, Jeffrey Robert Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Hester, Melissa Renee Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Morrison, Naja S Marketing AS
	Brown, Joshua Ray Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Hickey-White, Cynara Cylene Business Administration AS		Muhonen, Stephen Luke Business Administration AS
***	Busch, Angie M Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Hill, Greta Denise Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Nelson, Kimberly Michelle Health Care Management AAS
ΦOK	Cleek, Christopher G Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Holder, Audrea Kaye Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Newman, Jeremy Jay Business AAS Business and Management CRT
**	Colon, Autumn Danielle Accounting AS		Hurt, Michelle Diane Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Nix, Jessica Michelle Health Care Management AAS
***	Corbitt, Casey Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Kersey, Melissa Leigh Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Parker, Pamela Mary Business AAS Business and Management CRT
ΦOK	Cross, Kevin M Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Lawson, Candy Faye Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Pierce, Kaitlin S Agricultural Business AS
**	Crowder, Brittani Nikole Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Leonard, Molly University Parallel AS		Plemons, Sherry L Business AAS Business and Management CRT
*	Dale, Christy Michelle Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Linden, Reaghan Kathleen Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Rich, Christopher Adam Business AAS Business and Management CRT
					Rikard, Amy Louise Business AAS Business and Management CRT

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Candidates for Business

ΦΘΚ	Riley, Wendy J Business Office AAS Business Office CRT			Smith, Madeline Paige Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Vincent, Melanie R Business AAS Business and Management CRT
	Roman, Chandler Joel Business AAS Business and Management CRT	*		Standridge, Anthony C Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Walker, Naneka Terilvinia Business AAS Business and Management CRT
	Shapiro, Kelsie L Small Business Management AAS Business and Management CRT	**		Stanfield, Holly Genise Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Ward, Robert L, Jr Business AAS Business and Management CRT
	Shaver, Michael Anthony Business AAS	*		Sullens, Lisa Business AAS	*	Weir, Whitney Paige Business AAS
***	Business and Management CRT	ΦΘΚ		Business and Management CRT		Business and Management CRT
ΦΘΚ	Shelton, Bradley Business AAS Business and Management CRT	***		Thompson, Bryasha G Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Wilkerson, Cameron A University Parallel AS
*	Sliger, Dawn Business AAS Business and Management CRT	***		Trotter, James Business AAS Business and Management CRT		Williams, Damyion John A. Business AAS Business and Management CRT
ΦΘΚ					***	Zhogan, Irina Petrovna Accounting AAS Accounting CRT



Candidates for Education

*	Benton, Ashley Taylor University Parallel AS			Davis, Marilyn L Early Childhood Education CRT		Headrick, Jackson H Education AS
*	Couch, Jessica Lynn Education AS	*		Fernandez, Fatima Abigail Education AS	**	Humphrey, Maria Louanna Education AS
ΦΘΚ						Moats, Jorden Education AS
***	Davis, Jessica Early Childhood Education AAS Early Childhood Education CRT	***		Gunn, Kayleigh Elizabeth Education AS		
		ΦΘΚ				



Candidates for Healthcare

Allen, Joshua Taylor Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT	Bandy, Courtney Emergency Medical Technician CRT	Boyd, Morgan Elizabeth Emergency Medical Technician CRT
Amoriello, Riley Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT	Blair, Keniya T Emergency Medical Technician CRT	Brooks, Lisa M Medical Assisting AAS
	Blue, Janie Dianne Emergency Medical Technician CRT	Compton, Hayley Madison Allied Health Sciences AS

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Candidates for Healthcare

**Cooper, Bethany Faith**

Medical Office AAS
Medical Office CRT

Cooper, Charles Loftin

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Epperson, Christopher Alan

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Fraday, Amber Danielle

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Gentry, Madelyn B

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Hadley, Elizabeth

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

*** Harris, Stacy M**

Legal Office AAS
Legal Office CRT

Jenkins, Kassandra

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Johnson, Katelin Faith

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

**Kennedy, Zachary M**

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Knee, Christian Alexander Creasey

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Ledford, Morgan Taylor

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Lockhart, Andrew B

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Loomis, Brock Gabriel

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Lopez, Trinidy M

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Martin, Sabra Jade

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

McClure, Austin Lee

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Mineno, Tito Michael, II

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Mooneyham, Emily Marie

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Mullins, Dylan James

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Pace, Luke Henry

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Padilla, Morgan S

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Ratledge, Lydia Justine

Allied Health Sciences AS

Redd, Miranda Lynn

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Reece, Drake Thomas Mackenzie

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Roberts, Brittany S

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Turner, Melissa

Advanced Emergency Medical
Technician CRT

Vaughn, Jeanne Yvonne

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Whitener, Tony

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Candidates for Social Sciences

**Blackman, Leon A**

Psychology AS

Blankenship, Phillip C

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Branch, Samuel Clarence, II

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Cline, Andy Ray

Law Enforcement Training CRT

David, John L

Law Enforcement Training CRT

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Dawson, Seth G

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Denton, Nathaniel Re

Law Enforcement AAS
Law Enforcement Training CRT

Diecks, Michael Wyatt

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Duckett, Caylea

Psychology AS

Eckert, Alexander R

Law Enforcement Training CRT

**Eldridge, Austin C**

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Fisher, Richard B

Psychology AS

Franks, Jackson McKenzie

Law Enforcement Training CRT

**Freeman, Scott S**

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Godsey, Bryan A

Law Enforcement Training CRT

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Candidates for Social Sciences

Hawkins, Luke N

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Headrick, Kayla Marie

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Hobbs, Justin D

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Jackson, Ryan Heath

Law Enforcement Training CRT



Jones, Randi Lyn

Sociology AS

Kilby, Eric

Law Enforcement Training CRT

King, Alex Michael

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Layman, Shane M

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Malone, Kaylee Hope

Law Enforcement Training CRT

* **Malone, Kimberly L**
Criminal Justice AS

*** **McGee, Meghan Jo**
ΦΘΚ Psychology AS

Parker, Benjamin John

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Parson, Joshua

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Roig, Yaima Leberthon

Psychology AS



Royal, Jason Edward

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Setliffe, Samuel Maverick

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Simmons, John David

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Smith, Kaylee Reed

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Solomon, Trenton Wesley

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Stailey, Ajah Mylan

Psychology AS

Trentham, Kendall D

Law Enforcement Training CRT

** **Upton, Catherine Laiel**
Psychology AS



Candidates for S.T.E.M.

Greer, Dawn M

Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS

Hill, Jerry Ray

Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS

● **Hill, Taelor Jewel**
Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS

Lewallen, Sidney Martina

University Parallel AS

*** **Mannion, Jessica Lindsay**
● Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS

Meyer, Christopher Jozef

Chemistry AS

* **Velba, Janzen Lark**
Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS

The Cleveland State Community College Mace

Historically, a mace was designed as a weapon. By the 13th century a decorated mace was used for ceremonial purposes in England and France. Over the centuries, the use of a ceremonial mace became a tradition in colleges and universities to lead processions and signify the significance of the occasion.

Cleveland State's mace was presented as a gift from the 6th President, Dr. William A. Seymour and his wife Catherine Seymour. In-kind donations were made by Epperson Jewelers who provided the engraving, Jordan Fabricating who developed the head piece, and Ed Lewis, retired physics teacher who carved the top section of the staff.

The design and production work for the mace was performed by Cleveland High School students participating in Mr. David Gluckner's Engineering class during the Spring 2016 semester. Gluckner's commitment and diligence to see this project through to completion are greatly appreciated.

A series of silver rings make up the lower section of the staff. The first ring indicates the founding of the college in 1967. The next six rings identify the six presidents of the college with their respective years of service. Several blank rings are available for future presidents.

The top part of the staff is carved to flare out toward the head piece. This is to symbolize the ever-growing impact that Cleveland State has on our community through student education and economic development. The silver head piece has several sides coming to the point representing the diversity of students we serve who come together to improve their careers, families and community. Inside the head piece is a hand-blown glass flame. Its blue color celebrates the history of Cleveland State and inspires us all toward an even brighter future.



Academic Regalia

Academic dress dates back to the earliest days of the oldest universities. In the 1700's academic costume was used at King's College (now Columbia University), the University of Pennsylvania and other colleges founded in Colonial days. In 1821, all "Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors" of the University of Columbia were required by law to wear gowns.

Prior to the advent of two-year colleges and the awarding of the associate degree, the three academic degrees generally recognized were the bachelor, the master and the doctor. The name of each degree seems to have been determined by medical university custom. The bachelor's degree, the baccalaureate, takes its name directly from the medical practice of "bachelors" wearing a garland of bayberries. The master's degree was equivalent to a license to teach. The doctor's degree was originally a title of respect in recognition of great learning. Today, the earned doctor's degree indicates advanced study and independent research in a specialized field of learning.

In 1895, an intercollegiate commission drafted a uniform code for the use of academic caps, gowns and hoods in the United States. A commission appointed by the American Council on Education revised the code in minor details in 1935. Again in 1959, the American Council on Education's Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies reviewed the code and made several changes. This code is followed by 95 percent of all colleges and universities.

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The gown for the associate's degree is similar to that of the bachelor's except in color. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square-cut and the front part has an arc cut away. Like that for the doctor's degree, the master's gown is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. The doctor's gown is velvet faced down the front and has three velvet bars on bell-shaped sleeves.

The shape and size of the hood impart the degree. The hood further identifies the field of study and the university or college from which the degree was obtained. The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging of the hood is of velvet or velveteen in widths of two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees respectively. The color of the stripe on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned or granted, as for example: Arts, WHITE; Social Sciences, CITRON (grayish green yellow); Business, DRAB (light brown); Law, PURPLE; Divinity, SCARLET; Journalism, CRIMSON; Physical Education, SAGE GREEN; Education, LIGHT BLUE; Economics, COPPER; Nursing, APRICOT; Sciences, GOLDEN YELLOW; Musical Arts, PINK; Engineering, ORANGE; Library Science, LEMON; Public Administration, PEACOCK BLUE; Philosophy, DARK BLUE; and Fine Arts, BROWN. A special BURGUNDY stole embroidered with the Cleveland State seal in white signifies our level two advisors who have undergone additional training to support students.

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar black "mortar board." The black tassel, or one of a color signifying the field of specialization, hanging to the left of the face, is appropriate for all degrees. Permissible for the doctor's degree is a soft velvet cap of the color indicating the field of study or on the "mortar board" a tassel of gold thread.

Cleveland State Community College is one of the thirteen two-year public institutions that comprise TBR's Tennessee's Community Colleges and is governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

<https://www.tbr.edu/institutions/community-colleges>

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system consists of 40 institutions with a combined annual enrollment of nearly 120,000 students, ranking it the largest system of public higher education in Tennessee. TBR's 13 community colleges and 27 colleges of applied technology offer classes in almost all of Tennessee's 95 counties.

The Tennessee Board of Regents was created in 1972 by the General Assembly as the governing body of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee. At that time, the member institutions of the system were the six state universities and ten community colleges formerly governed by the Tennessee Board of Education. In 1983, the General Assembly transferred the technical institutes and area vocational schools (now called Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology) to the Tennessee Board of Regents. In 2017, the six universities separated and are now governed by local boards. The University of Tennessee is a separate system with its own Board of Trustees. The Board of Regents, UT Board of Trustees and the locally governed universities are coordinated by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The composition of the Tennessee Board of Regents is set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated 49-8-201. The board consists of 19 members: 12 lay citizens appointed for six-year terms by the governor, with one each from the state's nine congressional districts and three grand divisions; one voting and one non-voting faculty member from among the system institutions appointed by the governor for a one-year term; one student from among the system institutions appointed by the governor for a one-year term; and four ex-officio members--the Governor of Tennessee, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, who is a non-voting member.

Congratulations! to our **Graduates**

Cleveland State celebrates you and your accomplishments.

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Frances Eaglehouse
student 1967

Karen McCall Dale
Associate Professor of Music 2008

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Oh Cleve - land State Our Al - ma - Mat - er Hon - or ev - er grace Thy name. May
May God di - rect thine ev - 'ry path-way Wis - dom keep thee ev - er free.

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lau - rels crown thee, Vic - t'ry hail thee. Ev - er - last - ing be thy fame. Hail to thee!
Cleve - land State our Al - ma - Ma - ter,

The author of the Alma Mater was Frances Eaglehouse, a former Cleveland State student. This has been edited and set to music by Mrs. Karen Dale, CSCC Associate Professor of Music.

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37320-3570
423-478-6205
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The Cleveland State Community College policy on nondiscrimination can be found at <http://www.clevelandstatecc.edu/about/departments/human-resources/non-discrimination-policy.html>