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2023 Fall Undergraduate Degrees Sought

- Associate of Arts, **6**
- Associate of Science, **59**
- Associate of Applied Science, **45**
- Certificate, **124**
- Reverse Transfer, **2**



We Welcome You to the Fall 2023 Commencement Ceremony



Today is a day of celebration. Students, we celebrate your accomplishments, new beginnings and new opportunities. Today is your day, but there are other people who celebrate with you. Since your first day of college, the faculty and staff have been committed to helping you achieve your goals. As an educator, there is nothing more rewarding than to see students walk across the stage at graduation. Today is also a celebration for your families and friends. Support systems are essential to the success of college students. So, to all of the family and friends, we thank you. We are so very happy that you are all here today as part of the Cleveland State family to join the celebration.

Remember, no matter where your journey takes you, you always have a home at Cleveland State. Congratulations and best wishes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ray Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" being more prominent than the last name "Brooks".

Ray Brooks, PhD,
CSCC Interim President

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| Presiding | Dr. Ray Brooks Interim President, Cleveland State |
| *Processional: Pomp and Circumstance No. 2 | Sir Edward Elgar |
| Welcome | Dr. Ray Brooks |
| Moment of Silence/Meditation | Dr. Sindy Reynolds Vice President for Finance and Operations |
| National Anthem | Vocal Rhapsody Under the direction of Ms. Andie Phillips, Adjunct Professor of Music |
| Recognition of Graduates | Dr. Willie Thomas Vice President of Student Affairs |
| Greetings from Tennessee Board of Regents | Regent Danni Varlan |
| Introduction of Distinguished Staff Member | Dr. Sindy Reynolds |
| Distinguished Staff Member Commencement Address | Chad Cameron Student Success Coach – Advanced Technologies |
| Introduction of Distinguished Faculty Member | Dr. John Squires Interim Vice President for Workforce Development, Institutional Research, and Advancement |
| Distinguished Faculty Member Commencement Address | Jim Meir Associate Professor of Accounting |
| **Presentation of Graduating Class | Dr. Corey Campbell Vice President of Academic Affairs |
| Confirmation of Degrees | Dr. Ray Brooks |
| Awarding of Degrees | Dr. Corey Campbell |
| Cleveland State Alma Mater | Special Music Ensemble Arrangement by Mrs. Karen Dale |
| Closing Remarks | Dr. Ray Brooks |
| *Recessional | Crown Imperial William Walton |

Names are read by Mr. Clayton Strain, PC/Network Technician

In honor of our Graduating Class of 2023, 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*

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Commencement Speaker - Distinguished Staff Member



Chad Cameron

Student Success Coach – Advanced Technologies

Chad Cameron began his career at Cleveland State in 2002 as the Fitness Center Coordinator and an adjunct physical education instructor. In 2010, he oversaw the remodel of the fitness center on campus, established a fitness area at the Athens Center and was awarded the Faculty Star Award for Outstanding Adjunct Faculty.

During a restructuring of the Student Services Division in 2016, Chad became one of the first full-time Student Success Coaches and helped build the Student Success model to its current state of eight full-time Success Coaches. He is now primarily the Success Coach for incoming students in the Advanced Technologies program as well as the Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Chad obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Lee University in 2002 and a Master of Arts degree from Tennessee Technological University in 2008. Chad and his wife, Jana, have two daughters, Kalynn and Anastyn, and they are active members of Samples Memorial Baptist Church participating in community outreach such as feeding families at Thanksgiving and preparing meals at the Salvation Army.

According to his nomination, Chad's passion for helping students and seeing them succeed has been evident to students, faculty and staff. He has carried out his job responsibilities throughout his Cleveland State career with the utmost professionalism and enthusiasm.

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Commencement Speaker - Distinguished Faculty Member



Jim Meir

Associate Professor of Accounting

Jim Meir, Associate Professor of Accounting, came to the college in 1996 from an accounting career in Atlanta where he worked for Ernst and Young as a Senior Tax Accountant and at Andrew College as Comptroller and Assistant Professor of Accounting.

Jim has made significant contributions to the business department through his development of many courses over the years. He developed the first online Principles of Accounting in 1998 and was a 2001 TBR Distance Education Innovation Award Winner. He has been a member and a chair of the college Promotion and Tenure Committee for fourteen years and mentored new instructors and adjuncts.

With a Bachelor of Science degree from Oral Roberts University and a master's degree from Oklahoma State University, Jim has also taught at Lee University and Tennessee Wesleyan University as an adjunct professor.


He serves on the Tennessee Christian Preparatory School (TCPS) Booster Club Board. He is involved in the Lydia Project for orphans and widows in Cambodia and the Uganda Children's Project and served as a TN Achieves mentor. Jim and his wife, Lena, have a son, Joey.

According to his nomination, Jim receives exemplary evaluations in his classes, and student comments year after year describe him as a favorite instructor. He has made a positive difference at our college in so many ways that have touched so many students over the past 27 years.

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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*)
- ΑΑΝ 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 2023)

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.

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Candidates of the Honors College

The Honors College consists primarily of an interdisciplinary curriculum including multiple general education courses. These courses place more responsibility on the student to lead discussion and conduct independent research on the course's subject matter. Students are also expected to engage in extensive service to their campus and/or community, take a leadership development course, and complete a self-directed capstone research project before graduation.

**** Rodriguez, Alexis Angel**
ΦΘΚ Psychology TTP AS
Capstone Topic: *Antisocial Personality Disorder:
A Closer Look*
Capstone Director: Melodee Alexander



Candidates for Advanced Technologies



Ackerman, Cole Jackson
Welding Basic Entry Level CRT

**** Aragon, Anthony Michael**
University Parallel AS

Clabough, Christopher Daniel
Drafting and Design AAS
Architectural Design CRT
Civil Technology CRT
Mechanical Drafting CRT

Cook, John Mark
Cyber Defense CRT

***** Gonzalez, Solizbeth**
Electromechanical Technology AAS
Electrical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT
Mechanical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT
Welding Basic Entry Level CRT

**** Hovey, Zachary Ryan**
Electrical Engineering Technology AAS
Electrical/Electronics Fundamentals CRT

Klohs, Zachary D
Cyber Defense AAS
Cyber Defense CRT

*** Mantooth, Spencer L**
Surveying AAS
Surveying Technician CRT

***** Martin, Jacob D**
Cyber Defense AAS
Cyber Defense CRT

McNabb, Evan A
Mechatronics Technology AAS
Mechatronics Level 1 CRT

*** Milen, Jonathon E**
Cyber Defense AAS
Cyber Defense CRT

*** Monroe, Jeffrey Clayton**
ΦΘΚ  Electrical Engineering Technology AAS
Electrical/Electronics Fundamentals CRT

Parker, Dennis William
Mechanical Drafting CRT

***** Price, Adam Leet**
Drafting and Design AAS
Architectural Design CRT
Civil Technology CRT
CNC and Machine Design CRT
Mechanical Drafting CRT

Sanchez, Leonardo J
Welding Basic Entry Level CRT

Sanders, Micah J
Architectural Design CRT

ΦΘΚ Schmidlin, James
HVAC and Refrigeration-CRT

Staton, Jasper A
Mechatronics Technology AAS
Mechatronics Level 1 CRT

*** Stewart, Landon Marcus**
Surveying AAS
Civil Technology CRT
Surveying Technician CRT

Swafford, Kaleb Logan
Electromechanical Technology AAS

Tate, Avery
Cyber Defense AAS
Cyber Defense CRT

*** Toro, Ruben Lee**
Electromechanical Technology AAS
Electrical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT
Mechanical Maintenance Fundamentals CRT

Upton, Eric Titan
Electrical Engineering Technology AAS
Electrical/Electronics Fundamentals CRT

Willhoit, Davis
Surveying AAS
Civil Technology CRT
Surveying Technician CRT

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Candidates for **Advanced Technologies** - *cont'd*

*** **Wilson, Clint C**
Drafting and Design AAS
Architectural Design CRT
Civil Technology CRT
Mechanical Drafting CRT

Zavala, Efrain
Welding Basic Entry Level-CRT



Candidates for **Arts & Humanities**

Aguilera-Mora, Daniela
Mass Communication TTP AS

Appleton, Greysun Drake
Mass Communication TTP AS

Browder, Brynne H
University Parallel AS

Dickinson, Brandon P
Mass Communication TTP AS

Flores-Chacon, Ashley
Art (Studio) TTP AA

*** **Gager, Joseph Burton**
ΦΘΚ Art (Studio) TTP AA

ΦΘΚ **Ginn, Tobias J**
University Parallel AS

*** **Gladson, Albert T**
Foreign Language TTP AA

* **Groce, Kayla G**
Art (Studio) TTP AA

*** **Harrison, Jessie Allison**
ΦΘΚ Mass Communication TTP AS

Henley, Homer Eugene
University Parallel AS

* **Henson, Leavy A**
Communication Studies TTP AS

** **Jones, Chloe**
University Parallel AS

* **Pierce, Alexa J**
ΦΘΚ Mass Communication TTP AS

Rizo Salazar, Sara Ibeth
Art (Studio) TTP AA

Sabany, Kaitlyn
University Parallel AS

Snowden, Jaleena E
University Parallel AS

* **Zalduondo, Esteban A**
ΦΘΚ Mass Communication TTP AS



Candidates for **Business**

Blake, Tracy
Business and Management CRT

*** **Burris, Christopher Avery**
Accounting TTP AS

Crisp, Autum Nicole
Business Administration TTP AS

*** **Davies, Morrison Jane**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

Davis, Brandie Desiree
Management TTP AS

* **Dixon, Angela M**
Accounting AAS
Accounting CRT

Epperson, Gracie C
Entrepreneurship AAS

Finley, Kristen Nicole
University Parallel AS

** **Fogelgren, Michael**
Finance TTP AS

Graham, Ella Brianne
University Parallel AS

Greene, Lani Tate
University Parallel AS

Harris, Evan Deshane
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

* **Harris, Melissa Renea**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

*** **Hitson, Christopher Lee**
ΦΘΚ Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

Howard, Clifton Myles
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

Howard, Tiffanie L
Management AAS

* **Jarnagin, Jacob Ryan**
Business AAS
Business and Management CRT

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Candidates for **Business** - *cont'd*



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|-----|---|-----|---|-----|--|
| ** | Kay, Hannah N Marketing TTP AS | *** | Pell, Amber Nichole Business AAS Business and Management CRT | | Sullivan, Aubrey Beth Business Administration TTP AS |
| ** | Keylon, Tammy Yvette Business Office AAS Business Office CRT | *** | Poore, Robin LeeAnn Health Care Management AAS | | Thurman, Myra Inez Management AAS |
| * | Luna, Melissa Johanna Business AAS Business and Management CRT Customer Service CRT | | Rowland, Karen Patricia Business AAS Business and Management CRT | ** | Traucht, Leslie Accounting TTP AS |
| | Martinez, Melissa A Accounting CRT | | Rymer, Jalen D University Parallel AS | | Tullock, Nicholas Austin Marketing TTP AS |
| *** | Mayo, Chris Business AAS Business and Management CRT | *** | Smith, Michael Anthony Business AAS Business and Management CRT | * | Utreras, Maria Gabriela Health Care Management AAS |
| | Morgel, Miranda Nicole Business Administration TTP AS | | Sperry, Daniel Management TTP AS | ΦΘK | Webster, Elizabeth Ashby Entrepreneurship AAS |
| | Pantoja, Lizbeth A Business AAS Business and Management CRT | | Stephens, Darby G Agribusiness AAS Agribusiness CRT | *** | West, Britney N Business AAS Business and Management CRT |
| | | | Stephenson, Jacob University Parallel AS | | West, Kaylie Luchelle Management AAS |
| | | | | *** | Whaley, Joseph Ben Business AAS Business and Management CRT |

Candidates for **Education**



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|---|---------------------------------------|-----|---|--|--|
| * | Beck, Teresa A Education AS | | Hatcher, Amarina Rose Early Childhood Education AS | | Pilcher, Brittany Leeann Early Childhood Education AAS |
| | Harvey, Chase Education AS | ΦΘK | Liner, Allison Bailey Early Childhood Education CRT | | |

Candidates for **Healthcare**



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| Ainsworth, Brandon Scott Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT | | Bridwell, Suzana Hope Emergency Medical Technician CRT | | Denard, Magdalyn G Emergency Medical Technician CRT |
| Adamo, Robert Collin Emergency Medical Tech CRT | | Clara-Mitchell, Amy Emergency Medical Technician CRT | | Freeman, Clark Omer Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT |
| Bailey, Leeyla Carol Emergency Medical Technician CRT | | Cranney, Katie Rose Allied Health Sciences AS | | Garcia, Troy Emergency Medical Technician CRT |

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Candidates for **Healthcare** - *cont'd*

Godsey, Miranda

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Grueber, Heather

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Hall, Jacob Samuel

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Henderson, Timothy C

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Hotaling, Scott Van

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Kellar, Aspen Brooke

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

King, Jacob S

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Knox, Lydia

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Koob, Andrew M

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Lewis, Connor

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

ΦΘΚ **Linkous, Stephen D**
University Parallel AS

Marder, William Ethan

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Martin, Garrett B

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Martinez, Elizabeth

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

McDaniel, Sydney Victoria

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Morales Ramirez, Anahi**Guadalupe**
Emergency Medical Technician CRT**Morla, Esther J**

Allied Health Sciences AS

Newby, Ansley Lauren

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Randolph, Abigail Rose

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Ray, Daniel Eric

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Roach, Joshua WilliamAdvanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT
Emergency Medical Technician CRT**Sexton, Leanna R**

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Smith, Christopher Austin

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Stonecipher, Penny Sue

Medical Office AAS

Summitt, Gracelynn Danielle

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Tackett, Indeia

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Thomas, Kayleigh A

Allied Health Sciences AS

Viviano, Jaylin Rose

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Weber-Hammond, Matthew

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Williams, Noel Justine

Emergency Medical Technician CRT

Withrow, Mychaela Chandelle

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician CRT



Candidates for **Social Sciences**

Aanderud, Shawn

Law Enforcement Training CRT

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ΦΘΚ **Alfonso Gonzalez, Ana P**
Psychology TTP AS

Anderson, Taylor Lee

Psychology TTP AS

Andrus, Ashley Marie

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Ark, Timothy Edward

Law Enforcement Training CRT

**Ashby, Wesley J**

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Blaser, Austin Lee

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Briselden, Kaleigh

Law Enforcement Training CRT

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Bryson, Lance R

Psychology TTP AS

Burks, Shayna Kay

Social Work AS

Cox, Caleb

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Estermyer, Ryan Aaron

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Ezell, Donna Sue

Psychology TTP AS

George, Fibun Thomas

Law Enforcement Training CRT

Gross, Whitney A

Law Enforcement Training CRT

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Candidates for **Social Sciences** - *cont'd*



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| | Hagerman, Steven Tyler Law Enforcement Training CRT | Matlock, Kayla Rhena Law Enforcement Training CRT | Paine, Andrew Thomas Law Enforcement Training CRT |
| * | Helms, Brant Lee Political Science TTP AS | Matthews, Aniiiah Criminal Justice TTP AS | Peters, Liviya Law Enforcement Training CRT |
| | Hendrix, Brian Kyle Law Enforcement Training CRT | Milian, Madeline Ruby Psychology TTP AS | Riley, Brandy Marie Law Enforcement Training CRT |
| ** | Hultman, Jennifer Lynn Sociology TTP AS | Miller, Joseph David Law Enforcement Training CRT | Roberts, Steven M Law Enforcement Training CRT |
| ** | Jarrett, Hilary Ashlynn Psychology TTP AS | Mitchell, Chelsea Brianna Law Enforcement Training CRT | Stephens, Dwight Law Enforcement Training CRT |
| | Johnson, Seth Thomas Law Enforcement Training CRT | Moore, Tristan Law Enforcement Training CRT | Stevens, Dakota Rai Psychology TTP AS |
| | Leonard, Robert John Law Enforcement Training CRT | Moose, Caleb Law Enforcement Training CRT | ***  Stuckey, Hubert Miles Law Enforcement AAS |
| | Mahaffey, Lacey Amber Law Enforcement Training CRT | Neeley, Chandler S Law Enforcement Training CRT | VonAchen, Shaun Thomas Law Enforcement Training CRT |
| | Martin, Daleigh Shae Law Enforcement Training CRT | Owen, Zachary Davis Law Enforcement Training CRT | Wyatt, Terry D Law Enforcement Training CRT |

Candidates for **S.T.E.M.**



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| * | Battaglia-Harris, Elora Marian Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS | Kretzer, Brittany N Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS | Soto, Dane Edward Pre-Computer Science AS |
| ** ΦΘΚ | de la Garza Villarreal, Emiliano Pre-Computer Science AS | *** Payne, Keoni Memphis University Parallel AS | Taylor, Nickolas R Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS |
| | Hurley, Michael Tyler Pre-Computer Science AS | ** Peaden, Glendon Trey Civil Engineering TTP AS | ** ΦΘΚ Whittenburg, Sadie Alexis Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS |
| | Johnson, Wesley T Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries AS | * ΦΘΚ Pearson, Thomas Brock Pre-Computer Science AS | Yowarsky, Adyn Bridger 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 was 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 towards 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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Cleveland State Alma Mater

Frances Eaglehouse
Student 1967

Karen McCall Dale
Former Associate Professor 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, Former CSCC Associate Professor of Music.

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Human Resources
P.O. Box 3570 Cleveland, TN 37320-3570
423-478-6205
nondiscrimination@clevelandstatecc.edu

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