University of South Alabama
Fall Commencement
Saturday, December 10, 2016

Processional.................................................................Pomp and Circumstance No. 1
The USA Commencement Band
William H. Petersen, D.M., Conductor
Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music

Presentation of Colors...................................................... The USA Color Guard

The National Anthem....................................................... William D. Meredith, Jr.
Sophomore Vocal Performance Major
The USA Commencement Band

Invocation..............................................................Michael A. Mitchell, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Welcome.................................................................Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D.
President

Commencement Address.................................................. Wm. Dean Lee

Conferring of the Bachelor’s Degrees.............................. President Waldrop

Introduction of the Deans................................................ G. David Johnson, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of the Master’s and Educational Specialist Degrees........ President Waldrop

Conferring of the Doctoral Degrees................................. President Waldrop

Remarks ..............................................................Joshua M. Crownover
President, Student Government Association

Remarks ..............................................................Douglas L. Whitmore ’06
President, National Alumni Association

Remarks .................................................................President Waldrop
The audience is requested to stand during the Processional, Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, Invocation and USA Alma Mater.

The program contains the names of candidates for degrees and tentative honors for those who may be eligible. Inclusion in the program does not constitute evidence of completion of the required program of study for awarding the degree, certification or honors.
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University of South Alabama
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Michael P. Windom ................................................................ State at Large
James A. Yance ........................................................................ State at Large
Retired Vice Admiral Wm. Dean Lee, Class of ’79, gives USA and one of its faculty “direct credit” for putting him on the path to become Atlantic Area Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Lee, who retired on Oct. 1, 2016, spent 36 years serving at virtually all levels of the Coast Guard. As the Atlantic Area Commander, Lee was the operational commander for all missions from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf, spanning across five of the Coast Guard’s districts and 40 states, overseeing 60 percent of the Coast Guard, including 21,000 active duty members as well as thousands of reservists and civilian employees.

In addition to his duties at Atlantic Area, Lee served as Commander, Defense Force East and provided Coast Guard mission support to the U.S. Department of Defense and the Combatant Commanders. He also concurrently served as director of the Department of Homeland Security Joint Task Force-East, responsible for achieving the objectives of the DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Plan, including oversight of the joint interagency maritime Counter Narcotics and Alien Migration missions. From 2014 to 2016, elements of Lee’s task force interdicted 8,000 illegal immigrants, arrested 340 smugglers and seized nearly 100 metric tons of cocaine and other illicit drugs valued at $2.9 billion. In total, Lee served 14 tours of duty, commanding seven of them.

In 1976, Lee took out a student loan and came to USA from his native Richmond, Va., because a high school friend told him the University had low tuition and was located close to Gulf Coast beaches. He lived in a small cottage in Hillsdale, studied hard and spent any free time at Dauphin Island. Thanks to Dr. Robert Barrow, former chair of the department of political science and criminal justice, Lee found a job working 30 hours a week in security at a local department store.

“What a mentor he was,” Lee said of Barrow. “When I was close to graduation and couldn’t afford tuition for law school, Dr. Barrow talked to me about the GI Bill and encouraged me to do a tour in the Coast Guard to make me eligible for GI benefits. I took the test for Officer Candidate School in Mobile, and the rest is history.”

In 1979, Lee graduated from USA with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice administration. He entered the Coast Guard in 1980, then completed the Coast Guard’s Officer Candidate School in 1981. Later, he received a master of arts degree in human resource development from George Washington University.

Lee’s military awards include the Department of Homeland Security’s Distinguished Service Medal, five Legions of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals and various other personal and unit awards.

Lee is still deciding how to spend his retirement, but he admits much of it will be spent with his young grandson. Outside of that, he is remodeling a home in Virginia and one located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He also does woodworking as well as fishing occasionally. Lee and his wife, Mary, are the parents of two grown sons.
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SPEAKER

Wm. Dean Lee
The University of South Alabama was founded in 1963 without a single building to call its own. More than 50 years and quite a few buildings later, USA is a vibrant university that continues to serve as a catalyst for transformational change in the city, the state and the Gulf Coast region.

USA’s story began in the early 1960s, when Mobile’s civic leaders saw the need to improve access to higher education in southwest Alabama. Realizing the region had outgrown the small extension program that operated out of a building downtown, they formulated plans for a four-year, degree-granting institution. On May 3, 1963, a bill creating a new, independent university successfully passed the Alabama Legislature, and USA was born.

Classes began in June 1964 at a new, $1 million building in west Mobile. Initial enrollment totaled 276. The extent of the pent-up demand for education became obvious when the first fall semester began. Enrollment leaped to 928 — and it continues to grow. Today, USA enrolls more than 16,000 students annually and has awarded more than 80,000 degrees.

The first campus building is now named the Frederick Palmer Whiddon Administration Building, after USA’s first president. Whiddon helped establish the University and remained at its helm until retiring in 1998. His successor, longtime faculty member and administrator V. Gordon Moulton, oversaw a new era of growth into the 21st century. Dr. Tony G. Waldrop, selected in 2014 as USA’s third president, continues the USA tradition of visionary leadership focused on discovery, health and learning.

As new programs attracted more students, the University’s footprint and facilities expanded. Almost from the moment USA accepted its first students, its leaders began ambitiously working toward establishing a medical school. The College of Medicine charter class began in 1973, and USA’s focus on health education was later complemented by the College of Nursing and the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.

Today, USA provides high-quality education in business, the liberal arts, education, engineering, computing, the sciences and health care. It offers over 100 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees through its ten colleges and schools. The University campus includes USA Technology & Research Park, an incubator of economic development and technological innovation. On the east side of Mobile Bay, USA’s Baldwin County Campus provides Eastern Shore residents convenient access to educational programs.

The University of South Alabama encompasses a comprehensive health system composed of two hospitals — USA Medical Center and USA Children’s & Women’s Hospital — along with the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute and the USA Physicians Group. This network of advanced health care services has improved the lives of countless residents throughout the region.

A charter member of the Sun Belt Conference, USA fields 17 Division I sports teams, including baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, and track and field. The Jaguars football program, established in 2009, played in its first bowl game, the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, in 2014.
ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia can be traced back to European universities and ecclesiastical practices of the Middle Ages. As early as 1321, costumes identified the status of the wearer. In addition to signaling differences of degree, the garments had functional purposes, providing necessary warmth in sparsely heated buildings.

Regalia differentiate among the three degree levels used by our University; bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. Common to all three levels is the headwear; the familiar square black mortarboard, although soft velvet tams may be worn by those holding doctorates. The gowns appropriate to the three ranks differ in the shape of the sleeves and in the special trim found on the doctoral gown. The bachelor’s gown, which is unadorned, has wide sleeves that are pointed at the bottom. The master’s gown has curiously designed sleeves, which are elongated at the rear and reach downward to the gown’s bottom hem. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is distinctively trimmed with velvet facings down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve. These trimmings may be black or the color appropriate to the discipline in which the degree was awarded.

The hoods worn by those holding the master’s and doctoral degrees provide the color of the academic procession. These garments are draped over the shoulders and back of the wearer to display the linings, which present the colors of the university awarding the degree. Those holding degrees from the University of South Alabama wear hoods lined with chevrons of red, white, and blue. The hoods also have velvet binding, three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches for the doctorate, in a color designating the discipline.

THE MACE

Originally used as a medieval weapon, the mace evolved as a symbol of academic dignity and authority by colleges and universities in the 16th century. Traditionally, the mace is carried as a part of formal academic processions. The University of South Alabama mace, carried by the president of the Faculty Senate acting as chief marshal of commencement ceremonies, was designed by Dr. James Conlon, a professor of art at USA from 1967-1997.

In Conlon’s words, his goal was to create a design that captured “an open form which symbolizes the primary functions of the University — that of support and protection for the growth of knowledge and scholarship represented by the golden orb.” The engraved attributes of Responsibility, Virtue, Charity, Dedication, Fidelity, Fortitude, Honor, and Industry surround and uphold the symbol of knowledge.
University and College Gonfalons

The students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are the flags or banners, hung from crosstrees on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. The top portion of each college's gonfalon is the designated color for each unit; white is the background color for each of the college’s symbols, as well as one of the University’s colors. To help identify each college gonfalon, a description of each follows:

University Gonfalon

The University of South Alabama’s colors of red, white, and blue predominate with the University’s official seal in the center of the white section.

College Gonfalons

Arts and Sciences: The globe in the College of Arts and Sciences’ gonfalon symbolizes study of human societies, cultures, and behaviors. The microscope represents the scientific study of nature. The paintbrush, palette, and the lyre connote artistic performance and appreciation of the arts, and the book is symbolic of a life informed by learning.

Education: The flourishing flame blazoned with red and light blue signifies the burning zeal of the three missions of education—teaching, research and service. The hands hold the spiritual, social and intellectual flame of education.

Engineering: The earth is the ground stability, a foundation for life and for the structure of humanity and nature. The College of Engineering invites discovery and investigation into the realm of ever-changing worldwide technologies. The bridge is a symbol of engineering design. It is the essence of learning, the container of intellect and the spirit of wisdom that creates destinies.

Medicine: The caduceus is a wing-topped staff intertwined by two snakes and was carried by Hermes, Greek messenger of the gods. In early cultures the intertwined snakes symbolized healing. The caduceus has been a symbol of medicine since the 16th century.

Mitchell College of Business: The Mitchell College of Business uses the symbol of a club which is associated with money, wealth, work and luck. The color purple symbolizes the rank of authority. The gold lozenges represent the flow of order.

Nursing: Three blue stars blazoned with gold symbolize caring, innovation, and empowerment. The two shafts of wheat represent nourishment and strength, while the globe illustrates the universal presence of nursing. The burning lamp of Florence Nightingale and the red cross signify the history and origins of nursing.

Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions: This symbol depicts the many health care professions that make up the health care team. The supporting hands and the red center represent the caring nature and the heart of the various professions represented in the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions.

School of Computing: The design of the School of Computing is made up of two symbols appropriate to the School: the Flame of Knowledge and the Globe. The Flame of Knowledge is derived from three distinct disciplines: Science represented by the Blue, Engineering represented by the Orange, and Business represented by the Tan. The Globe symbolizes both the wide reaching effect of the discipline and the diversity of the School’s population.

School of Continuing Education and Special Programs: The gonfalon for the School of Continuing Education and Special Programs has three elements: a reaching hand, a star and a circle of blue. The hand reaching for a star superimposed on the circle of blue symbolizes the continuing quest for enlightenment.

The Graduate School: The columns are indicative of the pursuit of advanced knowledge built on the strong foundation of earlier educational attainments. The earth represents the wide range of studies pursued in graduate studies and their broad applications for the betterment of the world. The oak spray represents strength and endurance in pursuit of goals.
Degree Candidates

Bachelor’s Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences
Mitchell College of Business
College of Education
College of Engineering

School of Continuing Education and Special Programs
School of Computing
Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions
College of Nursing

Master’s and Educational Specialist Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences
Mitchell College of Business
College of Education
College of Engineering

School of Computing
Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions
College of Nursing
The Graduate School

Doctoral Degrees

Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions
College of Nursing
College of Education

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Medicine
The Graduate School

Academic Honors

Undergraduate students graduating with distinction receive academic honors based on grade-point average: 3.90 – 4.00 summa cum laude; 3.70 – 3.89 magna cum laude; 3.50 – 3.69 cum laude. Gold honor cords will be worn to designate academic honors. A distinction will be noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma.

Honors Program

Students who complete all Honors Program requirements including Honors course work, community service, Honors Senior Project and Thesis, and who maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, graduate with “University Honors.” The distinction will be noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma. In the commencement ceremony, University Honors students wear a distinctive undergraduate hood. Additionally, students who are not members of the Honors Program but who have completed an Honors Senior Project and Thesis and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 graduate with “Departmental Honors.” This distinction will be noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma.
CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR’S DEGREE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Andrzej Wierzbicki, Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Emily L. Alford
Taylor Grey Appleyard
Trebreh Rashid Baaheth
Charles Eugene Barrow III **
Pamela Georgina Bellido Jara
Veronica Dawn Bishop
Mason William Bradley
Alexandra C. Breeden *
Alexander Scott Brown
Christine Ann Brown
Robert Carmie Brown
Rebecca Ann Bruhl *
Kiara Nicole Bryant
Adam Marshall Butler
Ansley Ingram Butler
Robin Alicia Campbell **
Thomas Joseph Carlton ***
Ralph Charles Carmichael II
Christopher T. Cone
Katlyn Amanda Conklin ***
Gunnar Alexander Corlett
Mary Alisa Covington
Jonathan Travis Coxwell
Benjamin Elliot Crew
Koynelia Jeliece Daly
Brittany Nicole Davis
Devonte Akeem Davis
James Bryan Davis
Jessie Nicole Deiss **
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Angelique Nicolette Dickinson
Allison Marie Driskell
Akeem La’Mark Dukes
Paige Alexandra Duncan
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Ashleigh Madison Floore
Jasmine E. Flores *
Ashley Danielle Ford
Natalie Sinclair Franklin **
Alexa Louise Garrett
Chelsea Nicole Gee
Matthew Mark Glenzer
Christopher James Gravois *
Kelsey Elizabeth Griffin
Alisha Danielle Harris
Chantel Y. Hawkins
Sarah Elizabeth Hay **
Whitney Blake Haynes
Ashlyn Marie Hays
Jordan Alexander Heard
Keenan Jarrod Higginbottom
Shanna M. Hornsby
Shannon Christine House **
Heather LeeAnn Howard
Jephreda Lynniece Hudson *
Carlos Rolaunda Hurd
David Lee Hutto
David Paul Immer II
Wes Forrest Isham
Kalen Oneal Jackson
Nancy Marie Jenkins
Sara Jennifer Margaret Jernfält *
Amber LeighAnn Johnson
Rylee Marie Johnson
Wayne Avery Johnson
LeighAnne Renea Kaiser
Anna Michaela Kelsoe
Taylor Davidson Kingrea
Kelsey Jordan Knox
Chassity Monae Lawton
Ashe Phoenix Leggett
Albarta Janae’ Nicole Lucas
Joshua Ryan Magee

Hannah Elaine Mallette
Taylor Brooke Martin
Blake Ryan Massengale
Iman Ve’Lee Matthews
Charisse Nicole McDaniel
Deanna Ashley McDevitt
Courtney Reneé McDonald
Scott Carlton McGallagher *
Devon Samuel Cox McKenney
Kelly Marie McKeough
Justine Mariel Melendez
Blanca Liliana Mená
Roy Edward Mendenhall
Johnny Leroy Miller
Patricia Diane Miller
Caroline Ayn Mitchell
Takaaki Moraes Hachiya
Jenna Nicole Munday **
Macy Lynn Nall
Jerilyn Tatayanna Ned
Elizabeth Marie Nettleton
Anthony Joel Norum
Angelica Cristal Nunez
Robert Edward O’Berry
Samantha Lynx Overbeck
Britney Sierra Palmer
Joseph Robert Pannone
Natalia Noelle Patronska
Dacari Darian Payne
Savannah Anna Peak
Katie Marie Perkins
Frederick Brandon Perry
Cheyenne Chanekqua Pettway
Jacqueline Ladriere Pierce
Catherine Bullock Rainey
Angela Marie Reed
Annsley Joy Rendleman **
Andrew Bryan Renick
Tara Lenae Roberts

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Nhu-Y Nguyen
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Bachelor of Music

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Bachelor of Science

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Bachelor of Social Work

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LaToya Denise Bradshaw
Connie Marie Brem ***
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Mandy Rochelle Irby
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Kathleen Denise Lamp
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Indya Nicole Mitchell
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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

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Khalid Waleed Basyoni
Trevor Oren Bilbrey
Angela Darlene Blain
Jordan Klein Bridges
Amy Nicole Bridgewater *
Jessica D. Brown *
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Mohamed Ramez Hasan
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Tyler Reed Pierce
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Madison Renee Quigley
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Shelby Nicole Begley
Whitney Denise Bell
Claire Catherine Blacksher
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Mia Renee Britton
Michael Bernard Buchanan II
Roman Brandon Buchanan
Sarah Elizabeth Byrd
Kathrynne E. Caldwell
Brittny Nichole Campbell
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Leah Caroline Cannon *
Charles Jason Collins
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Jordan Ashley Dacus *
Colby Denise Davis
Erica Yvonne Davis
Kendall Stefan Davis
Micaela Dyanne Deese
Nancee Dawn Dehoff ***
Doreen Marie Dilks
Phoebe Sarah Camilla Dowson
Ellen Rose Dunn
Ashton Reid Dykes
Paige Strickland Ellis **
Kyle James Faxlanger **
Aaron Ferguson
Cherrae Danielle Fields
Madeline Geneva Files
Justin Cole Flores
Gabriel Figures Gant
Tabatha Lee Girdlestone
Amber Divine Grace
Rebecca Grant
Kyara Monique Green
Courtney Leigh Hall
Jennifer A. Hamrick **
Jon Chappell Hanson
Mallory Noelle Harris
Kristen McClure Hayashi
Emily Ann Higdon
Paula Elizabeth Holt **
Madison Breanna House **
Savoni Danielle Houston
Marie Helene Howard
Victoria Erin Hudson
Warnetta Faye Hurd *
Paige Riley Inman *
Megan Elizabeth James
Danielle Katie Rebecca Jester **
Ariel Denae Johnson
Arneetia Janell Johnson
Joel Ethan Johnson
Joey Dwayne Jones
Landon Hunter Jones
Anna Celeste Kern **
Catherine Mary Keyman
Kathryn Elizabeth Kier
Jordan Ashton Landers
Yesenia Asusena Lane
Lukador Javon Lanier
Tiffany Le
Lauren Michelle Lee
Shelby Leigh Lynn *
Shernell Antoinette Mabien
Nicole Dale Mann
Jasmine DeAnn McCall
Brandon Stanley McKeel
Kaley Nicole McManus **
Hilary Page McNeill **
Paige Rene Miller
Tyler Zane Mills
Amerisha Q. Mixon
Nicole Rae Mooney
Jessica J. Mose
Veronica Pharez Nall **
Amber Rose Nelson ***
Julie Jones Nelson
Dawn Marie Oliver ***
Alex R. Padgett
Lauren McCaskey Parker **
Emily Joanna Patzwall **
Aimee Perkins
Johnathan David Poynor
Ninoshka Shantel Rabsatt-Smith
Stephen Chad Raybon
Jesse Ann Reed *
Lauren Danielle Reese
Macy Ann Roe
Hilliary Waters Sanders
Andrew Lawson Scott
Savannah Layne Session
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Jerica Leigh Smith **
Khadijah Deonshynae Smith
Justine Gajun Spicciani
Autumn Elizabeth Sprouse
Brittany Rochelle Stanchio *
Coley Renae Stephens
Jasmine Jaurice Stevens
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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Cris Scott Janes
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enduring throughout time,
Upward, onward may your fame
continue in its climb.

So with thy blessings now send us
pray that highest be our aim,
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