# University of South Alabama Spring Commencement

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

### 9:30 a.m. Ceremony

**Baccalaureate Degrees**
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Education and Professional Studies
- School of Computing

**Master’s and Educational Specialist Degrees**
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Education and Professional Studies
- The Graduate School
- School of Computing

**Doctoral Degrees**
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Education and Professional Studies
- College of Medicine
- The Graduate School

### 2:00 p.m. Ceremony

**Baccalaureate Degrees**
- College of Engineering
- College of Nursing
- Mitchell College of Business
- Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions

**Master’s Degrees**
- College of Engineering
- College of Nursing
- Mitchell College of Business
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**Doctoral Degrees**
- College of Nursing
- Mitchell College of Business
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**Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1

The USA Commencement Band

Jason F. Rinehart, D.M.A., Conductor

Associate Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music

**Presentation of Colors**

The USA Color Guard

**The National Anthem**

Janie A. Chow

Senior Music Major

**Invocation**

Michael A. Mitchell, Ph.D.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

**Welcome**

Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D.

President
Commencement Address, 9:30 a.m. ................................................................. Ovie Mughelli
Commencement Address, 2:00 p.m. .............................................................. William J. “Happy” Fulford III
Recognition of PASSAGE USA students, 9:30 a.m. ........................................... President Waldrop
Conferring of the Baccalaureate 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 ........................................................................................................ President Waldrop
Recessional ..................................................................................................... The USA Commencement Band

The audience is requested to stand during the Processional, Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, and Invocation.

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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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TONY G. WALDROP

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Ovie Mughelli
SPEAKER

Ovie Mughelli, founder of the Ovie Mughelli Foundation and former two-time All-Pro fullback in the National Football League, is known for his dedication and drive both on and off the field.

A staunch supporter of empowering youth and educating the public on living an ecologically friendly lifestyle to increase environmental sustainability, Mughelli has established “green sports camps” for young athletes, including “Recycle on the Run,” which produces a synergy of athletic participation while fostering environmental stewardship. When he’s not working to educate, enlighten and engage people with the benefits of living green, he uses his dynamic personality and passion for sports, serving as a media correspondent in television, radio and digital media for Fox Sports, Comcast Sports South, Raycom and CBS Sports Radio. Mughelli continues to perfect his skills with appearances on Super Bowl media tours, interviews with celebrities and guest hosting on various sports networks.

Mughelli began playing football at Porter Gaud High School in Charleston, S.C. When he was drafted from Wake Forest University by the NFL Baltimore Ravens in 2003, his high school inducted him into its sports hall of fame and retired his jersey. Today, he continues to give back to his high school by hosting an annual admission-free “Green Football Camp” on campus for the students and local community.

Mughelli’s professional football career blossomed quickly and is remembered for his intense drive and unrelenting hunger for success. After sustaining an injury during his second NFL season, the Ravens acquired a replacement fullback for the next season. Mughelli worked to conquer both his physical and mental obstacles to overcome his injury and successfully win back his starting position. Afterward, he went on to be named All-Pro fullback in both 2006 with the Ravens and again in 2011 while playing for the Atlanta Falcons. Mughelli was recognized for both his athletic accomplishments as well as for his impact and contributions off the field. During his nine seasons with the NFL, he received several additional awards including the Falcons’ “Man of the Year Award,” the “Diamond Award for Excellence in Sports,” and he was a “Walter Payton Man of the Year Award” nominee in 2007.

Mughelli’s passion continues to shine in his dedication and active engagement for the betterment of communities across the nation. His environmental awareness endeavors have earned him keynote speaking engagements and interaction with environmental activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner, former vice president Al Gore. He was a closing speaker at the White House event on Sports and Sustainability, and he spoke in support of Earth Day during a celebration on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. He has also established a national partnership agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to support ecofriendly youth programs to encourage environmental stewardship. Currently, Mughelli is ranked second in the world as an eco-athlete, recognized by the Planet Green Foundation for his extreme commitment advocating for the environment through increasing community involvement and awareness. He has also been recognized and awarded the Captain Planet Foundation “Superhero for Earth Award” and the Georgia Conservancy’s “Longleaf Award,” which honors emerging environmental leaders.

Born of two Nigerian immigrants, Mughelli embraces the American dream as a first-generation American in his family. When he isn’t working, Mughelli enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Masika, and their children.
William James “Happy” Fulford III has enjoyed a long and distinguished career of governmental and military service, including serving as executive director of governmental relations for the University of South Alabama, before his retirement earlier this year.

Recently, the Alabama House and Senate passed a resolution to recognize Fulford as an exceptional administrator who during his career served others and distinguished himself through his professional contributions.

The Mobile native completed his undergraduate degree in marketing from USA’s Mitchell College of Business in 1972. He obtained a master’s degree in educational leadership from USA’s College of Education and Professional Studies in 1993.

Fulford came to work at the University in 1981 as its first director of alumni affairs. He later served as the first director of development and alumni affairs, director of governmental relations and director of state relations before being named executive director of governmental relations in 1998.

He laid the groundwork for his highly successful career by serving as chair of the Mobile County Republican Executive Committee, a member of the Alabama Republican Executive Committee, a founding member of the University of South Alabama Political Action Committee, coordinator of the 1990 National Governors Association meeting held in Mobile, and a member of the transition team and acting press secretary for Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt. During these years, he established a legislative liaison office and set up the first computerized legislative tracking system for the Office of the Governor.

In 1994, Fulford was coordinator of the Southern Legislative Conference, which was held in Mobile. And in 1995, he was on the transition team for newly elected Alabama Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He also became a founding member, then executive committee and board member of the newly formed Higher Education Partnership, an organization which vigorously supports public higher education throughout the state.

As a member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, he served on the Legislative Affairs Task Force. In 2001, he was an organizational conference chair for the University Governmental Affairs Council, and in 2005 he was host state chair for the Southern Legislative Conference.

Throughout his adult life, Fulford has served in the military reserve, including as commander, 482nd Replacement Detachment; commander, 1184th Transportation Terminal Battalion and during three years in the unit received three Superior Unit Awards, Reserve Officers Association, Outstanding Small Unit Award and his reserve center received the Army Community of Excellence Award. He served in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm. Additionally, he served as deputy commander of the 375th Transportation Group and legislative liaison of the Chief, Army Reserve. He retired from the reserve in October 2002 with the rank of colonel, with the distinction of having commanded at the company, battalion and group levels.

Fulford has donated much of his free time to military and civic organizations, including: member, Military Officers Association of America; member, American Legion; commissioner, USS Alabama Battleship Commission; life-member, Reserve Officers Association; member, Governmental Relations Subcommittee; former president, Mobile Junior Chamber of Commerce; former president and chairman of the board, Mobile Azalea Trail; and former president, University of South Alabama National Alumni Association.
PLATFORM PARTY

DEANS

Kathy J. Cooke, Honors College
Gregory H. Frazer, Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions
Heather R. Hall, College of Nursing
Andrea M. Kent, College of Education and Professional Studies
J. Harold Pardue, The Graduate School
John W. Steadman, College of Engineering
Andrzej Wierzbicki, College of Arts and Sciences
Bob G. Wood, Mitchell College of Business
Alec F. Yasinsac, School of Computing

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENTS

Nicole T. Carr, Student Academic Success
Richard W. Carter, Global USA
Christopher A. Lynch, Enrollment Services

SPEAKERS

William J. “Happy” Fulford III
Ovie Mughelli

PRESIDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

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Jean Walker Tucker, Senior University Attorney
G. Scott Weldon, Vice President, Finance and Administration
The University of South Alabama was founded in 1963 without a single building to call its own. More than 55 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 15,000 students annually and has awarded more than 90,000 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 more than 100 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees through its 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 includes USA Health, composed of two hospitals — USA Health University Hospital and USA Health Children’s & Women’s Hospital — along with the USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute and the USA Health Strada and Mastin patient care centers. 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, cross country and track and field. The Jaguars have won four straight conference all-sports trophies and, in 2020, the football team will play on campus in the new Hancock Whitney Stadium.
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 crosspieces 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 colleges’ 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 lyre connote artistic performance and appreciation of the arts, and the book is symbolic of a life informed by learning.

Education and Professional Studies: 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.

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
9:30 a.m. Ceremony

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Education and Professional Studies
School of Computing

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. Students who have completed an Honors Senior Project and Thesis and have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, graduate with “Departmental Honors” and it is so noted in the commencement program, on the academic transcript and on the diploma.

Honors College
Students who complete all Honors College 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.” A 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.

MASTER’S AND EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREES

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Education and Professional Studies
The Graduate School
School of Computing

DOCTORAL DEGREES

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Education and Professional Studies
College of Medicine
The Graduate School
CANDIDATES FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Andrzej Wierzbicki, Ph.D., Dean

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