

# One Hundred and Forty-Third Commencement

GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE, AND THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

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### HISTORY OF BRENAU UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1878, Brenau University stands as a distinctive institution of higher learning. The unique name, Brenau, coined from a blend of the German word *brennen*, meaning "to burn," and *aurum*, the Latin word for "gold," underscores that singularity. It forms the foundation of the Brenau motto, "As Gold Refined by Fire."

In the aftermath of the Civil War in the late 1870s, the former frontier boomtown of Gainesville, located in the foothills of Georgia's Appalachian Mountains, prepared for progressive, evolutionary growth. Civic leaders headed by Gainesville First Baptist Church Pastor W.C. Wilkes established the Georgia Baptist Female Seminary to provide much-needed higher education opportunities for young women. However, by the beginning of the 20th century, the College had evolved into a private, nonsectarian liberal arts institution. Dr. H.J. Pearce, the dynamic young academician who had acquired principal ownership and management of the school, changed the name to Brenau College. He served almost continuously as president until his death in 1943. For about two years thereafter, his widow, Lucile Townsend Pearce, took the helm long enough to put the College on its course to serve a world of rapidly escalating change – particularly in the role of women in society.

#### Leadership and Governance

Today, Brenau University operates as a not-for-profit entity. Stewardship passed to the independent Brenau Board of Trustees in 1911. On July 1, 2019, Dr. Anne A. Skleder became the tenth president of Brenau University. Dr. Skleder has introduced a robust collaborative management approach and has taken significant steps to improve student success rates and expand Brenau's student recruitment, especially internationally through strategic partnerships.

### Academic and Geographic Evolution

While The Women's College of Brenau University continues to provide a residential experience on its Gainesville campus and remains its cornerstone, in the late 1960s Brenau began teaching career-oriented majors, including teacher education and business administration, that were compatible with the strong liberal arts foundation of its core studies. In the early 1970s, the College created coeducational evening and weekend studies as well as off-campus programs designed for adult learners. It also developed graduate studies in business, education and public administration, while expanding career-oriented programs. Trustees also authorized future expansions to include coeducational programs at multiple locations. With the ongoing implementation of that policy, Brenau operates graduate and undergraduate programs for men and women at three locations in Gainesville, including the newly established Downtown Campus. Brenau also has an additional instructional site in the Atlanta suburb of Norcross. The University has experienced exponential growth in online offerings since the early 2000s and offers many undergraduate and graduate degree programs online.

#### Brenau for the 21st Century

In 1992, trustees voted to transform the College into Brenau University. The institution has since added a steady stream of graduate programs, including its first terminal degrees: a Master of Fine Arts in Interior Design and a Doctor of Nursing Practice that produced its first doctoral graduates in May 2014. Later that year, the University enrolled its first candidates for an Occupational Therapy Doctorate. In the spring of 2015, Brenau seated its first class in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and graduated that first cohort in May 2018. In the spring of 2019, Brenau seated its first class in the Doctor of Education program and celebrated its first graduates in April 2021. In June 2020, the University announced the formation of the Lynn J. Darby School of Psychology and Adolescent Counseling. The University selected its inaugural cohort for its Physician Assistant Studies program in January 2021, further expanding Brenau's impact on the medical community.

Since 2015, Brenau has affirmed its commitment to The Women's College with the completion of a new residence hall, sorority houses and a modern athletics park for championship-class women's intercollegiate sports.

### ACADEMIC REGALIA

The wearing of colorful academic apparel at convocations and commencement ceremonies serves as a reminder of our union with an academic heritage whose ceremonial tradition dates to the medieval university. The American fashion of academic caps and gowns dates back to the nine Colonial Colleges, institutions of higher learning chartered prior to the American Revolution. Students of most Colonial Colleges were required to wear the regalia of their institution on a regular basis, a practice that lasted until the Civil War. Following this period, academic regalia was required to be worn only at formal ceremonies. Established codes govern the style of gown, cap, and hood depending on the institution, degree earned, and academic field. Hoods are commonly worn only by those with a master's degree or doctoral degree. The interior lining of the hood, generally made of silk, displays the colors of the institution from which the wearer received the degree. The opening of the hood, generally made of velvet, uses a color that usually denotes the academic field of study to which the degree pertains. At Brenau University, the lining is gold and black. Below is a list of the most common fields and corresponding colors:

Applied Gerontologygold	Musicpink
School of Businesskhaki	
Communicationwhite	Occupational Therapylavender
Educationlight blue	Philosophydark blue
Healthcare Managementsage	Physical Therapypeacock blue
Human Resources Managementwhite	Physician Assistant Studiesgreen
Interior Designpurple	Psychologygold
Marketingkhaki	Theologyscarlet

The cap, or mortarboard, is designed in a square with the points facing to the front, rear and sides. Brenau University doctoral degree recipients wear a tam-style cap. Each mortarboard has a tassel which is worn on the left side by degree recipients and on the right side by degree candidates. As a general rule, the tassel is black. Undergraduates with a 3.50 or higher grade-point average wear black and gold tassels. Educational Specialist candidates wear a gold tassel.

Graduating members of honor societies may wear symbols of their respective organizations sponsored by Brenau University.

Alpha Lambda Delta, national freshman honor society	red gold and white cord
Alpha Psi Omega, theatre national honor society	vellow and blue cord
Alpha Sigma Lambda, national honor society	
Brenau Honors Program	
Delta Eta Pi, dance honor society	
Delta Mu Delta, international business honor society	
Delta Phi Tau, national physical therapy honor society	teal and gold cord
Gamma Sigma Alpha, academic honor society for Greek women members	red and gold cord
Kappa Delta Pi, international honor society in education	purple and green cord
Kappa Pi, international honorary art fraternity	
Lambda Eta Pi, national communication honor society	red and white cord
Mu Phi Epsilon, international music fraternity	purple and gold cord
Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society	
Order of Omega, Greek leadership honor society	gold and white cord
Phi Alpha Theta, national history honor society	red and light blue cord
Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society	blue and gold cord
Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society	blue and gold cord
Pi Theta Epsilon, national occupational therapy honor society	royal blue and gold cord
Psi Chi, international psychology honor society	platinum and dark blue cord
Rho Lambda, Panhellenic leadership honor society	crimson and gold cord
Sigma Phi Omega, national honor society in gerontology	
Sigma Tau Delta, international English honor society	
Sigma Theta Tau, international nursing honor society	
Active duty military and veterans representing their service to our country	
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### **GRADUATION HONORS**

Undergraduate candidates who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 or higher for their academic work will receive the honors designation of *Cum Laude*, *Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude* on their diplomas and wear a gold and black tassel.

Summa Cum Laude	3.90 grade-point average
Magna Cum Laude	3.75 grade-point average
Cum Laude	3.50 grade-point average

#### THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The Brenau University Mace, commissioned by Brenau President John S. Burd, visually interprets the university's heritage and symbolizes the power and authority of learning. Designed by Georgia jewelry-making and metalsmithing artist Richard Mafong, the piece comprises a sterling silver head topped with a gold ring and studded with onyx stones atop a five-foot ebony wood staff. Engravings include the Brenau emblem and names of all university presidents. Since 1996, the longest-tenured faculty member has carried the mace to lead processionals and recessionals at formal occasions.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

Since 1998, the presidential regalia for formal convocations and commencement ceremonies has included the Mafongdesigned Brenau University Presidential Medallion and necklace as a symbol of the authority vested in the president as the academic leader of the university. A 44-inch sterling silver chain with spacers of semi-precious citrine and onyx includes 14 roundels with space for engraved names of up to 28 presidents. The pendant is made from sterling silver, gold and black enamel.

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#### THE BRENAU IDEAL

To find satisfaction in being rather than in seeming; To find joy in doing rather than in dreaming; To be prepared for service thereby earning the right to be served; To be pure in heart; vigorous in mind, discreet in action; To love deeply, fear nothing, hate never; To enjoy that freedom which comes from knowledge of the "Truth"; To be modestly conscious of the limitations of human knowledge and serenely confident of the limitless reaches of human endeavor – This is the ideal of Brenau. -H. J. Pearce

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#### THE BRENAU ALMA MATER

Brenau, how nobly we see thee, With honors richly crowned; In all this fair, fair Southland Thy equal is not found. Oh, happy the day that we sought thee By Chattahoochee's side; Where spring gives its first kiss to nature, And summer long doth 'bide

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#### ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day! Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, Joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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### BRENAU UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM PEARCE AUDITORIUM 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL*	Professor Ben Leaptrott
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*	Led by Jordan Ray Class of 2025
INVOCATION*	Led by Brooke Patillo Class of 2022
ODE TO JOY*	Led by Dr. Barbara Steinhaus Professor of Music
WELCOME	Dr. James C. Eck Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Mr. Michael H. Smith Chairman, Board of Trustees
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Dr. Eck
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dr. Anne A. Skleder President
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dr. Skleder Dr. Eck
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	Dr. Skleder Dr. Eck
WELCOME FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Ms. Andi E. Savage Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement
ALMA MATER*	Led by Elaina Ewers Class of 2023
BENEDICTION*	Led by Dr. Shatrela Washington-Hubbard Swinton A. Griffith III Dean of the College of Business and Communication
RECESSIONAL MARCH*	Professor Leaptrott

### \* AUDIENCE STANDS

Processional and recessional marches: The audience rises and remains standing for the entrance of the platform party, the faculty and degree candidates. Faculty process first and remain standing to honor the degree candidates. The audience remains standing for the National Anthem and the invocation. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the audience stands for the benediction and remains standing while the platform party, the faculty and the members of the graduating class exit.

### BRENAU UNIVERSITY GRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL AND TERMINAL DEGREES

Eddrica Lertrice Buckner, EDD Jackson, Georgia *Elementary Education* 

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Lauren Kay Hodges Davis, EDD McDonough, Georgia *Elementary Education* 

Juliann Beth Landers Dean, EDD Chapel Hill, North Carolina *Middle Grades Education* 

Tamara Elaine Dozier-Holloway, EDD Hampton, Georgia *Elementary Education* 

Brandy Nicole Forde, EDD Cumming, Georgia *Elementary Education*  Cecilia Jiseung Go, EDD Buford, Georgia *Elementary Education* 

Melissa Carol Stout Huffstetler, EDD Sugar Hill, Georgia *Leadership in Higher Education* 

Matthew Lee Johnson, EDD Sugar Hill, Georgia *Elementary Education* 

Donna Lee Malone, EDD Cochran, Georgia *Middle Grades Education* 

Julie Darlene McCoy McGee, EDD Jefferson, Georgia *Middle Grades Education* 

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Brianna Nicole Shackelford, EDD Quitman, Georgia *Middle Grades Education* 

Jessica Leigh Barker Shrout, EDD Cumming, Georgia Leadership in Higher Education

April Long Banks Wyatt, EDD Atlanta, Georgia *Middle Grades Education* 

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Kaitlin Marie O'Connell, EDS Gainesville, Georgia *Middle Grades Education* 

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Melissa Latasha Tiller, EDS Augusta, Georgia *Elementary Education* 

Crystal Marie Millsaps White, EDS Marietta, Georgia *Middle Grades Education* 

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### BRENAU UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE AND THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM PEARCE AUDITORIUM 1:30 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL*Professor Ben Leaptrott
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*Led by Jordan Ray Class of 2025
INVOCATION*Led by Michelle DePiazza Class of 2022
ODE TO JOY*Led by Dr. Barbara Steinhaus Professor of Music
WELCOMEDr. Debra J. Dobkins Interim Vice President for Student Services & Dean of The Women's College
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERDr. James C. Eck Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSDr. Anne A. Skleder President
CONFERRING OF DEGREESDr. Skleder Dr. Eck
AWARDING OF DIPLOMASDr. Skleder Dr. Eck
WELCOME FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ALMA MATER*Led by Elaina Ewers Class of 2023
BENEDICTION*Led by Professor Claudia Wilburn Chair and Professor of Art and Design
RECESSIONAL MARCH*Professor Leaptrott

### \* AUDIENCE STANDS

Processional and recessional marches: The audience rises and remains standing for the entrance of the platform party, the faculty and degree candidates. Faculty process first and remain standing to honor the degree candidates. The audience remains standing for the National Anthem and the invocation. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the audience stands for the benediction and remains standing while the platform party, the faculty and the members of the graduating class exit.

### THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF BRENAU UNIVERSITY CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREE

Myriam Aguirre-Cervantes, BFA Norcross, Georgia Fashion Design

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Leslie Rachel Ball, B.S. Jefferson, Georgia *Psychology* 

Blake Elizabeth Barnes, B.S. Quitman, Georgia *Psychology* 

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Heather Nicole Howard Cohen, BSN Cumming, Georgia Nursing

Grace Elaine Deedrick, BFA Lizella, Georgia *Musical Theatre* 

Michelle Lee DePiazza, BFA Kennesaw, Georgia Interior Design

Jordan A. Diaz, BSN Woodbine, Georgia *Nursing* 

Katie C. DiJohn, BSN Cumming, Georgia Nursing

Shatrice Angelic Dixon, B.S. Sandersonville, Georgia *Biology* 

Halli Marie England, BSN Winder, Georgia Nursing

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Arisbeth Gonzalez, B.S. Gainesville, Georgia *Psychology* 

Kajal Elaine Isabella Goodwin, BFA Marietta, Georgia Interior Design

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Ann Marie Jackson, BSN Lawrenceville, Georgia Nursing

Katee Lynn Johnson, BFA Oxford, Georgia Interior Design

Libby Elyse Kesting, BSN Gainesville, Georgia Nursing

Kathia Laguerre, B.A. Snellville, Georgia International Studies

Giselle Lucas Delacruz, BFA Roswell, Georgia Interior Design

Reya Ann Marie Mathew, B.S. Duluth, Georgia *Health Science-Pre Occupational Therapy* 

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