



University of MOUNT OLIVE

SEVENTIETH COMMENCEMENT FALL 2023

George & Annie Dail Kornegay Arena

Saturday, December 9 | 10:00 AM

Live Stream Link
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar arr. Holcombe
*National Anthem	“The Star-Spangled Banner” F. Scott Key arr. Ferrari Carolina Sound
President’s Welcome & Invocation	H. Edward Croom, Ed.D. President
Greetings	Mr. Earl W. Worley, Jr. Chair, Board of Trustees
Presidential Remarks	Dr. Croom
Presentation of Graduating Class	Burt Lewis, Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Croom
Recognition of the Graduates	Shane Aube Voice of the Trojans
Turning of the Tassels	Dr. Lewis
Alumni Board Welcome	Norman Crumpacker, D.B.A. Vice President, Alumni Association
Graduate Challenge	Dr. Croom

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Alma Mater

“University of Mount Olive Alma Mater”
By Mauney and Fagg
UMO Concert Choir

Hail Mount Olive, Alma Mater,
Endless years shall crown thy head;
Praise we then our great creator,
Who through all the years shall lead.
May thy torch of truth grow brighter
Still supplied with light divine;
Strong, and clear, and ever burning,
On the path of wisdom shine.

Alma Mater, our dear mother,
Honored ever honored now;
Courage, faith, and love devoted,
Be the laurels on thy brow.
O, Mount Olive, how we love thee,
Dowered with thy fost’ring care;
Kindest Heaven smile above thee,
God exalt and keep thee fair.

*Benediction

Mr. Worley

*Recessional

“Trumpet Voluntary”

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**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
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Steven Carlton Brake

Bachelor of Arts

Agricultural Communication

& Leadership

Magna Cum Laude

Wade Hunter Dunn

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Agribusiness

Summa Cum Laude

Rosalinda Yvette Penland*

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Agribusiness

John Michael Scott*

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Agribusiness

Erica Nicole Stewart*

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Agribusiness

Summa Cum Laude

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Bachelor of Science

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Summa Cum Laude

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Agriculture: Plant Science

Sandra Jayne Blevins

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Ryan Michael Hare

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UNIVERSITY MISSION

The University of Mount Olive is a faith-based educational institution committed to creating nurturing, student-centric experiences that promote sustainable opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth.

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn in the formal academic ceremonies are patterned after the academic regalia common in medieval European universities where both students and faculty were required to wear gowns at all times. Today these gowns represent an adaptation of the cape or mantle that was worn by church officials in religious processions. In 1896, colleges and universities in the United States adopted a uniform code governing academic dress.

The bachelor's degree gown is distinguished by the long pleated front, and long, pointed sleeves. It is worn closed. The master's degree gown is similar, but has square sleeves and a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown features broad velvet panels down the front and flowing sleeves each with three bars of velvet. The velvet trimming may be either black or the distinctive color of the field of learning represented by the degree. Master's and doctoral gowns may be worn either open or closed.

Caps worn may vary with the university and individual choice. The black Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is the traditional headgear. Also worn are the soft beret style and Florentine style. The distinctive hoods vary in size according to the level of degree held. Colors of the inner silk indicate the institution from which the wearer received the degree. The outer velvet border is trimmed in a color indicating the field of learning.

The school colors are shown on the satin lining which can be seen on the back of the hood.

Agriculture	Maize	Medicine	Hunter Green
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Music	Pink
Business (<i>Accountancy, Commerce</i>)	Drab	Nursing	Apricot
Clinical Counseling	Gold	Oratory (<i>including speech</i>)	Silver-Gray
Communications (<i>including Journalism</i>)	Crimson	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Dentistry	Lilac	Philosophy	Rich Royal Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Admin. (<i>includes Foreign Service</i>) ..	Peacock Blue
Engineering	Orange	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts (<i>including Architecture</i>)	Brown	Science	Gold
Forestry	Russet	Social Work	Citron
Law	Purple	Theology (<i>Divinity, Ministry, Religion</i>)	Scarlet
Library Science	Lemon Yellow	Veterinary Science	Gray

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

The University of Mount Olive maintains its own traditions practiced during various ceremonies and services. Among those that are included in the University Commencement exercises are the carrying of the University Mace, Processional Cross, and the Presidential Medallion.

The mace is carried by a faculty member. It was presented to the University by the Town of Mount Olive on November 5, 1994. The Cross is carried by either a faculty member or a student selected by the Department of Christian Studies. It was presented to the University by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists on March 19, 2010. The President's Medallion is given to the President at the time of the installation by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Medallion is worn by the President at all University ceremonial functions.



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CORDS, STOLES, AND MEDALLIONS

Cords, stoles, and medallions are worn around the neck of graduates, signifying academic honors or other achievements. Cords are made of braided nylon in a variety of colors. Stoles are panels of silk that can be embroidered with letters or symbols. Medallions are made of metal or glass-like material and hang on colored ribbon.

Red, white, and blue cords, braided

Veteran, United States of America

Crimson and cobalt blue, braided

Upsilon Phi Delta (Healthcare Administration)

Medallion with green ribbon

Honors Program Graduate

Gold stole

University Marshal

Apricot stole

Nursing

White stole

Pi Lambda Theta (Education)

RECOGNITIONS

Graduate candidates who have met all degree requirements and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher and no grade below a B- will be awarded their degree "With Distinction." Baccalaureate candidates must have earned a minimum of 30 graded semester hours at the University of Mount Olive with no grade below a C to graduate with Latin Honors. Associate candidates must have earned a minimum of 30 graded semester hours at the University of Mount Olive with no grade below a C to graduate with Distinction.

Baccalaureate Candidates:

Cum Laude (Bronze)

3.70 grade point average

Magna Cum Laude (Silver)

3.80 grade point average

Summa Cum Laude (Gold)

3.90 grade point average

Associate Candidates:

High Distinction (Green)

3.90 grade point average

Distinction (Green)

3.70 grade point average



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