

# PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY

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## UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 10, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.



# PROGRAM

## Presiding

Marshall M. Criser III

*President of the University*

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**PROCESSIONAL** ..... “Festival Grand March from The Queen of Sheba” . . . *United States Marine Band*  
*The audience will rise as the academic procession begins and remain standing until after the first hymn.*

**INVOCATION** ..... The Reverend Joyce Acree

**HYMN** ..... “The Star Spangled Banner” ..... *Tressie Polk*

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER** ..... President Criser

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** ..... Senator Bo Hatchett  
*Georgia Senator*

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES** ..... Bruce Willis  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

The conferring of degrees is authorized by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President and Faculty. Vice President for Academic Affairs Bruce Willis, will present the dean of college and Dr. Bob Glass, who will read the names of the candidates. Chairman Gus Arrendale and President Criser will award diplomas to recipients of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor in Science in Nursing.

**HYMN TO THE ALMA MATER** ..... **WESTMORELAND**

*Please rise as Piedmont University Singers perform the Hymn to the Alma Mater. Remain standing until the conclusion of the recessional.*

<p><b>Verse 1</b></p> <p>Where the Georgian hills grow purple          In the sunset glow,          Proudly stands our Alma Mater          In the vale below.</p>	<p><b>Verse 2</b></p> <p>As around the mighty oak tree          Clings the ivy vine,          So around thee, dear old Piedmont          Loyal hearts entwine.          (Refrain)</p>
<p><b>Refrain</b></p> <p>Green and Gold float on for aye,          Old Piedmont for thee,          We, thy loyal sons and daughters          Bless thy memory.</p>	<p><b>Verse 3</b></p> <p>Here's to thee, then dear old Piedmont          May you ever stand          As an emblem of the noblest          In our fair Southland.          (Refrain)</p>

**BENEDICTION** ..... The Reverend Joyce Acree

**RECESSIONAL** ..... "Festival Grand March from The Queen of Sheba" ... *United States Marine Band*

- Faculty Marshal**      Albert Pleysier, *Professor of History*
  
- Registrar**            Melissa Fortner
  
- Student Marshals**    Sheena Patrick, *Associate Registrar*  
                                   Natalie Hale, *Student Services Specialist*  
                                   Elizabeth Bates, *Student Services Specialist*
  
- Gonfalon Bearer**      Hannah Franks

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

**Senator Bo Hatchett** is currently the Georgia Senator for District 50, spanning nine counties in the northeastern region. Senator Hatchett is a Habersham County native where he attended Habersham Central High School lettering four years in swimming and was the quarterback in football for three years. He attended Presbyterian College before transferring to Georgia Tech to pursue swimming. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He graduated with a Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2017. Senator Hatchett was elected to the Georgia Senate in 2020 and reelected in 2022. He currently serves as the Senate Floor Leader for Governor Brian Kemp. He serves on the Children and Families, Reapportionment and Redistricting, Agriculture & Consumer Affairs, Ethics, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary Committees. Outside of elected office, Hatchett is an attorney at McDonald and Cody, specializing in personal injury, medical malpractice, and product liability cases. Senator Hatchett and his wife, Ashley, are proud parents of 4 children.

## DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

### **H.M. STEWART, SR. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The H.M. Stewart, Sr. Award of Excellence is presented annually to the top honor graduate of Piedmont University, identified as the senior with the highest grade-point average. H.M. Stewart was a groundbreaking leader in communications in Georgia and a long-time friend of Piedmont University. The H.M. Stewart Award celebrates the recipient's academic achievement in two ways: the honoree's name is inscribed on a large trophy that is displayed in the Arrendale Library's honors corner, and the honoree receives a miniature of the trophy as a commemoration of his or her achievement.

### **THE MICHAEL AND EMILY ROBERTSON KINDNESS AWARD**

The Michael and Emily Robertson Kindness Award is established by Michael S. and Emily K. Robertson to encourage and recognize kindness within the student body of Piedmont University. The donors' sincere desire is to acknowledge the words of the prophet in Micah 6:8, "...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (ESVUK) By recognizing kindness as an important personal characteristic, the donors hope that this award will, in some small way, encourage kind behavior. The award is given annually to the student who has demonstrated kindness to others through his or her actions within the Piedmont University community. The recipient is determined by a committee of students and employees. This award is for any undergraduate student who attends either the Demorest or Athens campus.

### **OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR AWARD**

The Piedmont University Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor Award is presented annually to an undergraduate academic advisor who has demonstrated in an exceptional manner the qualities essential for sound advising.

### **VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Established in 1991, the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award is awarded annually to honor an outstanding professor on selected member campuses of the Georgia Independent College Association. The award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who demonstrates strong academic skills in the classroom and who provides leadership and support in other areas of campus life. The recipients are faculty who assist the institutions in nurturing an academic climate which fosters teaching and who provide leadership to enhance the campus community.

# DEGREE CANDIDATES

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Steve Jacobs, Dean

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Julian Margaret Benson  
*Art*

Jennifer Nicole Broach  
*Criminal Justice*

Matthew Byrne Buckis  
*History Education*

Ella Grace Cain  
*Mass Communications*

Bentley Hope Cronic  
*History Education*

Sof Delgado  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Aaliyah Monserrate Doddridge  
*Criminal Justice*

Christophe Donsereaux  
*Sports Communications*

Jahkida Doyle  
*Criminal Justice & Political Science*

Lakhiya Kiera Na'Kole Franklin  
*English*

Leonardo Galarza  
*Sports Communications*

Madi Gallarelli  
*Psychology*

John A. Gardner  
*Criminal Justice*

Anna Wren Greubel  
*Psychology*

Gary R. Halverson  
*Art*

Joshua Hebrink  
*Psychology*

Hailey Johnson  
*Mass Communications*

Ellawyn Jean Ketch  
*Music*

Matthew Charles Kodrowski  
*Mass Communications &  
Sports Communications*

Conner Doyle Land  
*History & Philosophy and Religion*

Kayla M. Lathon  
*Mass Communications*

Abby Rosa Mauldin  
*Psychology*

Cameron S. McDonald  
*Biology Education*

Caden N. Nelms  
*Mass Communications*

Ally D. Nguyen  
*English*

Halee Summer Porter  
*Psychology*

Connor Paxson Rogers  
*Sports Communications*

Wesley Alan Rogers  
*Psychology &  
Sociology and Anthropology*

Tyler Robert Roon  
*Criminal Justice*

Silas Sandles  
*Sports Communications*

Kellianne Elizabeth Schlosser  
*Criminal Justice*

Kayla Brianne Sullivan  
*Art Education*

Austin Vaughn  
*Political Science*

Abigail Grace Venham  
*Mass Communications &  
Sports Communications*

Alexa Taylor Washburn  
*Criminal Justice*

James Robert Whitmer  
*Sports Communications*

Dante Jordan Wilson  
*Film Production & Theatre Arts*

Katherine Grace Windham  
*Art Therapy & Psychology*

Jesselle Danielle Witter  
*Art*

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Sarah Michelle Brooks  
*Art*

Elizabeth Lane Carter  
*Art*

Imani Monet Spence  
*Art*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kelley Michele Anderson  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Jenna Naomi Ash  
*Biology*

Lauren E. Atkin  
*Forensic Science*

Kaylen Avila Soto  
*Forensic Science*

Connor James Fitzgerald  
*Forensic Science*

Madi Gallarelli  
*Neuroscience*

Anna Wren Greubel  
*Neuroscience*

Brooklyn Gunn  
*Mathematics Education*

Jesse Harbin  
*Applied Physics*

Domonique M. Hill  
*Biology*

Kendall Jenkins  
*Biology*

Julia Rose Ludwick  
*Biology*

Maci Syloan Nipper  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Emily Brook Patton  
*Biology*

Janiah Nicole Rakestraw  
*Chemistry*

Emily Yuxin Rankin  
*Biology*

Patrick Monroy Richmond  
*Forensic Science*

Maxwell Lawrence Shaughnessy  
*Biology*

Hannah Grace Simmons  
*Biology*

Margaret Elaine Spratlin  
*Forensic Science*

Samantha M. Williams  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Angela May Winston  
*Interdisciplinary Studies*

Megan Zeldenrust  
*Mathematics*

## **WALKER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

J. Kerry Waller, Dean

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### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Brayden Keith Brooks  
*Accounting*

Cameron Walker Capelle  
*Business Administration*

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*Business Administration*

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Business Administration*

William Joseph Donaldson  
*Accounting &  
Business Administration*

Jentry Rene Elliott  
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Danice Rose Evans  
*Accounting*

John Clayton Foster III  
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Jack Michael Gilsenan  
*Business Administration*

Joseph Michael Helenbrook  
*Business Administration*

Owen Robert Helgesen  
*Business Administration*

Kennedi Eve Henson  
*Business Administration*

Kolton Hicks  
*Business Administration*

Kelton Lynn Kieschnick  
*Business Administration*

Joseph Nolan Ledbetter  
*Business Administration*

Gillian Lloyd  
*Business Administration*

Winnfred David Martin  
*Business Administration*

John D. Matrona  
*Business Administration*

Cierra Janaé McFerrin  
*Business Administration*

Calli Telle Moen  
*Business Administration*

Megan Monge  
*Business Administration*

Isaak David Mullanack  
*Business Administration*

Eric Nathaniel Penland  
*Business Administration*

Michael Porcelli  
*Accounting*

Christian Brady Puckett  
*Business Administration*

Noah Liam Reardon  
*Business Administration*

Mary-Grace Shaw  
*Accounting &  
Business Administration*

Marion Amy Sloyan  
*Business Administration*

Jacob Wells  
*Business Administration*

Schuylar Frances Willis  
*Business Administration*

Megan Zeldenrust  
*Business Administration*

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Octavius Mulligan, Dean

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Taylor Andrews  
*Elementary Education*

Rebecca K. Bailey  
*Educational Studies*

Bailey Grace Baker  
*Elementary Education*

Macie Grace Benson  
*Elementary Education*

Zoey Alexandra Brock  
*Middle Grades Education*

MacKenzie L. Clemens  
*Elementary Education*

Vanessa Kaye Davidson  
*Elementary Education*

Shania Etwara  
*Elementary Education*

Amy L. Farlow  
*Elementary Education*

Samantha Foster  
*Special Education*

Amber Froyen  
*Elementary Education*

Perla Gonzalez  
*Elementary Education*

Grace Camryn Gove  
*Elementary Education*

Jennifer Marie Higgins  
*Elementary Education*

Alisha Marie Hope  
*Elementary Education*

Catherine Siena Howard  
*Middle Grades Education*

Wendy Duke Lane  
*Middle Grades Education*

Meghan Lee  
*Elementary Education*

Ana Gabriela Lopez Prado  
*Middle Grades Education*

Tiffany Nicole Mayweather  
*Elementary Education*

Christina Marie McCall  
*Special Education*

Trista Belle Morris  
*Elementary Education*

Hallee McCall Nash  
*Elementary Education*

Denisse Paramo  
*Elementary Education*

Micaela Quesada  
*Elementary Education*

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*Educational Studies*

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*Elementary Education*

Allison Ann Sutton  
*Elementary Education*

Kara May Taylor  
*Elementary Education*

Katylusca Tedford  
*Elementary Education*

Montana Thomas  
*Elementary Education*

Bailey Rae Webb  
*Elementary Education*

Jessie Brae' Yeargin  
*Elementary Education*

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Jaime Johnson-Huff, Dean

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### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jillian Addy  
*Exercise and Sport Science*

Selah Elisabeth Anderson  
*Applied Health Science*

Elizabeth Ann Arrendale  
*Health Care Administration*

Rebecca Ryleigh Bell  
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Madison Carver  
*Communication Sciences and Disorders*

Marlo Loraine Coker  
*Communication Sciences and Disorders*

Destiny Deetz  
*Health Care Administration*

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*Applied Health Science*

Matthew F. Luther  
*Exercise and Sport Science*

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Catherine Mote  
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Jaycie Taylor Ponce  
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Colby Grace Reed  
*Athletic Training*

Haley Marie Rizzo  
*Exercise and Sport Science*

Samantha Seymour  
*Applied Health Science*

Marion Amy Sloyan  
*Health Care Administration*

Hannah Grace Smith  
*Exercise and Sport Science*

Lauren Elizabeth Stone  
*Health Care Administration*

Matthew Ellis Turner  
*Exercise and Sport Science*

Lindley Marie Ward  
*Applied Health Science*

Amyah Nicole Williams  
*Exercise and Sport Science*

Emma Williams  
*Communication Sciences and Disorders*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Presley Arnold

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Tatiana Bocanegra

Jaycie Noelle Bowen

Taylor Ann Buckner

Chelcea Sierra Carper

Michelle E. Cerra

Grace Chancey

Morgan Charise Copeland

Chloe Renee Crawford

Maria Guadalupe Cruz Acosta

Michael Dale

Lauren Daria

Rowan Arielle Delf-Montgomery

Tamara Rae Delgado

Cianna Dodds

Kallie McKenzie Doster

Mary R. Felice

Kassondra Lee Gaddy

Dhanraj Mahesh Gajjar

Emalee Grace Griggs

Elizabeth Lee Harris

Artizana Hasaj

Gabriella Rose Hayes

Chaelyn Breeze Hembree

Matisyn Grace Hill

John Braxton Hodge

Kilby Elizabeth Hunnicutt

Abigail Whitaker Lang

Kelvin Lopez

Alaina Ann McDonald

Shadae A. McFarlane

Nikki Mercadel

Jordana Melana Sophia Mills

Delaney Grace Morcom

Victor Manuel Murillo

Katherine Michelle Navarro

Victoria MyHuyen Nguyen

Breanna Nine

Katy Alise Ogle

Maybelline Gissela Ordonez

Cierra Rayann Pedraza

Ali Powell

Ashley Elizabeth Pugh

Joanna Giselle Rodriguez

Brittany Rutledge

Abigail Claire Ryan

Jaclyn M. Sampson

Abigail Taylor Seagraves

Cynthia Ama Serwaah

Simranjot Singh

Ashley Taylor Smith

Marissa Taghon

Constance Tatom

Gwyneth Thomas

Meagan Delois Thompson

Jackson Traylor

Joanna Emmanuela Tsesselis

Whitley Ward

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Lu Woolfolk

Harlee Yarbrough

Brianne Young



# HONOR SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS, & GROUPS

## ALPHA ALPHA ALPHA

Rebecca K. Bailey  
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Lakhiya Kiera Na’Kole Franklin  
Leonardo Galarza  
Artizana Hasaj  
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Caden N. Nelms  
Abigail Taylor Seagraves  
Hannah Grace Simmons  
Meredith Renae Whisenant  
Samantha M. Williams

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Abigail Taylor Seagraves

## ALPHA PSI OMEGA

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Dante Jordan Wilson

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Gillian Lloyd  
Cierra Janaé McFerrin  
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Jack Michael Gilsenan  
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Gabriella Rose Hayes  
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Owen Robert Helgesen  
Kolton Hicks  
Gillian Lloyd  
Julia Rose Ludwick  
John D. Matrona  
Abby Rosa Mauldin  
Nathan Ryan Mix  
Breanna Nine  
Emily Brook Patton  
Eric Nathaniel Penland  
Jaycie Taylor Ponce  
Michael Porcelli  
Ashley Elizabeth Pugh  
Micada Quesada  
Noah Liam Reardon  
Haley Marie Rizzo  
Wesley Alan Rogers  
Mary-Grace Shaw  
Marion Amy Sloyan  
Margaret Elaine Spratlin  
Jackson Traylor  
Austin Vaughn  
Lindley Marie Ward  
Emma Williams  
Lu Woolfolk  
Megan Zeldenrust

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Kaylee Yamileth Bermudez  
Grace Chancey  
Chloe Renee Crawford  
Destiny Deetz  
Rowan Arielle Delf-Montgomery  
Tamara Rae Delgado  
Kody D. Dills  
Mary R. Felice  
Gabriella Rose Hayes  
Kilby Elizabeth Hunnicutt  
Ashley Taylor Smith  
Jackson Traylor  
Meredith Renae Whisenant  
Emma Williams  
Harlee Yarbrough

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Emily Brook Patton  
Janiah Nicole Rakestraw  
Emily Yuxin Rankin  
Maxwell Lawrence Shaughnessy  
Hannah Grace Simmons

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Anna Wren Greubel  
Abby Rosa Mauldin  
Wesley Alan Rogers

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Ana Gabriela Lopez Prado  
Jaycie Taylor Ponce  
Patrick Monroy Richmond

Wesley Alan Rogers  
Maxwell Lawrence Shaughnessy  
Alexa Taylor Washburn  
Katherine Grace Windham

## SIGMA TAU DELTA

Lakhiya Kiera Na’Kole Franklin  
Ally D. Nguyen

## SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE JOURNALISTS

Hailey Johnson  
Matthew Charles Kodrowski

# PIEDMONT STOLES & CORDS

Graduation stoles and cords represent achievement, success, or membership at Piedmont University.

### R.H. Daniel School of Nursing Athletics

Apricot stole  
Green stole

### Organization:

American Marketing Association  
Fellowship of Christian Athletics (FCA)  
Health Science Leadership Academy  
Piedmont University Student Nurses Assoc, NSNA  
Team Piedmont Ambassadors  
Student Government Association  
Zeta Tau Alpha

Navy Blue, White cord  
Royal Blue, Red, Gold cord  
Old Gold, White cord  
Silver, Light Blue, Purple cord  
Forest Green, Black cord  
Green, Gold cord  
Teal, Gray cord

### Society:

Alpha Lambda Delta  
Alpha Psi Omega  
Natural Science Honors Program  
Chi Alpha Sigma  
Delta Mu Delta  
National Society Leadership and Success  
Psi Chi  
College of Nursing and Health Science Honor Society  
Sigma Tau Delta  
Society for Collegiate Journalists

Red, Gold, White cord  
Light Blue, Gold cord  
White, Gold cord  
Gold, Black cord  
Purple, Gold cord  
Silver, Black cord  
Blue, Silver cord  
Green, White cord  
Cardinal Red, Black cord  
Scarlet, Gray cord

*The list of degree candidates was compiled prior to commencement, and the status of some candidates may have changed since that time.*

*The listing of the names in this program in no way implies an obligation on the part of Piedmont University to award a given degree.*

# COMMENCEMENT

## COMMENCEMENT

When Piedmont was founded in 1897, commencement was a five-day affair filled with speeches, sermons, academic and debating competition, dinners, and—finally—the conferral of degrees. Over the years, the time allotted for commencement was shortened, a reflection of the quickened pace of the modern era. Piedmont University still retains many commencement customs and traditions that date back to the 12th century, including the use of the mace, gonfalon, and academic garb.

## MACE

The Piedmont mace was handcrafted by Dr. Patrick Taylor, former chair of the Department of Art. The staff is carved from American cherry wood, and the handle is leather. The base is cast in bronze. The pommel, located at the bottom of the staff, symbolically represents the foundation of the University and is inscribed with the date 1897.

The crown on top of the mace is a globe representing the University's commitment to the preparation of students for global work and service. The mace and attached seals represent the authority of Piedmont University to award academic degrees as prescribed by the institution's charter from the State of Georgia.

The flame of learning, cast in an alloy of bronze, sterling silver, and gold and mounted on the top of the mace, symbolizes student acquisition of knowledge from an academically accomplished and talented Piedmont University faculty. The tip of the flame forms an open hand representing the quest for spiritual and intellectual development in service to humankind.

## GONFALON

Another Medieval trapping still used in modern commencement traditions at Piedmont University is the gonfalon, a banner hung from a crossbar instead of from a pole as commonly used for flags. A gonfalon is known as a standard, and in Italian tradition the "gonfalonier" is the standard bearer. Piedmont uses a ceremonial gonfalon that bears the University seal and is displayed at the head of the processional column.

## ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress originates with the founding of European universities in the 12th century. All Medieval students were clerks (clerici) and wore the dress of the secular clergy. The oldest article of academic dress worn was the robe (roba), a loose gown, over which hung the habit (cappa), usually a kind of tunic with short, wide sleeves. The Medieval hood (caputium) could be gathered around the neck or pulled up on the head as a turban. There were three kinds of caps: the round pileus, reserved for doctoral dignity; the tena, a round cap with strings that were tied under the chin and worn by jurists; and the square birretium.

The basic design of academic costumes in the U.S. was established in 1895 and was first used at Piedmont by the class of 1902. There are three types of gowns, three styles of hoods, and two kinds of cap tassels used for the American academic garb. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed, open sleeves. The master's gown is similar but has longer sleeves that are closed at the bottom. The doctoral gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The color of gowns is usually black, although some colleges have specified that doctoral students may wear gowns showing distinctive colors.

The hood varies according to respective academic degrees, with the doctoral hood being longer and fuller in shape than the others. The academic field of study can be determined by the color of the velvet facing sewn on the hood. The color represents the academic field of study as follows: white for the arts; gold-yellow for science; drab for business administration; lemon for librarianship; scarlet for theology; brown for fine arts; light blue for education; pink for music; and dark blue for philosophy. The hood is lined in silk displaying the colors of the degree-granting institution. Tassels for bachelor's and master's are black. The doctoral tassels are gold.

Piedmont faculty have earned degrees at a number of post-baccalaureate institutions, and most wear the doctoral hood. The hood colors worn by some Piedmont faculty represent the following academic institutions: purple and gold (Louisiana State University); red and black (University of Georgia); crimson and white (Indiana University); silver and red (Georgia State University); blue and gold (West Virginia University); gold and white (Georgia Institute of Technology); white and light blue (Pennsylvania State University); orange and white (University of Tennessee); crimson and white (University of Alabama); blue and white (University of Kentucky); and blue and buff (The George Washington University).

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