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FALL 2022 COMMENCEMENT

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Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
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†PROCESSIONAL	<i>“Pomp & Circumstance–March No. 1”</i> — Edward Elgar
WELCOME	Dr. Jill Lane
†NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>“The Star-Spangled Banner”</i> — Francis Scott Key, poem John Stafford Smith, music
GRADUATE ADDRESS	Frederick D. Brown, Master of Public Administration
UNDERGRADUATE ADDRESS	FRIDAY 3P.M.: Tram Nguyen, <i>Bachelor of Science</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Tanner Cox, <i>Bachelor of Science</i> SATURDAY NOON: Ruth Park, <i>Bachelor of Science</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	FRIDAY 3 P.M.: Honorable T. Dallas Smith <i>Regent, University System of Georgia</i> SATURDAY 9 A.M.: Erick McReynolds <i>Vice President, Chick-fil-A</i> SATURDAY NOON: Helen Tift McSwain <i>Senior Vice President and National Transit Director, Rohadfox Construction Control Services Corporation</i>
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CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE	Kerry L. Heyward, <i>Interim President</i>
INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	FRIDAY: Joseph Echols '06 '11, <i>Alumni Association President-Elect</i> SATURDAY: Dr. Lisa Conley '02, <i>Alumni Association President</i>
†RECESSIONAL	<i>“Grand March From Aida”</i> — Giuseppe Verdi

†All those who are able, please stand. Please remain standing until the procession has withdrawn.
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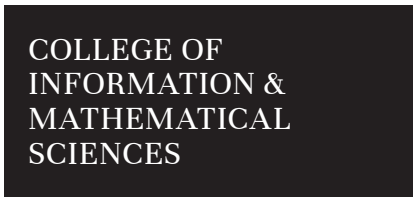
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Dallas is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer at T. Dallas Smith & Company. Dallas is an innovator and thought leader in the commercial real estate community and is intentional about cultivating and developing diverse talent to help shape the commercial real estate industry.

Dallas began his commercial real estate career in 1982 at Atlanta Air Center Realty under the guidance of Thomas W. Tift, Jr. In 1989, he became the first African American broker at Cushman & Wakefield of Georgia. His affiliation with the company opened doors for many minority brokers. In 1995, he pioneered the brokerage division for H.J. Russell & Company, an African American-owned construction and management firm. In 2006, with the blessing of the late Herman J. Russell, Dallas opened T. Dallas Smith & Company, specializing in tenant representation. T. Dallas Smith & Company has led projects across the country with metrics exceeding eight million square feet of tenant and buyer representation in office and industrial space, and more than five thousand acres of land acquisitions. Since its inception, the team has grown exponentially, and with their combined experiences have successfully led transactions totaling over \$16 billion in aggregate value.

Dallas has received many recognitions and awards, including: 100 Most Influential Georgians for 2022 & 2021; 2022 Georgia 500, Georgia Trend Magazine; 2022 & 2021 Atlanta 500, Atlanta Magazine; Atlanta Business Chronicle – Most Admired CEO Award (2021 & 2017); and the Atlanta Business League 2021 Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Dallas was appointed Regent of the University System of Georgia by Governor Kemp in 2020 as an at-large member. He is a former member and chair of the Georgia Department of Economic Development Board of Directors. He holds a degree in Business Administration for Georgia State University.



ERICK W. MCREYNOLDS

VICE PRESIDENT – DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION - CHICK-FIL-A, INC.

Erick W. McReynolds is a Vice President with Chick-fil-A, Inc., leading Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I). His charge is to partner with all stakeholder groups to develop a comprehensive, enterprise-wide strategy to build individual and organizational DE&I capabilities.

In his 15-years at Chick-fil-A, Erick has served as Team Director, Business Consultant, and the Executive Director-Field Operations, Midwest Region for Chick-fil-A. His responsibilities included creating a healthy team culture, developing and leading Team Directors and Business Consultants, accountability for the Operator relationship with CFA, Inc. including franchisee selections, and leading cross-functionally to ensure calibration and alignment with key functional leaders.

Prior to joining Chick-fil-A, Erick was a Senior Business Analyst with Sprint, Inc. in Overland Park, Kansas and a Regional Sales Executive with International Paper Company in Memphis, Tennessee and was later relocated to Kansas City.

Erick earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Florida A & M University's School of Business and Industry (SBI) and was actively involved in multiple SBI companies, the Boys and Girls Club of Tallahassee, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Erick currently resides in Smyrna, GA. He is in the Leadership Georgia class of 2022, on the Clayton State University Foundation Board of Trustees, enjoys serving at church, exercising, great restaurants and travel.

HELEN MCSWAIN

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL TRANSIT DIRECTOR,
ROHADFOX CONSTRUCTION CONTROL SERVICES CORPORATION

Helen Tift McSwain is Senior Vice President and National Transit Director at Rohadfox Construction Control Services Corporation. In her role, McSwain directs the national strategy and transit operations for the 43-year-old minority and woman-owned construction management and design firm.

McSwain's thirty-year career spans across public and private business sectors. Prior to joining Rohadfox, McSwain served as vice president and regional director at Atkins North America. Her public sector experience includes various leadership roles at the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority in Atlanta, Georgia and METRA Commuter Railroad Chicago, Illinois.

McSwain's commitment to mentoring and community service for the empowerment of women and girls, STEM education, and career preparedness has led to various roles. She has lead programs for the Women Transportation Seminar (Washington, DC); American Public Transit Association (APTA) Emerging Leaders; Georgia Supplier Diversity Corporate Mentor Protégé Program; FIRST Robotics; Dr. Lonnie Johnson STEM Activity Center; and Atkins Global STEM Outreach. McSwain is a recipient of the ATKINS Global Achievement Award for her efforts promoting STEM career awareness for girls in underserved communities.

McSwain's civic leadership engagement includes the Board of Trustees for Clayton State University; Women's Transportation Seminar International Board of Directors; COMTO Atlanta Board of Advisors; and WTS Atlanta Board of Advisors. She has served on the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board, Clayton Economic Development Board; Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) National Corporate Committee Chair and International Chair. She is an alumna of Leadership Atlanta and the American Public Transportation Association Leadership Programs. Her recent awards and recognitions include the 2020 ACEC 100 Influential Women in Georgia Engineering; 2020 WTS Atlanta Top Women in the Know; and 2020 COMTO National Women Who Move the Nation.

McSwain is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University where she completed her undergraduate and graduate studies. McSwain and her family reside in Henry County, Georgia.

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FREDERICK D. BROWN

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Frederick chose the Public Administration degree to prepare for a career in public service. His choice aligned his education with his passion so that he may serve others in the most professional and ethical manner possible.

A native of Pelham, Georgia, Frederick received a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Albany State University. While studying psychology, he served as President and Vice President of the Psychology Club and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Currently, he is employed as a Court Support Manager for the Fulton County Office of the Solicitor General and is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

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TRAM NGUYEN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Tram Nguyen has earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry. A graduate of Ben Tre High School (Vietnam), Tram was awarded the CRC Freshman Chemistry Award in the Fall of 2020 and the 2021 National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers Chemistry and Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award. She has co-authored a research article: “Influence of the heating rate on the thermodegradation during the mild pyrolysis of the wood” published in Wood Material Science & Engineering magazine in February, 2022 and made a poster presentation at the SERMACS conference in October this year. Tram has served as a tutor, interned at Georgia Southern in a National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduate program and in the Human BioMolecular Atlas Program at Harvard University. In the spring of 2022, Tram was a student researcher for Transatlantic Research Partnership program at Université de Lorraine (France).

Tram plans to continue her chemistry studies in graduate school with a focus on sustainable energy and green chemistry.

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TANNER COX

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

A graduate of Henry County High School, Tanner plans to pursue a job in the Atlanta area as a software engineer.

Tanner has provided service to his peers as a tutor in math and computer science. In addition, he is a MailChimp Launchpad Program Graduate. Tanner plans to return to Clayton State to pursue his masters and possible study at AIM University for a career in music.

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RUTH PARK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ruth is graduating with a degree in Integrative Studies majoring in Social Science/Leadership. She graduated from Norcross High School and works at Northside Hospital within a physician practice with plans to advance within the organization. In addition to holding dual duties as a registered medical assistant and account support specialist, Ruth cares for her parents and is the mother of a three year old toddler.

Ruth’s passion for life and desire to grow as an individual drives her desire for lifelong education. Future plans include the pursuit of a Masters in Strategic Leadership at Clayton State and a certification in Human Resources. She wants to build leadership skills and purse a doctorate in management/leadership so that she may conduct research in the field.

ADDITIONAL COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

MARSHALS

Faculty Marshal

Dr. Catherine Deering

Deputy Faculty Marshal

Dr. Kevin Demmitt

Student Marshal

Jeff Jacobs

READERS

December 9th

Dr. Joe Johnson

December 10th

Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller

ANNOUNCER

Dr. Royal Baxter

MUSICIANS

December 9th

Dr. Michiko Otaki, DMA keyboard

Kayla Hart, vocalist

December 10th

Clayton State University Orchestra

Kevin Holly, vocalist

USHERS

Clayton State University
Department of Campus Life
provided volunteers

ABOUT CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

- In 1965, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia agreed to create three new junior colleges including one to serve south metropolitan Atlanta. The local community raised \$4.9 million to go along with \$3.3 million from the University System of Georgia and began construction of a campus on a farm with a few lakes and a healthy stand of trees.
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- The university has changed substantially since 1969. The pace of change in the economy requires the university to continue to grow and adapt as it empowers students to seek success. Through outstanding programs, dynamic experiences, appropriate support, and an environment that reflects 21st century business and industry, Clayton State University provides students the opportunity and our region the workforce needed to complete and succeed globally. For example, in 2019, the School of Education was formed to meet the growing need for teachers in our public schools. In spring 2020, the College of Business launched a Master of Science in Supply Chain Analytics and a Master of Strategic Leadership Development program. Coming fall 2022, the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences will launch a Master of Science in Cyber Technology to address the need for cyber security skills and talent development in the south metro Atlanta region.



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