FIRST-YEAR CONVOCATION
Sunday, August 22, 2021
Class of 2025
I am joining the Georgia State University community to pursue my intellectual and personal growth. As a member of the community, I pledge:

- To uphold the highest levels of personal and academic honesty, responsibility, and integrity;
- To dedicate myself to the ongoing pursuit of knowledge and truth;
- To respect the differences among all members of my community;
- To challenge myself to learn;
- To examine my beliefs, values and goals;
- To accept responsibility for all of my actions; and
- To support the values of Georgia State University.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Faculty Processional  “Trumpet Voluntary”
Viktoriia Shorokhova, Organist

Platform Party Processional  “Terry Black Set”
Atlanta Pipe Band

National Anthem  “The Star-Spangled Banner”
Demetrious D. Sampson Jr., Soloist

Welcome & Introduction of Keynote  Michael L. Sanseviro

Keynote Speaker  Juanita Velez

Presentation of Class  Wendy F. Hensel

Presidential Remarks & Class of 2025 Induction  M. Brian Blake

First-Year Pledge  Brianna Bailey

Closing  Allison Calhoun-Brown

Alma Mater  Demetrious D. Sampson Jr., Soloist

Platform Party Recessional  “Terry Black Set”
Atlanta Pipe Band

Faculty Recessional  “Trumpet Voluntary”
Viktoriia Shorokhova, Organist

PLATFORM PARTY

M. Brian Blake, President

Wendy F. Hensel, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Juanita Velez, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager, In-Flight Services, Delta Air Lines

Michael L. Sanseviro, Vice President for Student Engagement

Jay Kahn, Vice President for University Advancement

Jerry Rackliffe, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration
Allison Calhoun-Brown, Senior Vice President for Student Success
Timothy Denning, Vice President for Research & Economic Development
Sally Wallace, Dean, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
Huanbiao Mo, Dean, Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing & Health Professions
Sara Rosen, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Paul A. Alberto, Dean, College of Education & Human Development
Lisa Armistead, Dean, Graduate School
LaVonda N. Reed, Dean, College of Law
Wade Weast, Dean, College of the Arts
Sarah Cook, Interim Dean, Honors College
Jian-Dong Li, Director, Institute for Biomedical Sciences
Richard D. Phillips, Dean, J. Mack Robinson College of Business
Nancy P. Kropf, Dean, Perimeter College
Rodney Lyn, Dean, School of Public Health
Jeffrey Steely, Dean, University Libraries
Kerry Heyward, University Attorney
Nicolle Parsons-Pollard, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Wolfgang Schlör, Associate Provost for International Initiatives
Michael Galchinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness
Kim Siegenthaler, Associate Provost for Online Strategies
Scott Burke, Associate Vice President for Admissions and Housing
Tarrah Mirus, University Registrar
Brianna Bailey, President, Student Government Association and Mace Bearer
Demetrious D. Sampson Jr., Soloist, Tenor, Bachelor of Music, Music Performance, ’23
Viktoriia Shorokhova, Organist, Master of Music, Organ Performance, ’22
Alma Mater, we are loyal to the name of Georgia State.
Love and honor we accord thee, and devotion from our hearts.
In respect and veneration we shall always hold thy name.
Nurturer of light and knowledge, we shall ever tell thy fame.
Happy are thy sons and daughters spread abroad throughout the land.
Knowing that we are forever part of thine own faithful band.
Where the paths of life are crowded, we have known thy pleasant bond.
And the love of Alma Mater we shall never pass beyond.

Fight Song

Fight Panthers
Fight Panthers to victory
Our voices yell
You’ll hear us mighty and strong
We’re from the ATL
We’re gonna give them hell
Fight Panthers to victory
Drive on for the score
Blue-White
Georgia State will win the fight
G-S-U

Georgia State University gratefully acknowledges a gift of the Ahlborn-Galanti organ from Dr. Marion Kuntz in memory of her husband, Paul Grimley Kuntz, and her parents, Otto Asa and Lucile Parks Leathers.