



Grady College of Journalism
and Mass Communication
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Convocation



Spring 2025

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Athens Classic Center

Welcome



Charles N. Davis

I hate that I cannot be with you today as I am recovering from an injury, however, I extend a warm welcome to all parents, family and friends of our graduates. The fact that I am not with you does not negate how profoundly proud I am of our graduates and their diligence, spirit and fearless drive for success.



More than a century old, Grady College continues to reinvent itself. Today the College stands poised for its next century. The students we honor are the next generation of leadership in mass communication. They join an elite group of Grady College alumni who continually rank at the top of their professions in advertising, public relations, journalism and entertainment and media studies.

The educational experiences students receive here are transforming in the midst of the digital era. We don't just talk about the fields we serve – we make things here, in a constant effort to shrink the gap between academe and the real world. We are proud of the rigor of our programs, the distinguished faculty who inspire and guide our students, and the respect granted to us by our peers and industry leaders who look to the College for excellence in journalism and mass communication.

I salute our students as we celebrate their accomplishments, and I thank you for being a part of this important day. It is my honor to serve this special College and to reflect on all that has happened, and all that is before us.

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OPENING PROCESSIONAL

Academic Festival Overture,
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

WELCOME

Jonathan Peters, Associate Professor
and Department Head, Journalism

DISTINGUISHED SENIOR SPEAKER

De'Ondre Harris (AB '25),
Journalism

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES:

Graduate Degrees
Doctorate of Philosophy
Master of Arts

Glen Nowak, Professor of
Advertising and Associate Dean
for Research and Graduate
Studies

Undergraduate Degrees
Advertising & Public Relations

Juan Meng, UGA Athletic
Endowed Professor and
Department Head, Advertising
and Public Relations
Nicholas Eng, Assistant Professor
Sabrena Deal, Senior Lecturer

Entertainment and Media Studies

James Hamilton, Jim Kennedy
New Media Professor and
Department Head, Entertainment
and Media Studies
Laurena Bernabo,
Assistant Professor

Journalism

Jonathan Peters, Associate
Professor and Department Head,
Journalism
Kyser Lough, Associate Professor

CONCLUDING REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Charles N. Davis, (MA '92), Dean,
via video

RECESSIONAL*

*Please stand for the Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar (1857–1934)



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Graduation Celebration

Friday, May 9 • 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Grady College

Graduates and their families are cordially invited to a reception featuring photo opportunities, visiting with faculty and friends, and light refreshments. Tickets are not required; cap and gown for photos are optional.