



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS of 2024!!!

You Did it!!

Over 300 graduate, specialists, and doctoral students graduated at the May 3rd Commencement ceremony in the Complex. We wish you the best as you advance your career!

If you missed the ceremony, you can watch the [re-cording](#) and look at the [commencement photos](#) (begins on page 3).

We'd love to hear of **your** career accomplishments as a result of your degree. You can email them to bdacruz@valdosta.edu



Important Summer Dates:

Commencement	May 3	First day of Maymester	May 9
First day of Summer I	May 9	First day of Summer II & III.....	June 11
Final draft of theses & dissertations to the Grad School	July 12		

Shout out!!

Tamika Chase, DPA student 2023 cohort, was promoted to Deputy Chief of Public Safety at Clayton State University since beginning the program! She also hosted the first every First Women in Law Enforcement Diversity Symposium at Clayton State. Ms. Chase has 14 years of law enforcement experience, having previously served as the assistant commander of Special Operations with the MARTA Police Department.

[Learn more about Tamika](#)



Tamika Chase, Deputy Chief of Public Safety at Clayton State University

Congratulations to the winners of the 16th Annual Graduate Student Research & Scholarship Symposium

There were **31 poster presenters** from 4 of the 6 colleges, **2 musical performances**, **6 3MT presentations**, and **11 GAs nominated for GA of the Year**. Honey Coppage was also recognized as the **“Friend of the Graduate School.”**



Poster Winners

- Darshi Patel—1st Place
- Margaret Mizwa—2nd Place
- Alexa Johanson—3rd Place

3-Minute Thesis Competition

- Diana Adams —1st Place
- Taylor Harrison—2nd Place
- Jamie Shelton—3rd Place
- Ali Ashraf—People’s Choice

GA of the Year

- Ethan Williams — 1st Place
- Katherine Thornton —2nd Place
- Daniel Rincon Diaz— 3rd Place

