



First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama to deliver commencement speech at Tuskegee University Saturday, May 9

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TUSKEGEE, Ala. (April 21, 2015) — First Lady Michelle Obama will deliver the address at Tuskegee University's 130th Spring Commencement Ceremony. Mrs. Obama will address approximately 500 graduates as well as their friends, family and members of the university community on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at 11 a.m. CST in the Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Arena.

Mrs. Obama is the second first lady in Tuskegee's history to visit the university. Eleanor Roosevelt visited Tuskegee Institute (now university) and took her historic flight with Tuskegee Airman Charles A. Anderson on March 29, 1941.

Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama is a lawyer, writer, and the wife of the 44th and current U.S. president, Barack Obama. She is the first African-American first lady of the United States. She has become a national and international role model for women and an advocate for poverty awareness, higher education, and healthy living.



First Lady Michelle Obama

In her advocacy for higher education, Michelle Obama launched the Reach Higher Initiative in 2014. The aim of this initiative is to inspire young Americans to broaden their futures by expanding their education beyond high school. Reach Higher seeks to ensure that all students understand the importance of an education by exposing students to college and career opportunities; understanding financial aid; academic planning and summer learning opportunities; as well as supporting high school counselors who do essential work to get students into college.

A product of Chicago public schools, Mrs. Obama studied sociology and African-American studies at Princeton University. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1988, she joined the Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin, where she later met Barack Obama. They have been married since 1992 and have two daughters: Malia and Sasha.

Tuskegee University's commencement ceremony is a ticketed event reserved for graduates, their families and guests and is not open to the public.

A live stream webcast of the ceremony will be available at www.tuskegee.edu/live.

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