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TROY Commencement set for Dec. 13 in Dothan

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Dothan - About 150 Troy University students will participate in commencement exercises on Sunday, Dec. 13 in the Dothan Civic Center.

The exercises begin at 3 p.m. and no tickets are required for attendance.

Ninety-eight students will receive their undergraduate degrees, 46 will receive graduate degrees, two will be awarded the Education Specialist degree and three will receive associates degrees.

The keynote speaker for this fall's commencement is Commissioner of Mental Health Jim Purdue, appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley to lead the Department of Mental Health in 2015. Prior to his appointment, Purdue served for 12 years as Crenshaw County's probate judge.

Purdue has served as president of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board, and is a member of the Alabama Mental Health advisory Board of Trustees.

A 1973 Auburn University graduate, he has served on a number of local boards and commissions including the: Luverne Rotary Club, Crenshaw County Chamber of Commerce, Crenshaw County Industrial Development Board, Alabama Oilmen's Association, Alabama Private Industry Council, South Central Alabama Development Commission and the South Alabama Home Builders Association.

He and his wife, Sandra, have six children and six grandchildren. They are active members of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery.

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