

- * THE PRAYER FOR THE CLASS OF 1997 John R. Crawford
Professor of History and Political Science
- * THE COLLEGE HYMN Ferrell/Dykes

Montreat, you stand in noble line
With those who strive for heart and mind,
Who seek God's truth to teach and guide,
Who lift those virtues which abide.
For servanthood, both taught and lived,
Our honor and devotion give.

For learning with integrity,
For truth imparted full and free,
For loving friendships cherished still,
For heritage on which to build;
With Christ the Cornerstone of grace,
Our Alma Mater we embrace.

- * THE RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE
..... "Toccata from the Fifth Symphony" Widor
..... "The Emperor's Fanfare" Soler

* Please stand.

Refreshments will be served on the lawn in front of the auditorium following the ceremony.
The Campus Store, located on the first floor of the Belk Campus Center, will be open today until 3:00 p.m.

HONORARY DEGREE AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Charles W. Colson

Charles W. Colson is the founder of Prison Fellowship, one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world, serving the spiritual and practical needs of prisoners, ex-prisoners, victims, and affected families in seventy-five countries including the United States. Mr. Colson, former special counsel to President Richard M. Nixon, became a Christian in 1973 and then served a seven-month prison sentence after pleading guilty to a Watergate-related charge. He is a syndicated columnist; author of thirteen books, including international bestseller *Born Again*; and radio commentator of "BreakPoint," a nationally syndicated daily broadcast. He is also the 1993 recipient of the prestigious Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion. Mr. Colson will be presented an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Daniel Szabo

The Reverend Daniel Szabo is a minister-at-large and travels throughout Central and Eastern Europe on a diplomatic passport, rebuilding churches previously suppressed by communism. He was recently elected to the collective presidency of the Hungarian Reformed Church. He is also Chief Curatorship of the Cisterbiscan Diocese of the Hungarian Reformed Church, which serves one quarter of Hungary. Rev. Szabo is a founder of the Miskolci Bölcsész Egyesület, a private university in Miskolc that established the first department of Christian studies in any former Communist country. These duties follow his reinstatement to the ministry in 1989; approximately thirty-two years ago, he was defrocked by the authorities and had his theological credentials revoked because of his fearless opposition to communism. Rev. Szabo will be presented an honorary Doctor of Divinity.

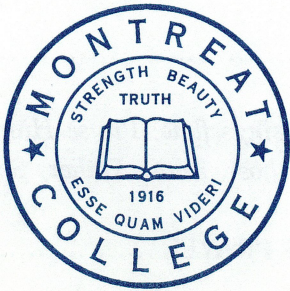
S. Elliott Belcher, Jr.

S. Elliott Belcher, Jr. was a founding director of the Montreat-Anderson College Foundation (now the Montreat College Foundation), serving as chairman from the foundation's inception in 1982 until his retirement from the board in October 1993. He served as an active member of the college's board of trustees for sixteen and one half years beginning in April 1975 and was enthusiastically and unanimously elected trustee emeritus in October 1993. In the 1980's, Mr. Belcher served as chairman of the very successful "Decade of the Student" capital campaign, during which the Newell Athletic Field and the W. H. Belk Campus Center were completed. Mr. Belcher will be presented the Distinguished Service Award.



COMMENCEMENT

In the eighty-first year of the College
Saturday, the seventeenth day of May
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at ten o'clock in the morning
Anderson Auditorium
Montreat, North Carolina



ORDER OF SERVICE

William W. Hurt
President of the College
Presiding

THE PRELUDE..... "Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne" Buxtehude
..... "Cantilena" Rheinberger
..... "Largo" Handel
..... "Psalm XIX" Marcello
Renee Barrick, Organist

* THE PROCESSIONAL "Amazing Grace" Newton
Kathy Graham, Piper

The Faculty Marshal
The Commencement Marshal
The President of the College
The Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Honorary Degree Recipients
The Distinguished Service Award Recipient
The Vice President and Dean of Academics
The College Chaplain
The Director of Choral Groups
The Student Marshals
The Faculty of Montreat College
The Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts
The Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science
The Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

* THE DOXOLOGY Old Hundred

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER J. Edward Bonner
College Chaplain

* Please stand.

* THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Bateman/Carr

*Come, Christians, join to sing Allelulia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Allelulia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Allelulia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Allelulia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Allelulia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Allelulia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again; Allelulia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Allelulia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Allelulia! Amen!*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS William W. Hurt
President

THE SPECIAL MUSIC..... "Build Thee More Stately Mansions" Young/Holmes
Montreat College Choral Ensemble; Mark D. Johnson, Director; Eunice W. Stackhouse, Accompanist

THE ADDRESS "An Educated Christian—So What?" Charles W. Colson
Founder, Prison Fellowship

THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES J. Howard Edington
Chairman, Board of Trustees

THE PRESENTATION OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Dr. Edington

THE STUDENT ADDRESSES Bethany L. Conley
Valedictorian

William B. Caudle
School of Professional and Adult Studies

THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES Don W. King
Vice President and Dean of Academics

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES President Hurt

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS Dean King

THE SPECIAL MUSIC..... "Without Love It Will All Pass Away" Beall/Larson
Montreat College Choral Ensemble; Mark D. Johnson, Director; Eunice W. Stackhouse, Accompanist

* Please stand.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amy Rebecca Buckner	Stephanie Anne Harrison	Denise Barbara Oblander	Mary Jo Snelson
John Ryan Cunningham ¹	Jamie Ray Jesse ¹	Stephanie Elizabeth Parker	Christopher Dale Sorensen ¹
Andrea Kay Curry ¹	Kelly Dissette Maumenee	Amy Elizabeth Parsley	Kerstin Peterson Spain
Brenda Lynn Erikson	Stephanie Cone McCall	Christopher Scott Schumacher	Cameron Allen Thomas
Virginia Meadows Granger	Lisa Ann McMurry ¹	William Jeffrey Sheets	Christina Elizabeth Waddell
Zola Michelle Griffin	Colin Alexander Munroe	Linda Kaye Shirlen	Teri Garlene Worley
Larry Allen Gritton	Rita Odette Musengwa		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amber Gilana Baker	Emily Ann Frank ¹	William Jason Johnson ¹	Terry Brian Snyder
Jason Kingston Baker	Aaron Herbert Gilchrist, III	Robert Kerich	Clay Spencer Souder
Andrew Jerome Bobilya ¹	Mitchell Kent Glenn ¹	Kevin Lee Laws	Kristine Lyn Stewart
Michael Scott Bowers	Lisa Marie Griffin	Michaelene Leslie Lord	Ryan Grable Toler
Erin Delane Broome	Jason Wade Guengerich	Katherine Virginia McIlwain ¹	Arthur Willis Walker
Chad Allen Buus	Amy Webb Guffey	Renee Michelle Poteat ¹	Steven Michael Whitworth ¹
Jerry David Cohn, Jr. ¹	Amy Michelle Harkleroad	Christopher O'Neal Robertson ¹	Amanda Hill Nesbitt Wilson
Bethany Bailey Conley	Jennifer Nichole Hobbs ¹	Scott Thomas Robson	Charles MacPhail Wilson
Lisa Ann Cox	John William Holdeman	Christy Ann Sims	Shane Larry Wilson ¹
Christopher Harlan Day	Cheryl Kelly Hughes	Derek Kevin Sims	Rebecca June Wineka

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<i>Asheville</i>	Michael Anthony Dugan	<i>BAC-04</i>	<i>BAC-08</i>
<i>BAA-01</i>	Virginia Loraine Holley	David L. Burnham	Thomas David Brewer
George Washington Barnes ¹	Charlie Jerry Howard	John Thomas Funderud	Rachel Jane Kistler
Robert Elwyn Everett ¹	Tzena Waycaster Keyes	Christina M. McGonagle	Constance G. Lemmonds
Rebecca Lyn Zoeller	Nelson Kelly Maynard	Ritta Mason Poole	Angela Hamilton Truesdale
<i>BAA-02</i>	Patricia Ann Wagner	<i>BAC-05</i>	Linda Michele Werley
Deborah R. Bell	<i>BAA-05</i>	Ronnie Dale Bratcher	<i>BAC-09</i>
Robin Denise Briggs ¹	Paul Ray Lankford, Jr.	Charles Wayland Easley	Tamarraw D. Barber
Ruth Eleanor Butler	<i>Charlotte</i>	Marva Jane Thomas	Erin Johnson Barnette
Linda L. Byrum	<i>BAC-01</i>	<i>BAC-06</i>	Rodney Lamar Culbreth
Gary Wayne Clark ¹	Otis B. Gaither	James Coltrane Bivens	Andrea Marie Fitzgerald
Janine J. Entwistle ²	<i>BAC-02</i>	William B. Caudle	Joyce Marie Long
Michele Elaine Evans	Shirley Alexander Clark	Benjamin Franklin Copeland, IV	Karen Pressley Marlow
Stephen C. Gormley ²	Teresa Phillips Gerringier	Kathleen M. Hover	<i>Marion</i>
Allan Craig Greene	Terry W. Huneycutt ²	Steve Anthony Lorick	<i>BAM-01</i>
Karen J. Higgins ²	Darryl Scott Kinard	Donald Everett Orr, Jr.	Sandra M. Allison
Andrea M. Hodge	Paul H. MacDonald, III ¹	<i>BAC-07</i>	Stanley Lewis Arnold
Wesley Allan Lane	<i>BAC-03</i>	Elaine Arthur	Carroll Floyd Baker, Jr.
James Carlos Levya	Paula Cagle Barr ¹	Monica Le'Van Bankston	Johnnie Keith Friesland
Rebecca K. McCall ²	Teresa Dotson Blackwelder	Wilma Brunnemer Blackburn	Jill E. Howell-Shook
<i>BAA-03</i>	Robert John Curran ¹	Sandra Ann Cathey	Stephanie Bonomo Isaacson
Dadang Sobari Djajadiredja ¹	Donna Jean Deshaies	George H. Culp	Deborah M. Jackson
Johnny Hartzell ¹	Janet Howell Isola ¹	Lonnie Clarence Hoyle	Kimberly Allen Jaynes
Thomas Burton Russell	Marsha B. McMurray	Linda Pridgen Hunter	Wendy Ann Lunsford
Bobbie Peek Thorpe	Stephanie E. Mills	Paula E. Robinson	Jacquelyn Canipe Orders
<i>BAA-04</i>	William Randall Phipps ¹	Sharon Kay Rupp	Phyllis Farris Pollard
Michael Kelly Bagwell		Laura Idelle Tucker	Susan Eastwood Smith

¹Conferred December 31, 1996

²Conferred August 31, 1996

HONOR GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude

Stanley Lewis Arnold	William B. Caudle	Linda Pridgen Hunter	Bobbie Peek Thorpe
Bethany Bailey Conley	Larry Allen Gritton	Tzena Waycaster Keyes	Rebecca Lyn Zoeller

Magna Cum Laude

Michael Scott Bowers	Brenda Lynn Erikson	Charlie Jerry Howard	Thomas Burton Russell
Amy Rebecca Buckner	Robert Elwyn Everett	Robert Kerich	Derek Kevin Sims
Ruth Eleanor Butler	Zola Michelle Griffin	Kelly Dissette Maumenee	Patricia Ann Wagner
George H. Culp			

Cum Laude

George Washington Barnes	Michele Elaine Evans	Steve Anthony Lorick	Linda Kaye Shirlen
Teresa Dotson Blackwelder	Virginia Loraine Holley	Donald Everett Orr, Jr.	Marva Jane Thomas
Sandra Ann Cathey	Darryl Scott Kinard	Ritta Mason Poole	Amanda Hill Nesbitt Wilson

With Distinction

Michael Kelly Bagwell	Gary Wayne Clark	Constance G. Lemmonds	Stephanie E. Mills
Erin Johnson Barnette	Benjamin Franklin Copeland, IV	Joyce Marie Long	William Randall Phipps
Deborah R. Bell	Donna Jean Deshaies	Marsha B. McMurray	Linda Michele Werley
David L. Burnham	Charles Wayland Easley		

Scholarship Pins

Michael Scott Bowers	Robert Kerich	Kelly Dissette Maumenee	William Jeffrey Sheets
Bethany Bailey Conley			

Scholarship Certificates

Michael Scott Bowers	Zola Michelle Griffin	Kelly Dissette Maumenee	Ryan Grable Toler
Bethany Bailey Conley	Larry Allen Gritton	William Jeffrey Sheets	Rebecca June Wineka
Brenda Lynn Erikson	Robert Kerich	Derek Kevin Sims	

Faculty Service Award

William Jeffrey Sheets

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Monica Le'Van Bankston	Michael Scott Bowers	Zola Michelle Griffin	William Jeffrey Sheets
Teresa Dotson Blackwelder	William B. Caudle	Terry W. Huneycutt	Amanda Hill Wilson
Andrew Jerome Bobilya	Bethany Bailey Conley	Wesley Allan Lane	

Alpha Chi Honor Society

Michael Scott Bowers	Zola Michelle Griffin	Robert Kerish	William Jeffrey Sheets
Amy Rebecca Buckner	Larry Allen Gritton	Traci Meyer	Derek Kevin Sims
Bethany Laura Conley			

Pinnacle Honor Society

Rodney Lamar Culbreth	Angela Hamilton Truesdale
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