

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ-centered, student-focused, service-driven: equipping agents of transformation, renewal and reconciliation.

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Montreat College seeks to become the leading provider of Christ-centered higher education, enriching lives through engagement in its communities and by promoting responsible growth, culture, and spiritual life.

THE COLLEGE

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With four campuses and a student body of approximately 1,100, the Montreat College of today is continuing in its commitment to the individual student and to the integration of faith and learning.

Montreat provides a strong academic program that is intertwined with preparation for the future through an extraordinary range of leadership, internship, and service opportunities. As the only member in North Carolina of the Washington, D.C.-based Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU), Montreat takes seriously its role as a true Christ-centered institution of higher learning.

Montreat College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees, by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.



MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

In the ninety-second year of the College
Saturday, the tenth day of May
In the year of our Lord two thousand eight
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Anderson Auditorium • Montreat, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Dan Struble
President of the College
Presiding

THE PRELUDE

Selections by Scarlatti and HandelDr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano
Professor of Music

* THE PROCESSIONAL

Medley of Traditional Scottish MarchesMr. Pascal Reber, bagpipe

“Amazing Grace” John Newton
Mr. Reber

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture Reading.....Ms. Laura S. Hankins
Asheville Regional Director for the School of Professional and Adult Studies

* THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYERMr. Stephen L. Woodworth
College Chaplain

WELCOMEDr. Dan Struble
President

THE STUDENT ADDRESSES

School of Arts and Sciences.....Ms. Stephanie D. Hosack
School of Professional and Adult Studies.....Ms. Diane E. Campbell

* HYMN

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”Julia C. Cory/KREMSER
Led by Dr. Robert G. Boer

Congregation will join in singing:

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;
Through life’s storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been.
When perils o’ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, life’s battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our song of true worship we raise;
Our sins now confessing, we pray for Thy blessing,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, ever be praise.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS Mr. W. Allen Bell
“Fresh Ground Coffee” Member, Board of Trustees

* *Congregation will stand, if able*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Mr. W. Allen Bell

W. Allen Bell is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and he credits that upbringing with the sense of responsibility he feels for both civic issues and business growth and development in the downtown area of his hometown. Mr. Bell currently serves as Executive Director of the Atlanta Resource Foundation, which provides non-profit administration to a mixture of faith-based, public, and private start-up initiatives. Prior to his current post, he was Director of Communication and Director of Development at the Whitefield Academy and, earlier, the Southeastern Representative of the Christian men’s group, Promise Keepers. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Rhodes College and served as a White House intern under the elder President Bush’s administration. Following in the footsteps of his grandmother, Ida Akers Morris, he serves on the Board of Trustees at Montreat College. Mr. Bell and his wife, Sherry Vacek Bell, have three children—William, Natalie, and Russell.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Ms. Ida A. Morris

Ida Akers Morris served as a member of the Montreat College Board of Trustees from 1988 to 1991 and as Trustee Emerita from 1991 to 1994. Her husband Allen Morris served on the Board from 1972 to 1981 and from 1982 to 1988, was named Trustee Emeritus in 1989, and then returned to active service on the Board in 1993 and served until his death in 1998; Ida retired from the Board when Allen returned to active service. The Morris family has been instrumental in the success of Montreat College during the last few decades.

THE COLLEGE SEAL

The seal of Montreat College is composed of concentric circles surrounding the open book of learning and the Word of God. The words “Montreat College” encompass the ideals of strength, beauty, and truth above the Latin motto meaning “to be rather than to seem.” The date of the founding of the College, 1916, completes the emblem. The seal is based on the original seal designed by the Rev. Robert C. Anderson, D.D., first president of the College (1916-1947).

THE MACE AND THE BANNER

The College mace symbolizes the authority of the president and is present in all official College convocations. The Montreat mace is of walnut and silver, representing the simplicity and strength of the Cross of Christ, the open Bible, and the lamp of knowledge, transcendent over the seal of the College. The College banner features an arched window opening onto the mountains, framing heaven and the College’s Christ-centered education; the globe atop it represents the worldwide scope provided by education and the development of a Christian worldview based upon the Bible’s teaching. The books represent the beauty and strength of scholarship and the variety of disciplines offered by the College. The candle embodies the illumination that education and faith bring to the individual and the world.

GRADUATION HONORS

For graduation with honors from a baccalaureate program, students who earn a minimum of 60 hours at Montreat College with a grade point average from 3.50 to 4.00 achieve honors. Baccalaureate students with 45-59 hours at Montreat College and a minimum grade point average of 3.75 graduate “With Distinction.”

Cum Laude	3.50 - 3.69
Magna Cum Laude.....	3.70 - 3.84
Summa Cum Laude.....	3.85 - 4.00

HONOR GRADUATES

Scholarship Pins, the highest academic award at Montreat College, are awarded upon graduation from a baccalaureate program to those students who have fulfilled the requirements for Dean’s or Distinguished Scholars’ lists for six consecutive semesters.

Gregory Scott Abell	Ashley Grace Rhymer
Laura Rebecca Cook	Jaylynn Alecia Richard
Janell Lorraine Couch	Alicia Nichole Shocki
Tyler Gerald English	Stephanie Annette Stroud
Stephanie Diane Hosack	Alison Elizabeth Williams
Christine Lynne Mahan	Heather Price Williams

Faculty Service Award

Laura Rebecca Cook

Alpha Chi Honor Society

Laura Rebecca Cook	Stephanie Diane Hosack
Janell Lorraine Couch	Felicia Donnale Lytle-Davis
Lindsay Elizabeth Everhart	Heather Price Williams

Pinnacle Honor Society

Diane Elise Campbell
Carol R. Faulkner
Sonya Lee Wachacha

Spire Honor Society

Kelly Stewart Bennett

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD Dr. Struble

THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE Ms. Ann K. Ashley
Member, Board of Trustees

SPECIAL MUSIC
“Eternal Life” Olive Dungan
Ms. Caroline Howard, soprano
Dr. Stackhouse, piano

THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATESDr. Abiola O. Fapetu
Vice President and Dean of Academics
Assisted by Ms. Merrill Nix McCarthy, Director of Records and Registration
and Dr. Kevin J. Gorman, Director of MBA Program
Gifts presented by Ms. Fran Aceto, Alumni Board President

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES..... Dr. Struble

RECOGNITION OF VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN Dr. Fapetu

* THE COLLEGE HYMN Betty Ferrell/John Dykes
Led by Dr. Boer

<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>
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* THE PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES Dr. Anthony Horning
Assistant Professor of Education

RESPONSE TO PRAYER
“Take My Life and Let It Be” Frances Ridley Havergal
Ms. Howard

* THE RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE
Medley of Traditional Scottish MarchesMr. Reber

*Please remain in place until the last of our graduates has exited the building. Thank you.
The Campus Store, located on the first floor of the Belk Campus Center, will be open today until 5:00 p.m.*

* *Congregation will stand, if able*

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

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Jaylynn Alecia Richard, *Magna Cum Laude*
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Alicia Nichole Shocki, *Magna Cum Laude*
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Jennifer Kay Degman, *Summa Cum Laude*
Kimberly Dawn Evans, *Summa Cum Laude*
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Bryan Hall, *Magna Cum Laude*
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