### THE MACE AND THE BANNER

The College mace symbolizes the authority of the President and is present in all official College ceremonies. 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 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.

### THE ACADEMIA REGALIA

The academic regalia worn by the faculty are based upon costumes used in fourteenth and fifteenth century universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England. This style of academic dress has been used in the United States since colonial times, and it was standardized by an intercollegiate code in 1895. The doctoral gown is distinguished by three velvet stripes on the bell-shaped sleeves, while the master gown's sleeves are oblong. The hood was originally a practical element of dress, but it evolved into a purely ornamental article, draped over the shoulder and down the back. The doctoral hood extends longer than the master hood. The two colors in the satin lining of the hood are those authorized by the college or university, and the color of the velvet border indicates the degree earned as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Light Brown
Communication	Maroon
Divinity/Theology	Scarlet
Education	Light Blue
<b>Environmental Education</b>	Russet/Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
History	White
Law	Purple

Library Science	Lemon Yellow
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Psychology	Gold
Science/Physics	Gold
Social Work	Citron Yellow

# THE COLLEGE

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With four campuses in Asheville, Black Mountain, Charlotte, and Montreat and a student body of approximately 850, 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 (CCCU), 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 associates, bachelors, and masters degrees, by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.

# THE MISSION STATEMENT

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

### THE VISION STATEMENT

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

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# MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

In the ninety-sixth year of the College
Saturday, the twelfth day of May
In the year of our Lord two thousand twelve
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 Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)	Dr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano Professor of Music
(Selections include "Mid-Summer" and "The Joy of Autumn" from Op. 62.	5 5
L. Nelson Bell Library contain autographed manuscripts of these two pieces, donated	by Marian MacDowell, wife of the composer.)
*THE PROCESSIONAL	
Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches	Mr. Connell Sanderson, bagpipes
"Amazing Grace"	John Newton
	Mr. Sanderson
*THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Rev Dr Stephen Woodworth
	College Chaplain
*THE CONTRACTOR OF A DINIC	D. M. I.M. C. d.
*THE SCRIPTURE READING	Associate Professor of History
THE WELCOME	
THE STUDENT ADDRESSES	President
School of Professional and Adult Studies	
School of Arts and Sciences	Mr. Jared Nielsen
THE MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR	
"L'Eternel est mon berger" (Psaume 23)	Nathan Hathaway Adams, Class of 2012
"The Lord is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)	Charles Collins
	Mr. Timothy Wilds, Director
THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Assistant Professor of Music
"Free at Last"	Mr. Philip Yancey
	Author
*THE HYMN  "Come, Thou Almighty King"	source unknown/Felice de Giardini
	Led by Mr. Wilds

#### Congregation will join in singing:

#### Verse 1

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

#### Verse 3

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

#### Verse 2

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

#### Verse 4

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

### School of Arts and Sciences - Bryan Pillsbury ('75)

After graduating from Montreat-Anderson College (then a Junior College) in 1975, Bryan continued his education at Gordon College, earning his B.S. in Psychology, and also at Western Carolina University, earning his M.B.A. For a time, Bryan returned to Montreat College, working in various capacities in Athletics, Student Services, and Admissions, part of which involved serving as the Resident Director of Davis Hall with his wife, Paige.

Bryan has served on staff at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, for 25 years, currently as the Associate Pastor of Missions. He and Paige have five children – Rachel, Sarah, Preston, Nathan, and Richard. Bryan's passion is to see that every man, woman, and child on the planet has a repeated opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Bryan invests his time in the younger generations discipling them in Bible study, in theology, and in church planting. Bryan does much work with indigenous church planting movements with the majority of his travel to Cuba, the former Soviet Union, India, East Asia, and the Middle East.

### School of Professional and Adult Studies – John Christopher Thompson ('02)

In May 2002, John C. Thompson earned his Bachelors degree from the Montreat College School of Professional and Adult Studies while deployed with the U.S. Air Force to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon his return, he was given an opportunity to become a commissioned officer and was appointed to the grade of Second Lieutenant in November of 2004. In service to this great nation, he has received the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and numerous other awards and decorations.

John works full-time as a Logistics Officer with the North Carolina Air National Guard. He is in his 23rd year of service in the U.S. Air Force and has recently been selected for promotion to the rank of Major. John and his wife, Beth, of 18-years, currently live in Casar, North Carolina with their two children, Emily, 17 and Zachary, 10.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

#### Mr. Charles M. Zeiser

Charles M. Zeiser is Chairman of the Board of Southern Champion Tray in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a long-time friend and supporter of Montreat College, serving as an active member of the Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1993 and from 1994 to 2006. He provided visionary leadership as Chairman of the Board from 1988 to 1991. He and his wife, Joanne, reside in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, where they are members of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church.

### THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The line of march for the procession follows academic protocol and historical tradition. At today's ceremony, the academic procession begins with the commencement marshal carrying the College banner and with the longest-serving faculty member bearing the mace. Proceeding next are the candidates for graduation and then, the members of the faculty and President's Cabinet. At the end of the processional is the platform party, including the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, honored guests, invited speakers, and the President who presides over the ceremony. The line of march is reversed for the recessional.

# 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.

### **CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION**

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Anna Beth Blevins
Angela Garren Boney
Starla Lynn Burris
Amanda Michelle Clubb
Michelle Crawford
Antoinette Lament Crews
Charlie Cheneé Cromartie
Andromeda Yolanda Foley
Ayissa C. Green
Jerry McAuthor Green, Jr.

Khalleef Amin Harewood Melicia A. Harvey<sup>1</sup> Nevin Wendell Hayes John Joseph Holly Juanita R. Hornbuckle Eric Christopher Ingle Tammy Diane Israel Valicia Michele Jones<sup>1</sup> Constance Jackson Mack Kateri Ann McKnight Kelly K. Meyer
Brian Keith Owenby
Donna K. Semmel, With Honors
Dontarius Lamonte Simmons
Raven Patricia Simms
Terri W.Toms
Trevor Anthony Watkins, Sr.
Shaquea Annette White
Sophia Javara Williamson<sup>1</sup>
Carolyn Gaston Wilson

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Nathan Hathaway Adams, *Magna Cum Laude*Amanda Marie Agner
Nora Katlyn Beauchamp, *Summa Cum Laude*Jessica Taylor Boyd, *Summa Cum Laude* 

George Michael Claud<sup>1</sup> John Zachary Clodfelter Hannah Allison Davis Joseph Dohmann Corrie Greene<sup>1</sup> Kayla Michelle Manuel, *Magna Cum Laude* Alexandria Mash

#### CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Lacy Guerlain Hudson, Summa Cum Laude

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Samantha Renae Buckles, Cum Laude
Kenneth Tyler Buff
Benjamin Thomas Cellamare<sup>1</sup>
Caitlyn Faith Chambers
Jeremiah Ray Combs, With Distinction
Javier Cuellar<sup>1</sup>
David Curtis Flanagan
Meredith Michelle Florence
Susannah Lane Frawley, Summa Cum Laude
Sarah Jyoti Hackney, Magna Cum Laude
Dustin Andrew Bradley Harris<sup>1</sup>
Cameron Grayson Hayes
Anna Mary Hunt, Summa Cum Laude

Tifaney Ammber Jones

Daniel Jamar Kennedy
Sarah Marie Lima
Elizabeth Mayo Loop

Angela Kay Lovelace, With Distinction

Kayla Michelle Manuel, Magna Cum Laude
Marshall Bryan McDonald
Sarah Laine McGuirt
Rhiannon Fern Miller
Lindsay Lynn Mizok
Ashley Nicole Myers

Jared Anders Nielsen, Summa Cum Laude
Natalie Elizabeth Nieman

David Tillman Powell
David Thomas Reed¹
Jonathon Luis Rodriguez
Kelly Johanna Santos
Imari Jade Scarbrough, Magna Cum Laude¹
Jordan Wesley Sells
Austin Joseph Shattuck¹
Kathy Dawn Spallinger, Cum Laude
Anna Brittney Stephenson¹
Andrea Elizabeth Thompson
Alicia Danielle Wallace, Summa Cum Laude
Monica Paige Wheeldon
Nicholas Scott Zuerlein, Cum Laude

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Roberta Jones Lloyd

James Scott Strong

Shondria Kalinda Webber-Hardin

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Ronald Bruce Belvin, Jr.<sup>1</sup>
Henrietta C. Bryant
Gladys Chambers, Cum Laude
Kasheena Eiajuanta Connor, Magna Cum Laude
Kevin Todd Ellingwood, Cum Laude
Vanessa Moore Gilcreast
Conitia Lynette Hearst
Betty Smith Jarmon, Summa Cum Laude

Darrell Bradley Lomax
Bruce Alan Luecke
Harley McCorkle
James Herbert Nance
Tonya McIntosh Odhiambo
Donald Allen Owensby, Magna Cum Laude
Keturah LaKia Parker
Mark Anthony Perryman, Cum Laude

Robin Page Rice
Carmen Julia Saldana
Regeania Elaine Sanders
Charles Anthony Shepherd<sup>1</sup>
Michael Denver Sluder<sup>1</sup>
Ivy Laverne Wallace, Cum Laude
Rhonda Théres Weeks<sup>1</sup>
Shannon L. Young-Grier, Summa Cum Laude

#### CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Jasmine Alena Monroe

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Duane Creighton Adams John Brice Bowles, Jr. Gloria Crawford Coleman Jason Alexander Gaddy Ryan Forrest Glock Sonji Fonseca Harrington Brela Brenae James Nathan Robert McCollin Kathleen Ann Miller John Middleton Pearson Bradley Keith Powers Brandy Nichole Robertson Pamela Sue Sneed Deborah Jean Toineeta

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Tracey Denise Boyer
James Devron Brannen
Manuel Eugene Campbell
David Harold Cook
Mark Anthony Coris
Mary Lynn M. English
Vernita Ann Gladden
Rhonda Sayles Gray

Joel W. Guge Misty Ellen Guge Elizabeth Gail Henderson Tiffany N. Johnson Vivian Ferrell Leak Lakeisha Denise Mobley Laura Marie Myers Carol A. Owenby Anthony Wayne Rayburn Katharine Elaine Robbins Jamie Monette Smith Jonathan Lee Stokes Keith Leander Tate Jeffrey David Vance Nichole Marie Watson

The Commencement program reflects information determined to be correct at the time of printing, but is not the official list of degree candidates certified for graduation.

<sup>1</sup>Pending Conferral August 2012

## **GRADUATION HONORS**

Montreat College associate and baccalaureate graduates are recognized with honors for achievement of a grade point average from 3.5 to 4.0, having completed a minimum of 60 hours in residence. Baccalaureate students with 45-59 hours earned at Montreat College with a minimum grade point average of 3.75, graduate "With Distinction." Associate graduates with a grade point average of 3.75 and above are recognized "With Honors" and by wearing gold and white cords. Baccalaureate degree honors are recognized by wearing gold cords and by the following definitions:

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

The 2012 Valedictorian and Salutatorian — The School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Professional and Adult Studies recognize the baccalaureate degree student with the highest cumulative grade point average with the honor of Valedictorian and the student with the second highest cumulative grade point average with the honor of Salutatorian.

#### School of Arts and Sciences

2012 Valedictorian — Lacy Guerlain Hudson 2012 Valedictorian — Jared Anders Nielsen 2012 Salutatorian — Anna Mary Hunt

### School of Professional and Adult Studies

2012 Valedictorian — Betty Smith Jarmon 2012 Salutatorian — Shannon L. Young-Grier **The Scholarship Pin** is awarded to graduates receiving the bachelors degree who have fulfilled the requirements for Dean's List (3.50-3.89 GPA) or Distinguished Scholars' (3.90 GPA or above) for six consecutive semesters.

Nora Katlyn Beauchamp Jessica Taylor Boyd Sarah Jyoti Hackney Lacy Guerlain Hudson Kayla Michelle Manuel Jared Anders Nielsen Imari Jade Scarbrough Kathy Dawn Spallinger Alicia Danielle Wallace Shannon L. Young-Grier

**Alpha Chi Honor Society** membership for the School of Arts and Sciences is based on good reputation and character, rank in the top ten percent of the junior and senior classes, and regular student status at Montreat College for no less than one academic year prior to election.

Nora Katlyn Beauchamp Jessica Taylor Boyd Susannah Lane Frawley Lacy Guerlain Hudson Anna Mary Hunt Jared Anders Nielsen Alicia Danielle Wallace

**Pinnacle** (bachelor degree) **and Spire** (associate degree) **Honor Societies** for students in the School of Professional and Adult Studies grant recognition for scholastic success and for community leadership. Undergraduate students must meet all the following requirements: minimum GPA of 3.5, at least 24 semester credits at Montreat College, and a commitment to community service through meaningful and active participation in at least three community projects or organizations during their time as a Montreat College student.

#### **Pinnacle Honor Society**

Gladys Chambers Kasheena Eiajuanta Connor Betty Smith Jarmon Shannon L. Young-Grier

**Spire Honor Society** 

Constance Jackson Mack Shaquea Annette White

# **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Mr. Philip Yancey

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Philip Yancey graduated magna cum laude from Columbia Bible College. He earned graduate degrees in Communication and English from Wheaton College Graduate School and the University of Chicago. Philip Yancey joined the staff of *Campus Life Magazine* in 1971, and worked there as Editor and then Publisher. He looks on those years with gratitude, because teenagers are demanding readers, and writing for them taught him a lasting principle: The reader is in control!

In 1978, Philip Yancey became a full-time writer, initially working as a journalist for such varied publications as *Reader's Digest*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *National Wildlife*, *Christian Century*, and *The Reformed Journal*. For many years he wrote a monthly column for *Christianity Today* magazine, which he still serves as editor-at-large. His twenty books have won thirteen Gold Medallion Awards and have sold more than fifteen million copies.

The Yanceys live in Colorado. They enjoy hiking, wildlife, and all the other delights of the Rocky Mountains. In 2007, Philip Yancey completed his goal of climbing all 54 of Colorado's 14,000-foot plus peaks.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS	Dr. Struble	
THE CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE	Mr. Bernard H. Wright, Jr. Chairman, Board of Trustees	
THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	Dr. Marshall Flowers, Jr.  Senior Vice President and Provost Assisted by Ms. Merrill N. McCarthy  Registrar	
THE CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dr. Struble	
*THE COLLEGE HYMN	Betty Ferrell/John Dykes Led by Mr. Wilds	
Congregation will join in singing:		

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 THE POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches......Mr. Sanderson

Please remain in place until the last graduate has exited Anderson Auditorium. Thank you.

The robes worn by students this year are made from recycled, biodegradable materials.

#### **VIDEO & AUDIO RECORDINGS**

This College event is being video and audio recorded. A DVD or CD\*\* may be ordered through the Campus Store immediately after the event or online at: www.montreat.edu/bookstore. DVDs are \$20.00 and CDs are \$10.00.

[\*\*the audio CD only includes the Commencement speaker and student addresses]

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Graduation photos are available for purchase from Sunday Grant Photography.

To order photos, go to http://www.pictage.com/1222367.

To contact Sunday Grant directly, email sunday@sundaygrantphotography.com.

#### **CAMPUS STORE**

The Campus Store, located on the first floor of the Belk Campus Center, is open today until 5:00 p.m.

\* Please stand, if able.