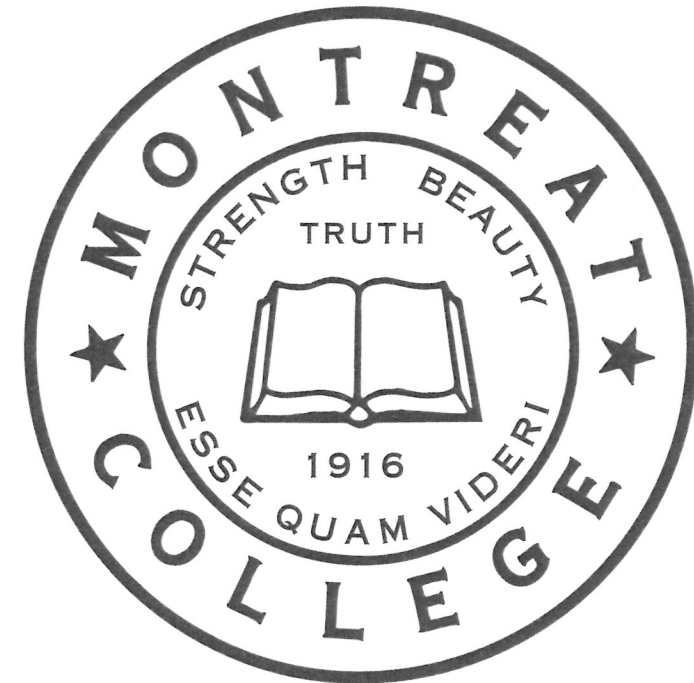




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## MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

In the ninety-eighth year of the College  
Saturday, the fourteenth day of December  
In the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen  
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson Auditorium  
Montreat, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE		
Mr. Joe Kirkland, LittD Interim President of the College Presiding		
THE PRELUDE	Selected Early Sonatas, Hob. XVI <i>Franz J. Haydn</i>	Dr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano <i>Professor of Music</i>
* THE PROCESSIONAL	Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches  Amazing Grace <i>John Newton</i>	Mr. E.J. Jones, bagpipes
* THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. David Taylor <i>Dean of Spiritual Formation</i>
* THE SCRIPTURE READING		Dr. Stephen Dukas <i>Assistant Professor of Accounting/Finance</i>
THE WELCOME		Dr. Joe Kirkland <i>Interim President</i>
THE STUDENT ADDRESSES		
School of Professional and Adult Studies		Mr. Brenton Bent
School of Arts and Sciences		Ms. Bethany Hirz
THE MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR	Day by Day <i>David Madeira</i>	Mr. Timothy Wilds, Director <i>Assistant Professor of Music</i>
	Soon I Will Be Done <i>William L. Dawson</i>	
	Black Gospel Medley <i>(various composers)</i>	
THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	“Knowing Your Calling”	Dr. Sanford “Sandy” Shugart <i>President, Valencia College</i>
* THE HYMN	I Sing the Mighty Power of God <i>Isaac Watts</i>	Led by Mr. Wilds
	Verse 1	Verse 2
	<i>I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.</i>	<i>I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.</i>
	Verse 3	
	<i>There’s not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known, And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care; And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.</i>	
* Please stand, if able.		

## THE ACADEMIC 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	Library Science .....	Lemon Yellow
Business .....	Light Brown	Music .....	Pink
Communication .....	Maroon	Nursing .....	Apricot
Divinity/Theology .....	Scarlet	Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Education .....	Light Blue	Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Environmental Education .....	Russet/Light Blue	Psychology .....	Gold
Fine Arts .....	Brown	Science/Physics .....	Gold
History .....	White	Social Work .....	Citron Yellow
Law .....	Purple		

## THE COLLEGE

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With seven campuses in Asheville, Black Mountain, Charlotte, Morganton, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, 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 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.

## 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.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

## Dr. Sanford Shugart

Dr. Sanford “Sandy” Shugart has served since 2000 as the fourth president of Valencia College in greater Orlando, Florida. As winner of the first Aspen Prize for Excellence, Valencia is one of the most celebrated community colleges in America. Serving some 70,000 students per year, Valencia is known for high rates of graduation, transfer, and job placement and has become something of a national laboratory for best practices in learning-centered education. Prior to Valencia, Dr. Shugart served as president of North Harris College and as Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of the North Carolina Community College System. He earned his Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to his career in education, Sandy is a published poet, songwriter, and author of Leadership in the Crucible of Work: Discovering the Interior Life of an Authentic Leader.

## 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 the 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.

## THE MACE AND THE BANNER

*Designed and created by Art Professor Emeritus, James D. Southerland, M.F.A., Artist-in-Residence*

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 CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Polly Haigler  
*Member, Board of Trustees*

### THE PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Marshall Flowers, Jr.  
*Senior Vice President and Provost*  
assisted by Mrs. Keri Boer  
*Director of Records and Registration*

### THE CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Kirkland

#### \* THE COLLEGE HYMN

*Betty Ferrell/John Dykes*

Led by Mr. Wilds

*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 PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

Dr. Brad Daniel  
*Professor of Outdoor Education*

#### \* THE RECESSIONAL AND THE POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

Mr. Jones

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

Today’s Commencement ceremony is being webcast live and can be viewed at the following link:  
<http://client.stretchinternet.com/client/montreatadmin.portal#>

**Graduation photos** are available for purchase from Callia Photography.  
To order photos, go to [www.calliaphotography.com](http://www.calliaphotography.com)  
Click on the “kids and seniors” link. Click on the client proofing tab, and enter the password: graduation.  
To contact Callia Photography directly, email [terrie@calliaphotography.com](mailto:terrie@calliaphotography.com)  
The photos will be ready for viewing on December 28th.

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

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

\* Please stand, if able.

# 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 December 2013 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**

- Valedictorian – Holly Elizabeth Dixon
- Salutatorian – Seth James Orr

**School of Professional and Adult Studies**

- Valedictorian – Timothy Joseph Cox
- Salutatorian – James Robert Stapleton

**The Scholarship Pin** is awarded to graduates receiving the bachelor’s degree who have fulfilled the requirements for Dean’s List (3.50-3.89 GPA) or Distinguished Scholars’ List (3.90 GPA or above) for six consecutive semesters.

**School of Arts and Sciences**

- Holly Elizabeth Dixon
- Bethany Lyn Hirz
- David Alan Parker
- Tyler Wayne Phass
- Rebecca Ruth Shaw
- Katherine Ann Torrance

**School of Professional and Adult Studies**

- Timothy Joseph Cox
- James Robert Stapleton

**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.

- Kevin Shaun Davis
- Holly Elizabeth Dixon
- Bethany Lyn Hirz
- Seth James Orr
- David Alan Parker

**Pinnacle Honor Society** (bachelor degree) for students in the School of Professional and Adult Studies grants 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**

- Sandra K. Chapman
- Holly Goodman House
- Lisa Michelle Latham
- Dorothy Watts Martin
- Amy Marie McKibben
- Michael Everette Youngblood

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sonia Michelle Ballard <sup>1</sup>	Leigh Shannon Hollis	Mario Newton
Kenneth Gregory Carr, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Ernest Eugene Marshall, <i>Cum Laude</i>	James Robert Stapleton, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
LaShon Huntley Cole	Heath Ray McMillian, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Shavone H. Thomas
Sparkles Valencia Farrar, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Christopher Brian Moran, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Thomas Brian Waters <sup>2</sup>
Tsahi Afia Harris	Lucretia Tinisha Neal, <i>Cum Laude</i>	

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Quentin Navoid Gardner	Wilbourn Kiptanui Kosgei	Sheva Sylvain-Marsh <sup>1</sup>
Carmela Macey Hensley	Rosanna Fox Mulcahy	Donna Morton Stikeleather <sup>1</sup>
	Jacqueline Lea Price	

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Sharon Lee Lane	Thomas Randolph
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Jesse Baker	Alpheus Andrew Haswell, Jr.	Kyle Thomas Smith
Brenton Franklin Bent	Benjamin Harold Hetzel <sup>1</sup>	Linda Christine South
Robert Bryan Boyette, Jr.	Christopher Lee Hinson	Erin Elizabeth Sweeney
Carlette Denise Brown <sup>1</sup>	Michelle Lyons McAdoo	Ivan Dewayne Thomas
Christian Drew	Yates Edward Moore	Abraham Choloply Walker
Matthew David Ferguson	Rene Mario Ramirez	Jackey Lee Woody

<sup>1</sup>Conferred August 2013

<sup>2</sup>Pending May Conferral 2014

*The listing of Candidates for Graduation reflects information determined to be correct at the time of printing, but may not be the official list of degree candidates certified for graduation.*

# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Ashley Annette Baker <sup>1</sup>	Preston Kendall Green	Elaine Kimberly Rogers <sup>1</sup>
Anne Nicole Callahan <sup>1</sup>	Deborah Greene	Jennifer Celeste Sisson
Johnathon Tyler Garmon	Kesha Johnson <sup>1</sup>	Karen Yvonne Williams
	Lynn T. Lee <sup>1</sup>	

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Holly Elizabeth Dixon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Courtney Lynn Hawks	William Jacob Bonny Wilson
Serena Fender Graham, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Seth James Orr, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
Brittany Nichole Hall	aKatherine Ann Torrance, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	

## CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Rebecca Ruth Shaw, *Magna Cum Laude*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jennifer Perkins Adams, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	J. Vincent Howell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	David Alan Parker, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Mathilde Bernard	Carmaie Michelle Huntley	Thomas J. Robinson, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Joseph L. Butler	Katrina Lee Ireland	Hannah Lauren Scholz
Leanne Kay Calder, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Lauren Merrill Kelly	Dana Monet Spangler, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Bradley David Carpenter	Lisa Michelle Latham, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Sonji Rae Spencer
Sandra K. Chapman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Timothy Aaron Lau, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Azjah Cheyaunti Stallings
Ashley Marie Chavira	Jonathan David Leslie, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jason Peter Stone <sup>2</sup>
Keegan Daniel Chavka	Sheila Marie Lyles	Barry Lee Stroupe, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Timothy Joseph Cox, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Michael Grant Maltba, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Alex Gregory Thompson
Kevin Shaun Davis, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Dorothy Watts Martin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Hannah Leigh Travis, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jonathan Winslow Floyd	Lorraine Sampson Martin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Joshua Daniel VanDine
Desiree Edwards Greene, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Amy Marie McKibben, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Patrick Leonard Williams, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i>
Susan Bolick Greene, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ian Todd McVay	Johnathan Ernest Wood
Bethany Lyn Hirz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Chiquita Alice Scotia Moser, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Michael Everette Youngblood, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Glenice Carr Horsley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Nilda Maria Navedo	
Holly Goodman House, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ayobami Johnson Oyemade	

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