

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-ninth year of the College
Saturday, the thirteenth day of December
In the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson Auditorium
Montreat, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Paul Maurer
President of the College

THE PRELUDE	Selections by <i>Franz Schubert and Robert Schumann</i>	Dr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano <i>Professor of Music</i>
	Traditional Christmas Music <i>arr. Catherine McMichael</i>	String Trio Ms. Brooke Alexander, violin Ms. Emily Berry, violin Dr. Benjamin Smith, cello <i>Assistant Professor of Music Business</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. Dr. John Ellington <i>former College Chaplain</i>
* THE SCRIPTURE READING		Mr. Charles Lance <i>Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
THE WELCOME		Dr. Paul Maurer <i>President</i>
THE STUDENT ADDRESSES	School of Professional and Adult Studies School of Arts and Sciences	Mr. Robert Hoffman Mrs. AllieMarie Councill
THE MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR	Lift Up Your Heads <i>Mark Schweiser</i> God Has Smiled on Me I Love the Lord Total Praise <i>Black Gospel Medley</i>	Mr. Timothy Wilds, Director <i>Assistant Professor of Music</i>
THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	“Oh, the Places You’ll Go”	Dr. John B. Sorensen <i>President, Evangelism Explosion International</i>
* THE HYMN	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee <i>Henry J. van Dyke/Ludwig van Beethoven</i>	led by Mr. Wilds

Verse 1	Verse 2
<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.</i>	<i>All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.</i>
Verse 3	Verse 4
<i>Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.</i>	<i>Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.</i>

* Please stand, if able.

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 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	Law	Purple
Business	Light Brown	Library Science	Lemon Yellow
Communication	Maroon	Music	Pink
Counseling	White	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

THE COLLEGE

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With seven campuses in Asheville, Black Mountain, Charlotte, Durham, Morganton, 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 (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; by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education; by the Wilderness Education Association’s Commission on Outdoor Education and Leadership; and by the North American Association for Environmental Education.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Dr. John B. Sorensen

Dr. John B. Sorensen, President of Evangelism Explosion (EE) provides expertise on evangelism and culture, as well as evangelism efforts in the United States and overseas. He and Dr. D. James Kennedy, Founder of EE, co-authored *Well Done: A Christian Doctrine of Works* (Green Tree Press). John earned a Master of Arts in Evangelism at Knox Theological Seminary. While at Knox, John earned the award for most outstanding work in the department of Missions and Evangelism and was awarded an honorary doctorate.

The journey all began at the suggestion of a friend. John started attending Christ Community Church where Dr. Tom Stebbins took him through the Evangelism Explosion Gospel presentation and led him to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. His wife, Ann, also accepted Christ. John and Ann both took EE and fell in love with seeing people come to Christ. John became a trainer and teacher-trainer in EE, then joined the staff of EE International in 1997. John served as the Director of Marketing, Vice President of Ministry Advancement, and Executive Vice President before being appointed President in 2008, an office held previously only by EE's founder, Dr. D. James Kennedy. The impact of EE is now global and growing. This past year Evangelism Explosion International equipped more than 324,000 Christians worldwide to be witnesses for Christ, and saw, by the grace of God, more than 7.25 million people make a profession of faith in Jesus.

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 CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Mr. William Haynes
Chairman, 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. Maurer

* 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. Joe Kirkland
Senior Vice President for Advancement

* 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:
www.montreat.edu/broadcast

Graduation photos are available for purchase from Mike Thornhill Photography.
To order photos, go to thornhillphoto.com/montreat
To contact Mike Thornhill directly, email mike@thornhillphoto.com
The photos will be ready for viewing on December 18.

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

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

GRADUATION HONORS

Montreat College 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 credit hours earned at Montreat College with a minimum grade point average of 3.75 graduate “With Distinction.” Associate graduates with at least 45 credit hours earned at Montreat College 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:

<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.50 – 3.69
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.70 – 3.84
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.85 – 4.00

The December 2014 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	School of Professional and Adult Studies
December 2014 Valedictorian – Dana Marie Varnell	December 2014 Valedictorian – Jerry Ray McMillan, Jr.
December 2014 Salutatorian – Christopher Paul Holder	December 2014 Salutatorian – Rachel M. Hinchey

The Scholarship Pin is awarded to graduates receiving the bachelor’s degree who have fulfilled the requirements for the 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	School of Professional and Adult Studies
Christopher Paul Holder	Susan Reith Meade
Martina Lee Sementelli	

Military Honor Cords – Montreat College recognizes veterans and active duty members in our United States Armed Services. These women and men are given red, white, and blue honor cords to wear during their graduation commencement ceremony.

Alpha Chi Honor Society is one of the nation’s most prestigious college honor societies. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among students. 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.

Alpha Chi Honor Society
AllieMarie Cuncell
Christopher Paul Holder
Dana Marie Varnell

Chi Sigma Iota is an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. It promotes a strong professional identity through members (professional counselors, counselor educators, and students) who contribute to the realization of a healthy society by fostering wellness and human dignity. Chi Sigma Iota’s mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling. Students must hold a 3.5 GPA or higher in order to be members.

Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society
Amanda M. Allison
Robert Lowell Hoffman
Aaron Joseph McGinley
Cassandra Rose Moore
Deborah Lorene Whitley

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
Brittany Lee Chovan
Lori Fairley Corpening
Michelle Tillman Cureton

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Cindy Ann Aycock, *With Honors*¹

Shawntay Marie Barrino-Gilliam¹

Gentry Robinson Buchan

Michael David Hawkins, *With Honors*²

Terrence Denard Massey

Lakeshia Tyrainia Mosely¹

Jennifer Celeste Sisson¹

Kenneth Michael Towe¹

Ryan Walters¹

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Alexander David Baskaron

AllieMarie Councell, *Summa Cum Laude*²

Winston Douglas Rheinbolt, *Cum Laude*

Kathryn Nicole Rogers

Daniel Joseph Ruck

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Silas Ferreira Alves²

Zachariah Tyler Antill, *Cum Laude*

Lori Fairley Corpening, *Magna Cum Laude*

Charlie Chene Cromartie¹

Michelle Tillman Cureton, *Cum Laude*¹

Amy Beth Farish, *Cum Laude*¹

Forrest Benjamin Farthing

Vijay Godhania

Michael Lyle Golombowski, *Magna Cum Laude*¹

Lance Kelly Gower

Kevin Lee Hensley

Rachel M. Hinchey, *Summa Cum Laude*

Christopher Paul Holder, *Summa Cum Laude*

Clarissa Therese Horton

Cheryl Pauling Howard²

Reu Dell Kelley²

Pe To Kong, *Magna Cum Laude*

Tamela Jean Kyrliuk

Kimberly Chevelle Linney

Benjamin J. W. Lloyd

Diego Fernando Maldonado¹

Justina Marie Massalee

Susan Reith Meade, *With Distinction*¹

Winston Douglas Rheinbolt, *Cum Laude*

Seth Carwile Robinson²

Candy Rae Ross²

Christina Joy Saboley, *Cum Laude*

Angelia Jeannette Schifferle, *Cum Laude*¹

Megan Elizabeth Sechler, *Cum Laude*

Martina Lee Sementelli, *Magna Cum Laude*

Penny Elaine Spencer-Briggs, *Magna Cum Laude*²

Jessica Rilla Strahan, *Cum Laude*

Dana Marie Varnell, *Summa Cum Laude*

Holly Alyse Warren, *Cum Laude*

Megan Linette Williams, *Cum Laude*²

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michael Ralph Bates

Brittany Lee Chovan, *Cum Laude*

Cheryl Lynn Hill²

Valicia Michele Jones

Tominita Denise Knox²

Everett Lee Lynch

Jerry Ray McMillan, Jr., *Summa Cum Laude*¹

Mario Wendell Newton

Dwayne Anthony Pipkin

Tawanna Monique Reddick¹

Mark B. Scroggs

Dontarius Lamonte Simmons¹

Terri Wilkerson Toms, *Cum Laude*¹

Karen Yvonne Williams

¹Conferred August 2014

²Pending conferral May 2015

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Amanda M. Allison
Robert Lowell Hoffman
Aaron Joseph McGinley

Cassandra Rose Moore
Deborah Lorene Whitley

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

Jennifer Annette Avent ¹	Cynthia Sanders Hall	Coretta Nefertiti Meredith-Farrar ¹
Yolanda Rea Barnes ¹	Tracy E. Hines	Damon Sean Miller
Allison Leigh Caldwell ¹	Caleb Austin Hofheins ¹	Debra Kay Newby ¹
Tarji Letreanna Caldwell	Michelle Elizabeth Howell Hancock	Sandra Denise Norville
Ryan B. Carlson	Shirley Jennivieve Livingstone ¹	Andrew Paul Piwowarski ¹
Alisha J. Couch	Scott David Louis	Randa Melissa Ross ¹
Monique Cheree Evans ¹	Quintin D. McCullers	Clarence Ray Williams, Jr.

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Erica Denise Crawford ¹	Keith Leander Tate
Daniel John Dunne ¹	Brittany Combest Thames ¹
Shayla Shade Gregory ¹	Herman Williams

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*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.*