

THE COLLEGE

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With seven campuses in Montreat, Asheville, Black Mountain, Charlotte, Morganton, Rocky Mount, and Durham and a student body of approximately 925, 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 the associate, bachelor, and master degrees. (Business degree programs are accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education and Outdoor Education programs are accredited by the Wilderness Education Association and the Commission on Outdoor Education and Leadership.)

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 one-hundredth year of the College
Saturday, the twelfth day of December
In the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson Auditorium
Montreat, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE		
Dr. Paul J. Maurer President		
PRELUDE	Selections by 18 th and 19 th c. Russian composers	Dr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano <i>Professor of Music</i>
PROCESSIONAL	Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches Amazing Grace <i>tune: NEW BRITAIN</i>	Mr. E.J. Jones <i>bagpipes</i>
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Mr. Thomas Oxenreider <i>Associate Dean for Calling and Career</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	Mr. Michael Davis <i>Director of Admissions Adult and Graduate Studies</i>	
WELCOME	Dr. Paul J. Maurer <i>President</i>	
STUDENT ADDRESSES	School of Adult and Graduate Studies School of Arts and Sciences	
MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR	Appalachian Lord's Prayer <i>Rich Sowash</i>	Mr. Timothy Wilds, Director <i>Assistant Professor of Music</i>
	Fairest Lord Jesus <i>Gilbert Martin</i>	Mrs. Carla Sperry, <i>accompanist</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	"Meanwhile: God's Assurance In The Face of Uncertainty"	Rev. Scott Bowen <i>Senior Pastor, Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church</i>
HYMN	Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above <i>Words by Johann J. Schütz tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART</i>	led by Mr. Timothy Wilds accompanied by Dr. Eunice Stackhouse
Verse 1		
Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, And every grief he gently stills: To God all praise and glory!		
Verse 2		
The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing, An ever present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing; As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory!		
Verse 3		
Let all who name Christ's holy name Give God all praise and glory. Let all who know his power proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne; The Lord is God, and he alone: To God all praise and glory!		

THE CENTENNIAL BANNER

The centennial banner visually marks the college's 100-year history. Opened in 1916, Montreat College celebrates its 100th academic year in 2015-16, making this year's graduates part of the centennial class. The theme for the centennial year is "A Legacy for Tomorrow," representing the impact Montreat College graduates will make for generations to come.

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
Business	Light Brown
Communication	Maroon
Counseling	White
Divinity/Theology	Scarlet
Education	Light Blue
Environmental Education	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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Rev. Scott Bowen
Senior Pastor of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church

Scott Bowen currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. Scott grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. After graduating from the University of North Carolina in 2000, he served for four years as a Youth Director at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church. In addition to meeting his wife, Amanda, during that season, it was through those years at SMPC that Scott sensed the call to pastoral ministry which led him to Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts in 2004. In January of 2007, Scott was called to First Presbyterian Church in Opelika, Alabama. Over the course of nearly eight years in Opelika, the Bowens were immensely privileged to be a part both of that dear church family and of a wonderful work of God by his Spirit through his Word.

Scott and Amanda have been married since 2003. They have two sons and two daughters. Outside of the church, you are likely to see Scott running around the mountain or spending time with his family. Currently Scott is working on his dissertation in the Doctor of Ministry program of Reformed Theological Seminary.

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.

THE MACE

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.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Gregory P. Kerr
*Vice President
for Academic Affairs*

Mrs. Susan DeWoody
*Vice President and Dean
for Adult and Graduate Studies*

assisted by Mrs. Keri Boer
Director of Records and Registration

Dr. Paul J. Maurer

led by Mr. Timothy Wilds
accompanied by Dr. Eunice
Stackhouse

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

COLLEGE HYMN

Montreat Alma Mater
Verses 1 & 2 Betty Ferrell

*Verse 3
(written by faculty & staff in honor of
the college's centennial)
tune: MELITA by John Dykes*

Verse 1

*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.*

Verse 2

*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.*

Verse 3

*Forth from this cove and mountain stream,
We seek to be and not to seem,
To serve and lead in Christ's full light,
From ages past to future bright.
Oh dear Montreat, fulfill this aim,
In Father, Son, and Spirit's name.*

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

Rev. Dr. David Taylor
Dean of Spiritual Formation

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

Mr. E.J. Jones
bagpipes

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

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Nathan Oliver Willis

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Raquel Montoya Arana ²	Lorie N. Moore ²	Samantha Stinson Lewis
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Daniel Sengsue Lee

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Bridget Renee Burroughs, <i>Cum Laude</i> ²	Lovedy Paige Wachacha Gross	Bashira Ross
Scott Lee Burroughs ²	Charity Lynne Henry	Caitlin Elizabeth Seagle, <i>Cum Laude</i> ²
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Shannon Carlough	Stephanie H. Jones	Jamie Marie Sullivan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jeanette Renee Dominguez	Tora Nicole Kincaid, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> ²	Twana Tysor Brown, <i>Cum Laude</i>
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