

# 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, Morganton, Durham, 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 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges to award associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees, by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).

## 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.



# MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

In the ninety-ninth year of the College  
Saturday, the ninth day of May  
In the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen  
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson Auditorium  
Montreat, North Carolina



# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER & HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Ken Barun  
Chief of Staff of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Mr. Ken Barun joined the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in 2007. He currently serves as the chief of staff reporting to President and CEO Franklin Graham. Previously, he held the position of senior vice president of communications and donor ministries.

Prior to joining the ministry, and Mr. Barun spent more than 20 years with the McDonald's Corporation. As corporate senior vice president, he oversaw and led the areas under corporate social responsibility including nutrition. He also held the position of president/CEO and board member of Ronald McDonald House Charities Worldwide. During his tenure at McDonald's, Mr. Barun helped develop and manage several well-known brand initiatives including Ronald McDonald House Charities, McDonald's World Children's Day, and McDonald's Balanced Active Lifestyle Campaign.

In 1982, Mr. Barun was asked by President Ronald Reagan to join the White House staff, where he served for three years as a director of projects and policy to First Lady Nancy Reagan. Mr. Barun has served in three presidential administrations, under Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush. Barun holds a degree in sociology from the University of Houston. He and his wife, Sethea, live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

School of Arts and Sciences - Dr. Charles "Chuck" T. Hood '75

Dr. Chuck Hood is a 1975 graduate of Montreat-Anderson College. He earned his Ph.D. in higher education administration and leadership from Georgia State University in 1988, and has served in multiple leadership positions at well-known Christian colleges. He is also founder and current owner of Trans-Solutions Asheville LLC. He began his career in Christian higher education as an admissions counselor at Montreat-Anderson College, eventually being called to speak into the lives of thousands of college-age men and women as a dean of students and vice president for student services. While serving hundreds of faculty and staff colleagues, he distinguished himself as a mentor and a servant-leader. Called to be a Christian businessman, Dr. Hood serves as a consistent and ethical steward of goods and services in the free market economic environment. He has modeled Christlikeness to all he meets and has represented his family, his alma mater, and his Lord and in a very earnest and worthy manner.

School of Professional and Adult Studies - Mr. Jeffrey Powers '11

Mr. Jeffrey Powers is a 2011 graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Management degree program through the School of Professional and Adult Studies. He currently serves as the vice president of global operations with the ThermoFisher Scientific plant in Asheville, and has previously held several other positions with the company since 2005. In 2008, he helped the Marietta, Ohio, plant receive the coveted industry recognition of Top 10 Best Plants by IndustryWeek magazine. In 2013, Mr. Powers was instrumental in the Asheville plant receiving the same award for manufacturing excellence. He has also completed the majority of the Master of Science in Management and Leadership degree program through Montreat College, but had to take a break in classes due to work commitments with ThermoFisher Scientific. Mr. Powers is a U.S. Air Force veteran and is considered by faculty and staff at Montreat College to be a man of strong Christian character with an outstanding work ethic.

### \* THE HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer  
Tune by Kremser  
Words by Julia C. Cory

led by Mr. Wilds

Verse 1  
We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,  
We bless Your holy Name, glad praises we sing.

Verse 2  
We worship You, God of our fathers and mothers;  
Through life's storm and tempest our guide You have been;  
When perils overtake us, You never forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

Verse 3  
With voices united our praises we offer,  
Our songs of thanksgiving to You we now raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

Mr. William Haynes  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

### CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Mr. Haynes

### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Mr. Kevin Auman  
Interim Co-Academic Dean  
assisted by Mrs. Keri Boer  
Director of Records and Registration

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Maurer

### 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.

### \* PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

Dr. Patrick Connelly  
2014-2015 David L. Parks Distinguished Professor

### \* RECESSIONAL & THE POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

Mr. Sanderson

Today's Commencement ceremony is being webcast live and can be viewed at the following link: [www.montreat.edu/broadcasts](http://www.montreat.edu/broadcasts).

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

\* 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 credit 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:

<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 May 2015 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

2015 Valedictorian – Evan James Allen  
2015 Salutatorian – AllieMarie Cuncell

## School of Professional and Adult Studies

2015 Valedictorian – Jennifer Willard Matthews  
2015 Salutatorian – Ernest Allen Hoag

**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

Brooke Alexander  
Johnnie Burger  
Lauren Cantin  
Alexandria Dykes  
Emma Lynch  
Madison Maratta  
Harrison Northey  
Ryan Walker

**Military Honor Cords** Montreat College recognizes veterans and active duty members in our Armed Services. These women and men are given red, white, and blue honor cords to wear during the Commencement ceremony.

**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.

## Alpha Chi Honor Society

Evan Allen  
Brooke Alexander  
Noah Barratt  
AllieMarie Cuncell  
Alexandria Dykes  
Emma Lynch  
Harrison Northey  
Lindi Pedersen  
Joshua Stafford

**Pinnacle** (bachelor’s 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

Lori Breland  
Eugenie Catoe  
Jesse Davis  
Ernest Hoag  
Jennifer Matthews  
Penny Spencer-Briggs  
LaTonya Williams

## Spire Honor Society

Latonia Graham  
Jill Hutson  
Wendy Jones  
Christine Taylor

Aina Angela Malone	Mark Brandon Rice	Rachel D. Tambascia-Blattner
Madison Lane Maratta, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Andrew Christian Roof <sup>1</sup>	Ryan Patrick Walker, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Katelyn Elizabeth Ellen Martin	Charnay Lillian Ryland <sup>1</sup>	Michael Emerson Wasser
Matthew Blake McGee	Charles LeRoy Smith <sup>1</sup>	Jennifer Louise Willet, <i>With Distinction</i>
Kateri Ann McKnight <sup>1</sup>	Joshua D. Stafford, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Christian Thompson Barrow Williams <sup>1</sup>
Lauren Ashlee Owen	Tyler Benjamin Stringer <sup>1</sup>	LaTonya Renette Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Lindi W. Pedersen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kashonna Jenae Strong	Carolyn Gaston Wilson <sup>1</sup>

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Keterri L. Cagle-Bradley	Wanda Landingham Stewart	Sally McDaniel Thomas
Brenda McDaniel Owens		

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

Dorothy Elaine Talley Holley	Katharine McPhail Scala	Alexis Michele Zantias
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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Annette Robbins Bogner	Michelle Kristina Grandy	Demond Wayne Odom <sup>3</sup>
Misty Reeder Carpenter <sup>1</sup>	Tyler Hope Mark	Elena Nickolayevna Pashina
Matthew Charles Corrado	Landon Blake Maroney	Everett Daniel Pittillo
Thomas Frederick Currier	Suzie Nevels Nanney	Melissa Lynn Smith
Susan Shena Giboney	Chrisina Juanita Odom <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup>*Pending Conferral, August 2015*

<sup>3</sup>*August 2014 Graduate*

*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.*

**Graduation photos** are available for purchase from Mike Thornhill Photography.

To order photos, go to [thornhillphoto.com/montreat](http://thornhillphoto.com/montreat). To contact Mike Thornhill directly, email [mike@thornhillphoto.com](mailto:mike@thornhillphoto.com).

The photos will be ready for viewing on May 15.

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.

# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Marilyn Massey Baxter <sup>2</sup>	Michael David Hawkins, <i>with Honors</i>	Kilsy E. Silva-Disla
Travis Daniel Canfield	Jill Baker Hutson	Christine Cole Taylor
Daniel Scott Elliott	Wendy Allison Jones	Dakotah Ray Thomas
Latonia McClure Graham, <i>with Honors</i>	LaTisha Nicole Moore	

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Karminia Renteria Bazaldua, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Michelle Marie Flores-Cintron <sup>1</sup>	Harrison Thomas Northey, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Kristina M. Case	Meghan LeBedz	Jessica Cara Sabando
Jeanette Lorraine Cothorn, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Amanda Carlee Masson	
AllieMarie Councell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Miranda Shae McCrary	

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Eugenie Victoria Catoe, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ernest Allen Hoag, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Shareka Lacole Mingo <sup>1</sup>
Jason Ross Cope, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Gerald Jerome King, <i>Cum Laude</i> <sup>1</sup>	Tristaca Michelle Woodruff, <i>Cum Laude</i>
William D. Cunningham	Jennifer Willard Matthews, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

## CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Frank Joseph Leo, *Cum Laude*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Brooke Denise Alexander, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jesse Madison Davis, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Pearl Maciel Henriquez <sup>1</sup>
Evan James Allen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Brandon Charles Dockery <sup>1</sup>	Michael Wayne Hickman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Noah Benjamin Barratt, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <sup>1</sup>	Alexandria Belle Dykes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Elise Nichole Honeycutt, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Hali Anne Bosma <sup>1</sup>	Michelle Maria Evans	Cheryl Pauling Howard
Lori Danielle Breland, <i>Cum Laude</i> <sup>1</sup>	Erik K. Fann	Amanda Howell
Johnnie Kathryn Burger, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Naomi Marie Feltham	Marilyn Fletcher Hurd
Lauren Hunter Cantin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Judy Lynn Garren	Shannon Taylor Jackson
Elizabeth Hope Casey, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Alexandria Nicole Gellman	Hannah Elizabeth Kolbeck
Stefan Thomas Cazzonelli, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Dane Michael Gomez	Nu Kung Kong, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Tyler Graves Corbitt <sup>1</sup>	Peyton Alexandra Hammett Habenicht	Mary-Travis Kruer, <i>Cum Laude</i>
Samantha Renee Covington	Kimberley Chanté Henderson <sup>1</sup>	Emma Christine Lynch, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

<sup>1</sup>Pending Conferral, August 2015

<sup>2</sup>December 2014 Graduate