

THE COLLEGE

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With campuses in Asheville, Black Mountain, Charlotte, Morganton, and Montreat and a student body of approximately 900, 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, 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, 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

Montreat College is an independent, Christ-centered, liberal arts institution that educates students through intellectual inquiry, spiritual formation, and preparation for calling and career, all to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

THE VISION STATEMENT

Montreat College seeks to be a leader in Christ-centered higher education regionally, nationally, and globally.



MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

In the one-hundredth year of the College
Saturday, the fourteenth day of May
In the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Anderson Auditorium • Montreat, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Paul J. Maurer, President of the College

PRELUDE	Selections by Edvard Grieg and Edward MacDowell	Dr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano <i>Professor of Music</i>
PROCESSIONAL	Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches Amazing Grace tune: <i>NEW BRITAIN</i>	Ms. Cathleen Nixon <i>bagpipes</i>
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Mrs. Callan White-Hinman 2015-2016 David L. Parks <i>Distinguished Professor</i>
SCRIPTURE READING		Dr. Richardson Gray <i>Professor of English</i>
WELCOME		Dr. Paul J. Maurer <i>President</i>
STUDENT ADDRESSES School of Adult and Graduate Studies School of Arts and Sciences		Ms. Tara Johnson Ms. Mary Willis Bertram Fife
MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR	The King of Love, My Shepherd Is Anthony D. Moore	Mr. Timothy Wilds, Director <i>Assistant Professor of Music</i> Mrs. Carla Sperry, <i>accompanist</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	"A Christ-Centered Education: Was it Worth My Investment?"	Dr. Dennis P. Hollinger <i>President and Distinguished Professor Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary</i>
HYMN	O God Beyond All Praising words: Michael Perry CCLI License # 2486035 tune: THAXTED by Gustav Holst	led by Mr. Timothy Wilds accompanied by Dr. Eunice Stackhouse

Verse 1
O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your Word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord

Verse 2
The flower of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown -
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory.

Verse 3
Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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.

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	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



HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Andy Horner

Andy Horner is an entrepreneur who has built a highly successful business based on biblical principles. With the profits from his business, Mr. Horner supports ministries and missionaries in 60 nations around the world. In building his business, he has provided flexible, in-home employment to over 40,000 people, many of whom are mothers who wish to remain at home with their children.

In 1985, after a short retirement, he and Joan founded Premier Designs, Inc., a direct sales jewelry company in Irving, Texas, with sound business practices with the philosophy of serving, caring, and sharing. They created the company as a way to support ministries in the United States and in more than 60 countries around the globe, as well as to provide a home-based business opportunity established on biblical principles, such as integrity and unselfish service. Through their non-traditional approach of putting people first before profits, Premier Designs has grown into a more than \$350 million, debt-free corporation with independent distributors in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

An active member of First Baptist Church of Dallas since 1951, Mr. Horner was instrumental in founding of Criswell College and KCBI, a Christian radio station. He has served on numerous boards, including Criswell College, Word of Life International, and the Direct Selling Association. Mr. Horner was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary International Foundation and was awarded the Jubilee Medal for the Murmansk Run by the Soviet Socialist Republic. In 2001, he was selected by the United States Olympic Committee to be an Olympic Torchbearer. Mr. Horner and his wife, Joan, were named 2004 Entrepreneurs of the Year by Ernst and Young. Some of the many other awards they received are the Baylor HealthCare System Keepers of the Flame Award, the Southern Bible Institute Life and Legacy Award, the Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award, and Doctorates of Humanities degrees from Dallas Baptist University, and the B.H. Carroll Award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, there have been numerous awards and honors given by mission organizations throughout the world.

He and Joan were blessed with five children, 14 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Since Joan's death in 2010, Mr. Horner has continued enriching lives through Premier Designs, speaking to groups and sharing what God has done for him, never tiring of telling his life's story and always giving God all the glory. In 2014, Mr. Horner was remarried to Sarah, a vital partner in this new season of life. Mr. and Mrs. Horner live in Dallas, Texas.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS

Mr. William Haynes '85
Chairman, Board of Trustees

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Mr. William Haynes '85
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Paul J. Maurer

COLLEGE HYMN

Montreat Alma Mater
Verses 1 & 2 by Betty Ferrell
Verse 3
written by faculty & staff in honor
of the college's centennial
tune: MELITA by John Dykes

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

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 GRADUATES

Dr. Dottie Shuman
Professor of Outdoor and
Environmental Education

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

Ms. Cathleen Nixon
bagpipes

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

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Samantha Natalie Glenn Andrews	Sylvia Eileen Carter <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jessica Anne Daniels <i>Cum Laude</i>
Daryl K. Israel, Jr.		
Clara Nicole Reeves <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Tara Beddingfield Johnson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Carlos Gerell Potts
	Robert Jerry Shaver <i>Cum Laude</i>	Vladislav Stepanov

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

April Marie Byrge	Holly Blankenship Denham	Lauren Louise Lampley
Erin Elizabeth Lineberger	Misty Dawn Varnell	

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

Chrystal Charlena Fray ²

Maria Perkins Nance

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

Kendra Harris Baker	Juanita Brown	Brenda Kay Caldwell
Tricia W. Chapman ¹	Tiffany C. English ¹	Brandi Miller Geddings
Wendy L. Johnston	Lois I. Lucas	Whitney Deonte Massey
Bobby D. Messer	Lynne A. Norwood	Gwendolyn Dale Reeves
Lafeyette Hesterale Reynolds	Erik John Smith	Jessica Elliott Stevens
Clarissa Angelique Stull	Janeva Hall Tucker	George Andrew White

¹ Pending conferral in August 2016

² Conferred December 2015

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.

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 May 2016 Valedictorian and Salutatorian - The School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Adult and Graduate 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.

<i>School of Arts and Sciences</i>	<i>School of Adult and Graduate Studies</i>
May 2016 Valedictorian – Mary Willis Bertram Fife	May 2016 Valedictorian – Tara Johnson
May 2016 Salutatorian – Molly Katherine Garner	May 2016 Salutatorian – Clara Reeves

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’ (3.90 GPA or above) for six consecutive semesters.

<i>School of Arts and Sciences</i>	
Haley Beth Broadwell	Aimee Michelle Green
John Michael Davidson	Jacqueline Nicole Roller
Mary Willis Bertram Fife	Jennifer L. Valliant
Molly Katherine Garner	Zeb Kinchen Whiteside
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 their graduation 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.	
Haley Beth Broadwell	Jacqueline Nicole Roller
Mary Willis Bertram Fife	Christian Philip Smith
Molly Katherine Garner	Zeb Kinchen Whiteside
Michelle Mei Jing Han	

Pinnacle (bachelor degree) and **Spire** (associate degree) **Honor Societies** for students in the School of Adult and Graduate 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.

<i>Pinnacle Honor Society</i>		
Antoinette Crews	Clara Nicole Reeves	Stephanie Adams Tipton



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Dr. Dennis P. Hollinger

Dr. Dennis Hollinger is the president and the Colman M. Mockler Distinguished Professor of Christian Ethics at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. Prior to assuming his present role in 2008, he served as the president and professor of Christian ethics at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

Over the years, Dr. Hollinger has served in administrative, pastoral, and seminary teaching ministries, including vice provost at Messiah College, pastor of the Washington Community Fellowship on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and associate professor of church and society at Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York. He has served as an adjunct or visiting professor at several seminaries internationally, including Moscow Theological Seminary in Russia, Union Biblical Seminary in India, and the Eastern European Seminary for Evangelical Leadership in Ukraine. He is also a visiting professor of Christian ethics at Trinity International University, in the graduate program in bioethics.

Dr. Hollinger is a frequent speaker in churches, pastors' conferences, seminaries, colleges and academic forums. He is the author of four books, including *The Meaning of Sex: Christian Ethics and the Moral Life* (Baker), *Head, Heart, Hands: Bringing Together Christian Thought, Passion and Action* (Inter Varsity Press), and *Choosing the Good: Christian Ethics in a Complex World* (Baker). He has authored more than 80 articles, mostly in ethics (including bioethics), church and society, and preaching, and has served as the co-editor for the Eerdmans book series, *Critical Issues in Bioethics*. He is a board member for the National Association of Evangelicals, Hope International, and previously served on the board of the C.S. Lewis Institute in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hollinger is a Distinguished Fellow with the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity in Bannockburn, Illinois, and for many years was a member of the Health Care Ethics Committee at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. He recently served as chair of the board for the Boston Theological Institute.

Dr. Hollinger received a B.A. from Elizabethtown College, a M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a M.Phil. and a Ph.D. from Drew University, and did post-doctoral studies at Oxford University. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Beverly, Maryland, and have two adult daughters, Daphne (married to Ryan Fowler) and Naphtali (married to Nathan Mitten). They have five grandchildren: Ella Grace, Landon, Maya, Eden and Harrison. Mary Ann serves as a special assistant to the Seminary for Global Education at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jonathan Wesley Adams ¹	Kristina Louise Anderson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Michael Scott Anthony <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Brittany Nicole Armstrong ¹	Dezaree Anne Avallone <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Luke Christopher Barton ¹
Tucker Alan Beane	Ryan Joseph Bethoney	Daniel Alan Branon <i>Cum Laude</i>
Nicholas Grant Bray	Haley Beth Broadwell <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Emily J. Carrelli
Cedric Lamar Cash	Taylor Cornelius	Antoinette Crews <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
John Michael Davidson ¹ <i>Cum Laude</i>	Aaron Hylton Edwards	Tiffany Edwards ²
Brandon Michael Farrands	Cynthia Miller Fewell	Anthony Joseph Figueroa
Joshua Steven Foster	Edith C. Hayes Franz ² <i>Cum Laude</i>	Grace Kinder Freeman ¹
Brittany Shae Fuller	Nicholas James Gerstung ¹	Munyenneh Doe Capuzzi Griffin
Lovedy Paige Wachacha Gross ²	Nathan D. Gruver <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kaitlyn Beth Haneline
Daniel Clayton Harmon	Evan Spencer Harris	Robert Landon Hill
Kevin Dean Hughes II	Kelsey Elizabeth Jackson	Dylan Gregory Jones
Dylan Ray Jones	Joshua T. Kilgo	Will Lee Joe Lewis ¹
Aaron William Loenhorst ¹ <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Dylan John Boyd MacFarlane <i>Cum Laude</i>	Joseph Erick Madsen <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jacob T. Moore	Leah Nicole Morris	Angela A. Morrow ¹ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Christopher George Nicholas <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kyle Ross Nyenhuis	Joseph Palazzola ¹
Marina Pavlovna Polkhovskii <i>With Distinction</i>	Jacob David Purcell <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Megan Lee Recher
Melanie Marie Recher ¹	Erik Manuel Rodriguez	Jacqueline Nicole Roller ¹ <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Heath Blake Rowland	William Gray Sanders <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Taylor Paige Settlemyre
Ekaterina Sergeevna Sharova	Akira Elijah Shavers <i>Cum Laude</i>	Christian Philip Smith <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kara Nicole Smith ¹	Amanda Nicole Smith	Connor Louise Southern-Brown
Kathy Waarama Stuart <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jessica L. Stump <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Stephanie Adams Tipton ¹ <i>With Distinction</i>
Twana Tysor Brown <i>Cum Laude</i>	Katlyn Ruth Valdes ¹	Benjiman McCoy Watson ¹
Zeb Kinchen Whiteside <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jonathan Kyle Wrenn ¹ <i>Cum Laude</i>	



CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Heather Adams	Sherrie Monique Comer	Regina Busette Daniels
Corey R. Harrison	Ashley Elizabeth Powell	Laura D. Snow <i>With Honors</i>
	Tamika Michelle Wright	

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Claire Elizabeth Dale ¹	Stephen Alexander Daniel ¹	Landon Brent Edwards ¹
Kevin Christopher Fife <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Mary Willis Bertram Fife <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kimberlyn Kaye Foster ¹
Molly Katherine Garner <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Aimee Michelle Green <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Michelle Mei Jing Han <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Nicholas Baxter Horton ¹	Gabrielle Erika King ¹	Peter John Lopez <i>Cum Laude</i>
Chloe Sophia McCleary-Small	Katelyn Elise Powell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jennifer L. Valliant <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Trenton Michael Durham ¹

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES – JAMES K. “JAY” GUFFEY, JR.

Jay Guffey is a 1986 (A.S.) and a 1989 (B.S.) graduate of Montreat College. After graduate school, Mr. Guffey returned to his alma mater to become a professor and subsequently director of the Discovery Wilderness Program. He immersed himself as a mentor to students, a Bible study facilitator, and SALT retreat leader. Mr. Guffey also served in the advancement office as the alumni director. He co-founded Pinnacle Ministries and began Blue Ridge Backcountry, a Christian wilderness discipleship program, and has facilitated Christian workshops at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove. Mr. Guffey considers his greatest reward at Montreat College witnessing students graduate and respond to God’s calling to affect the world for transformation and renewal. As a financial advisor with Edward Jones, Mr. Guffey strengthens families through careful financial planning and excellent service. He has won numerous awards including the prestigious Ted Jones Award. He is an active Rotarian and values contributing to the Black Mountain community. Mr. Guffey is a faithful member of Christ Community Church at Montreat and has served the Lord and fellow members on the Finance, Christian Education, and Teller committees, as Sonship Instructor, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Deacon, and Elder. Mr. Guffey has been married to his high school sweetheart, Laurie, for 27 years and is the proud father of seven children. He has distinguished himself by modeling Christlikeness to all that he has come into contact with and has represented his family, his alma mater, and his Lord in a humble and genuine manner.

SCHOOL OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES – MARSHA BARNES

Marsha Barnes graduated in 2010 from Montreat College with a Bachelor of Science in Management degree and continued on to complete the Master of Science in Management and Leadership in 2013. Ms. Barnes embodies entrepreneurship in the truest sense. A corporate trainer by day, Ms. Barnes founded the Finance Bar, a retrofitted school bus turned financial planner’s office. The Finance Bar is said to be the first educational personal finance hub on wheels (www.thefinancebar.com). Ms. Barnes serves her community through providing financial literacy education and services to aid individuals in taking back control over their personal finances. Her mission is to help people in all walks of life to be able to manage their resources well and to become better stewards of what God has given them. Ms. Barnes says her time at the Montreat College Charlotte campus changed her life: “Montreat taught me strategy, to think outside of the box, and to be creative. Having a faith-based education and background helped me a ton...it’s helped carry me through the entire process. Montreat had a great impact on me and still does to this day.” Ms. Barnes has adopted the Montreat College mission as her own and is making a difference in the Charlotte community. Her community involvement and dedication to helping others has distinguished her as a model for Montreat College and the School of Adult and Graduate Studies.