



# MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

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In the one hundred and first year of the College

Saturday, the seventeenth day of December

In the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson Auditorium • Montreat, North Carolina

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Paul J. Maurer, President of the College

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## PRELUDE

Selections by  
F. Chopin and J. Brahms

Dr. Eunice W. Stackhouse, piano  
*Professor of Music*

## PROCESSIONAL

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

Mr. EJ Jones  
*bagpipes*

"Amazing Grace"  
tune: *NEW BRITAIN*

## INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. David Taylor  
*Dean of Spiritual Formation*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Brad Faircloth  
*Associate Professor of Psychology*

## WELCOME

Dr. Paul J. Maurer  
*President*

## STUDENT ADDRESSES

School of Adult and Graduate Studies  
School of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Christy Lynn Gainous  
Ms. Grace Elizabeth Sanderson

## Members of the MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR

"Instruments of Your Peace"  
Kirk and Deby Dearman

Mr. Timothy Wilds, Director  
*Assistant Professor of Music*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

"The Knowledge You Truly Need"

Rev. Andy Lewis  
*Senior Pastor, Mitchell Road  
Presbyterian Church*

## HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"  
tune: *SLANE*

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

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### Verse 1

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art --  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, they presence my light.*

### Verse 2

*Be thou my wisdom. And thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

### Verse 3

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

### Verse 4

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

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

*assisted by Mrs. Keri Boer  
Director of Records and Registration*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Paul J. Maurer  
*President*

COLLEGE HYMN

"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*

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*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.*

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PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

RRECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

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

# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

David Charles Arrowood

Angela Nelson Cain

Juanna Patreece Jones <sup>2</sup>

Sandra Marisol Lopez Ortega Bailiff

Abigail Shay Graham

Annette Tipton McGee

Melissa Anna Bryson <sup>1</sup>

James T. Horn

Patrick Dwayne Robinson <sup>2</sup>

Stacey T. Byrd

Joyce James-Wigfall <sup>2</sup>

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Erin Malessia Chambers

Stephanie Rose Hill <sup>1</sup>

Kelly R. Limon <sup>1</sup>

Caitlin DeBoer  
*Cum Laude*

Emily Voilet Vess Latimore

Kylie Elizabeth McMinn  
*Summa Cum Laude* <sup>1</sup>

## CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Stephen Bradford Long <sup>2</sup>

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Meleah Allard <i>With Distinction</i>	Vernadean Hunter-Starks <sup>2</sup>	Sara Sanders <sup>2</sup>
Mateo Juan Barroetavena <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Bonita Leigh Irwin <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Grace Elizabeth Sanderson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Luke Christopher Barton <sup>2</sup>	Brian C. Johnson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	Constance Miller Saulman <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
David Caleb Bell <sup>2</sup>	Iris Danielle Jones	Kilsy E. Silva-Disla
Kassidy Mi'chal Brown	Wendy Allison Jones	Michael R. Sinard <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Camden Dale Cox	William Robert Jones <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	David Kennison Shaw <i>With Distinction</i>
Justin Davis Richardson	Kimberly Sue Jordan <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	Amber Elizabeth Smith <i>Cum Laude</i>
Anthony Jermaine Delahoussaye <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Adrienne Joelle-Jones Krug <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	Ashley Rena' Solano
Eric Neil Elliott <i>Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	Billie LaGray Lawson <i>With Distinction</i>	Allison Stewart
Gevony Steele Foreman <sup>1</sup>	Joel Bascom Legg <i>Cum Laude</i> <sup>1</sup>	Kevin Cameron Stryker
Calvin Gardner	Ronald Barry Mann, Jr.	Holly Delite Thompson
Latonia McClure Graham <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Courtney LaFaye Maybin	Stephanie Adams Tipton <i>With Distinction</i> <sup>2</sup>
Michael David Hawkins <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kateri Ann McNight <sup>2</sup>	Christina Marie Walters <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Genevive Helen Hines <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Antonio Pedro Miguel <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	Ryan Corey Walters <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Candace R. Houston <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <sup>2</sup>	Richard James Parlier <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	April Michelle Williamson <i>Cum Laude</i>
R. Faye Lackey Houston	Matthew Guy Phillips	Edward Palmer Willis
Rachel Marie Houston <i>Cum Laude</i> <sup>1</sup>	Andrew Stephen Raymond <sup>1</sup>	

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Cindy Ann Aycock <sup>2</sup>	Christy Lynn Gainous <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	James Aaron Rhine
Rhonda C. Baker <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kimberly Nicole Green	Jennifer Rayenelle Ritchie
Shawntay Barrino Gilliam	Tammy Hoilman	Heather Thomas Siak
Kristy Lee Cate <sup>2</sup>	Shemekia McClenningham-Dunlap <i>Cum Laude</i>	Joseph Benton Stackhouse <i>Cum Laude</i>
William George Cuprak <i>Cum Laude</i>	James Kenneth McCoy	Robert Lawrence Staton
Jennifer Darlene Dill <sup>2</sup>	Kathleen Michelle McCrary <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Melvena Rose Swimmer <sup>2</sup>
Misty Michelle Donaldson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kimberly Rae Radke <sup>2</sup>	Kenneth Michael Towe
		Adell Williams

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Chretien Keungne

Chiquita Alice Scotia Moser

Keturah LaKia Parker

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

Joel Jarrell

Mary Blair Ogburn

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

Geoffrey Bremer

Jeffrey J. Powers

Matthew Anthony Travis <sup>2</sup>

Charles Lee Childers <sup>2</sup>

Isaiah William Reed, Jr. <sup>2</sup>

Emma Blackshear White <sup>2</sup>

Sheron Williams Craig <sup>2</sup>

Tamra Sund Chaires <sup>2</sup>

Annie Morris Williams <sup>2</sup>

Jeremy G. Ernest

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

Cynthia L. Arnold

Lois I. Lucas

Allison Anna Ramirez

Karen Blankenship Collins

Kimberly Eldridge Matone

Lafayette H. Reynolds

Anthony Tyrone Hines, Sr.

Rwenshaun Miller

Dana M. Spangler

Jessica Robby Langston

<sup>1</sup> Pending conferral in May 2017

<sup>2</sup> Conferred August 2016

# GRADUATION HONORS

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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 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.

## ***School of Arts and Sciences***

December 2016 Valedictorian – Grace Elizabeth Sanderson  
December 2016 Salutatorian – Christina Marie Walters

## ***School of Adult and Graduate Studies***

December 2016 Valedictorian – Christy Lynn Gainous  
December 2016 Salutatorian – Constance Miller Saulman

**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.

## ***School of Arts and Sciences***

John Michael Davidson

Richard James Parlier

Jacqueline Nicole Roller

Grace Elizabeth Sanderson

**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.

Grace Elizabeth Sanderson

Christina Marie Walters

**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.

## ***Pinnacle Honor Society***

Rhonda Baker

Misty Michelle Donaldson

Candace Houston

Rachel Houston

## ***Spire Honor Society***

Joyce James-Wigfall

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**Rev. Andy Lewis**

*B.A., Erskine College*

*M.Div., Erskine Theological Seminary*

Rev. Andy Lewis grew up in Rock Hill, S.C. He became a believer through the youth ministry of Ebenezer ARP Church. He attended Erskine College where he met his wife, Elizabeth. While studying theology and philosophy he felt the initial call to full-time ministry. The Lord confirmed this inclination through internships at several churches. He began ministry at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church in 1997 as the associate youth director. He and Elizabeth married in May of 1998. He became the senior pastor of Mitchell Road in January of 2008. The Lord has also provided him opportunities to study overseas. In Scotland, he studied at the Rutherford house on the Trinitarian Nature of John Owen's work, Communion with God. In Israel, he did an independent study on the relation of the geographical and agricultural settings in the gospel of Luke. He has also participated in short-term missions. This has confirmed his desire to continue advancing the Kingdom, in hearts and minds, throughout Greenville and around the world. Andy and Elizabeth's goal and joy is to faithfully live out God's grace in all areas of their lives. Andy enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf, guitar, and piano. Andy and Elizabeth have been blessed with three children: Kate, Maggie, and Daniel.

## 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 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:

<b>Arts, Letters, Humanities</b>	White	<b>Law</b>	Purple
<b>Business</b>	Light Brown	<b>Library Science</b>	Lemon Yellow
<b>Communication</b>	Maroon	<b>Music</b>	Pink
<b>Counseling</b>	White	<b>Nursing</b>	Apricot
<b>Divinity/Theology</b>	Scarlet	<b>Philosophy</b>	Dark Blue
<b>Education</b>	Light Blue	<b>Physical Education</b>	Sage Green
<b>Environmental Education</b>	Russet/Light Blue	<b>Psychology</b>	Gold
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Brown	<b>Science/Physics</b>	Gold
<b>History</b>	White	<b>Social Work</b>	Citron Yellow

## **THE COLLEGE**

Since 1916, Montreat College has established a strong tradition of Christian higher education. With four campuses in Asheville, Black Mountain, Charlotte, and Montreat and a student body of approximately 875, 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, 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.



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