



# MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

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In the one hundred and second year of the College

Saturday, the thirteenth day of May

In the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen

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  
George F. Handel & Domenico Scarlatti

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

Dr. W. Brad Faircloth,  
2016-2017 David L. Parks  
*Distinguished Professor*

SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Jeff Teo  
*Professor of Cybersecurity*

WELCOME

Dr. Paul J. Maurer  
*President*

STUDENT ADDRESSES  
School of Adult and Graduate Studies  
School of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Dana Rice Hicks  
Ms. Emily Ann Adair

Members of the  
MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR

"Praise His Holy Name"  
by Keith Hampton

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

"The Inciting Incident Which  
Led to a Great Story"

Rev. Dr. Mike Moses  
*Lead Pastor, Lake Forest Church (EPC)*

\*HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
tune: *LOB DEN HERREN*

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

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## Verse 1

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!*

## Verse 2

*Praise to the Lord, who over all Things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?*

## Verse 3

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.*

## Verse 4

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!*

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE  
AWARDS

Mr. William Haynes '85  
*Chairman, Board of Trustees*

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

Dr. Isaac Owolabi  
*Professor of Business*


\*RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Medley of Traditional Scottish Marches

Mr. EJ Jones  
*bagpipes*

*\*please stand, if able*

*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 ARTS

Elizabeth Morgan Cerrina

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Leland Scott Cutshall  
*With Honors*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sarah Elizabeth Gablin <sup>1</sup>  
*With Distinction*

Taylor Gamble Geddings <sup>2</sup>

Jessica Ruth Hoilmon  
*Cum Laude*

Daniel Mordecai Howard <sup>1</sup>  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Emily Maye Howard

David W. Joseph

Melissa Lauren McArtor  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Taylor Paige Tanner <sup>1</sup>  
*Cum Laude*

Mara Louise Teague

Audry Elaine Wallace <sup>2</sup>



## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Emily Ann Adair <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Mindy Rae Galindo	Caleb Oluwarotimi-Victor Owolabi
Stephen Douglas Adams	Latoya Rene Lindsay Godfrey <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Philip Cody Ryan Penland <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Daniele Ruth Albert-Frost	Katherine Alexis Harper	Sara Rawls
Esgardo Benitez Arroyo	Charles Clinton Highley, III	Timothy Mark Roberts
Wesley Charles Aulet	Thomas Joseph Hill <i>Cum Laude</i>	Antoinette K. Robinson <sup>1</sup> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kaleena Rose Bailey <sup>1</sup>	Taylor Alexander Johnson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Teresa Ballard Robinson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kyle Raleigh Baldwin	Blake James Kennedy <i>Cum Laude</i>	Antonio Domenico Rosina <sup>2</sup> <i>Cum Laude</i>
Desirae Megan Bebbler <sup>1</sup>	Walter Clarence Kidd <i>Cum Laude</i>	Adam Christopher Shuman <sup>1</sup>
Skyler Alexis Brody	Tyler Allan Lee <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Alicia Leann Sipe <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Conner Andrew Bryant <sup>2</sup>	Rita Maria Lentz-Merritt	Grayson Thomas Snipes
Ryan James Buick <sup>2</sup>	Felecia Ann Lockett <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	David Jeffery Cameron Teo <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Kayla Rae Calloway <sup>1</sup>	Amanda Katherine Lott <sup>1</sup>	Hannah Christina Irene Teo <sup>3</sup> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Collin Ray Campbell	Maria Cristina Maltry	Connor Laine Townsend
Chan Shong Chang <sup>1</sup>	Jennifer Lauren McElhaney <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Miranda McKalie Walker <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Sophie Chea	Jorge Luis Mejia Gutierrez	Tanner Aldridge Wilhoit <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Matthew Paul Christiansen <i>Cum Laude</i>	Anna Elizabeth Miller <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Rodney Worthy Williams <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Kate Sanders Copeland	Lorie Nakia Moore	Peter Garrett Wilson <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Tyler Graves Corbitt	Donzala C. Morgan	Matthew Carl Yost
James Michael Dantzler <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rebecca Lynn Owens	
Krysta Dianne Denzer <i>Cum Laude</i>		
Dylan Costner Dunkle <sup>1</sup> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>		

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Brian Peter Adams	Carol Lee Ann Pazcoguin <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Brandon Carl Sirois <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Raquel Montoya Arana	Calvin James Peoples, II <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kenneth Michael Towe
Steven Kenneth Hanson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jennifer Beaver Reed <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Je'Vonde Elyce Wallace <i>Cum Laude</i>
Jarrold Lee Jones	Jennifer Rayenelle Ritchie <sup>3</sup>	Jackalyn Kayma Wilson
Jessica Peeler Lanning <i>Cum Laude</i>		

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

Mary Blair Ogburn

Melissa K. Watkins <sup>1</sup>

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

Adam Durant Blanton

Matthew Joseph Glomb

Melissa Joy Pascoe

Gloria Denise Bradley-Fluellen

June Kimberly Hart

Keira Anne Silver

Kenneth Colby Cook

Azalea Dannette Mayo

Yvette Walker

Mary E. Crawford-Barnes <sup>1</sup>

Indigo M. Metellus

Annie Morris Williams <sup>5</sup>

Rebecca Elaine Fontes

Holly R. Ogden <sup>1</sup>

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

Casey Paul Baine <sup>1</sup>

Michele Lynn Husted

Gloria Jeanette Pinson

Justin Tyler Brittain

Sabrina Renee Johnson

Kim Louise Rhyne Prewitt

Pascha Nicole Broadie <sup>1</sup>

Amy Vanessa Jolly

Quiana Shenae Roberts

Amber Millicent Diamond <sup>4</sup>

Gregory Ray Jones <sup>4</sup>

Brenna Colleen Shea

Crystal Kay Edwards <sup>4</sup>

Sharon Lyvett Kelley

Robert David Thomas

Carla Denise Ellis <sup>3</sup>

Mishelle Lockerby

Laura Denise Waters

Chaundra Charisse Battle Fletcher

Sara Nicole Lowery

Carmen Nicole Weldon <sup>4</sup>

Cynthia Wooley Hickman <sup>1</sup>

Joy Dawn Molina

Jessica Marie Wiles-Williamson <sup>4</sup>

Dana Rice Hicks

Kimberly Micaela Murrell

Alexandra Loven Yancey

<sup>1</sup> Pending conferral August 2017

<sup>2</sup> Pending conferral December 2017

<sup>3</sup> Conferred December 2016

<sup>4</sup> Conferred March 2017

<sup>5</sup> Conferred August 2016



# 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 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 with 45+ hours earned at Montreat College 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 2017 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 having completed at least 60 hours in residence 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**

May 2017 Valedictorian – Emily Ann Adair  
May 2017 Salutatorian – Tyler Allan Lee

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

May 2017 Valedictorian – Brandon Carl Sirois  
May 2017 Salutatorian – Felecia Ann Lockett

**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.

Emily Ann Adair  
Daniel Mordecai Howard  
Taylor Alexander Johnson

Melissa Lauren McArtor  
Tyler Allan Lee  
Philip Cody Ryan Penland

Miranda McKalie Walker  
Rodney Worthy Williams  
Peter Garrett Wilson

**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.

**Chi Sigma Iota** - Students in Montreat College's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program who join Chi Sigma Iota are recognized for their honor, integrity, and academic success. Established to recognize outstanding achievement and service within the counseling profession, Chi Sigma Iota's mission is to promote scholarship, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling through recognition of individual achievements in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence.

**Montreat College's Chapter** - The Mu Chi chapter of Chi Sigma Iota was founded in 2014, and is currently under the leadership of Dr. Lotes Nelson and Dr. Noreal Armstrong. The active chapter offers students the opportunity to:

- Build a sense of community
- Participate in face-to-face social networking, such as meet and greet, volunteering events, etc
- Hold leadership positions as a chapter officer or committee chairpersons

Amber Millicent Diamond  
Crystal Kay Edwards  
Carla Denise Ellis  
Chaundra Charisse Battle Fletcher  
Dana Rice Hicks

Sabrina Renee Johnson  
Sharon Lyvett Kelley  
Mishelle Lockerby  
Joy Dawn Molina  
Kimberly Micaela Murrell

Kim Louise Rhyne Prewitt  
Brenna Colleen Shea  
Robert David Thomas  
Carmen Nicole Weldon  
Alexandra Loven Yancey

**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.

Emily Ann Adair  
Dylan Costner Dunkle

Tyler Allan Lee  
Philip Cody Ryan Penland

David Jeffery Cameron Teo  
Tanner Aldridge Wilhoit

**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**

Felecia Lockett  
Calvin Peoples

Antoinette Robinson  
Teresa Robinson



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**Rev. Dr. Mike Moses**

*Lead Pastor*

*Lake Forest Church (EPC)*

*B.A. in History from College of William & Mary*

*M. Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary*

*D. Min. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary*

Rev. Dr. Mike Moses is the Founding and Lead Pastor of Lake Forest Church (LFC), an evangelical Presbyterian church north of Charlotte. Mike began his journey working as a youth minister for Young Life and as Pastor of Spiritual Growth for a church plant in Memphis, TN, Hope Church. In 1998, Mike helped kick-start LFC with the original group of 42 at a skating rink where he preached under a disco ball. Since that day, he has helped LFC grow to a church of over 2,000 people known for their mission activity in the community and around the world, while maintaining their singular focus on following Jesus. Mike is currently the moderator for LFC's denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Mike has been married to his wife Angie, a published writer (check out her first novel "Flying Home") since 1988. Together they have two sons, Dylan, a student at Brown University, and Austin, a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mike enjoys anything fun his college-aged boys are into including, surfing, skiing, tennis, reading historical fiction, sci-fi, theology and leadership novels, and international, cultural travel. His most recent travels included circumnavigating Turkey in a rental car with his wife, and over the last ten years have included adventures to Nepal with a hike on the Mt. Everest Trail, mountain biking across the Gobi Desert in Mongolia as a stress counselor for an international team of elite marathoners, and following the missionary journeys of St. Paul through Greece and Turkey.



## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES - JENNIFER GUTHRIE '85**

Jennifer Guthrie is the Founder of In-Flight Crew Connections (ICC) and a 1985 alumnae of Montreat College. ICC is a corporate flight attendant service, providing trained, mentored corporate flight attendants who were available on-demand. ICC currently supports over 360 aircraft based in the US and internationally with client assets valued at over \$6 Trillion dollars. The company has been awarded Inavero's Best of Staffing® Award for exceptional client and talent service for four consecutive year. Jennifer is also actively involved with many philanthropic organizations and is currently serving with CARE for AIDS (CFA). Jennifer is a member of Women's Business Enterprise National Council, National Business Aviation Association, Women Presidents' Organization, The American Staffing Association, National Air Transportation Association, as well as a corporate member of The Staffing Industry Analysts. She has been featured on CBS Evening News and received numerous awards as a leader in the aviation staffing industry.

### **SCHOOL OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES - JAVIER GARCIA '13**

Javier J. Garcia is a Global Manager for Eaton Corporation and a 2013 alumnus of Montreat's MBA program. Javier serves as the United Way Chairperson at Eaton, leading several annual fundraising events to benefit the community. Javier is also a Founding Officer of Prospanica North Carolina, bringing together a network of Hispanic MBA graduates nationwide to further professional advancement and community involvement. He is also involved in his church's community food program where he and his wife help to provide free breakfast on Saturday's through the Welcome Table Initiative. Javier enjoys spending his summers working with Habitat for Humanity where he has had the privilege of participating in building multiple homes for families in the area. Javier has been married for 27 years to Maria, and together they have a 24-year-old daughter named Pamela.



## 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.

## **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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