

THEATRICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD: This award is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have demonstrated excellence and potential in the field of theatrical arts through exemplary participation in theatre work at Montreat College.

ALPHA CHI GRADUATES AND INDUCTEES: Alpha Chi, one of the three most prestigious national honor societies, maintains the North Carolina Tau Chapter at Montreat College. Active membership is based on: (1) good reputation and character (2) rank in the top 10 percent of the junior and senior classes, and (3) regular student status at Montreat College for no less than one academic year prior to election. Alpha Chi members are approved by the faculty.

WRITING PROGRAM SERVICE AWARD: This award distinguishes a student who combines superior academic, ability with the talent to inspire fellow students to excel in writing. The recipient is a graduating senior who has served in the writing program for at least two semesters and is graduating with a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

SGA STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD: This award is given annually by the Student Government Association to a staff member who has excelled in all areas of Montreat College.

SGA EXCELLENCE AWARD: This award, established in 1994 by the Legislative Committee, is given annually to the member of the Student Government Association who has shown outstanding dedication and leadership throughout the year.

FACULTY SERVICE AWARD: The faculty annually recognizes a graduating senior who has made outstanding contributions to Montreat College and who has given evidence of effective Christian citizenship.

SCHOLARSHIP PINS: 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.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN HONORS:

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.

DAVID L. PARKS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD:

This award was established in 1992 by the Board of Trustees in honor of Dr. David Parks' many years of faithful service to the college. This award is chosen by the faculty using the criteria of creative and effective teaching, scholarship, personal and professional integrity, and commitment to the mission of Montreat College.

WILSON SCHOLARS:

Akira Shavers, Joshua Kilgo,
Joseph Madsen

2015-2016 RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

ANDERSON HALL:

Taylor Tanner
Diamond McKenzie
Jessica Hoilmon
Rachel Swapp
Katie Powell
Alona Kosenko
Jennifer Valliant
Morgan Guin

DAVIS HALL:

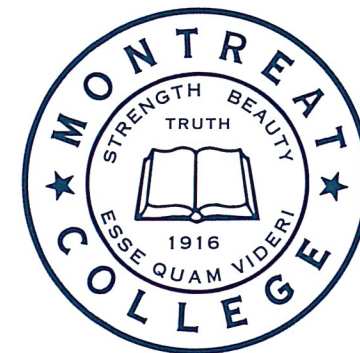
Evan Harris
Akira Shavers
Craig Setzer
Mateo Barroetavena
Zeb Whiteside
Joshua Kilgo

HOWERTON HALL:

TJ Dunster
Michael Anthony
Cody Penland
Daniel Lancaster
Richard Parlier

MCGREGOR HALL:

Molly-Kate Garner
Desirae Bebbber
Emily Baker
Emily Adair
Anna Miller



MONTREAT COLLEGE —
**HONORS
CONVOCATION**

GRAHAM CHAPEL
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016



A Christ-centered education.

PRELUDE	Selections by Reinhold Gliere	Dr. Eunice Stackhouse accompanist
PROCESSIONAL	Sarabande from Suite No. 11 George F. Handel	Dr. Eunice Stackhouse accompanist
INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Dr. David Taylor Dean of Spiritual Formation
WELCOME		Dr. Gregory P. Kerr Vice President for Academic Affairs
SPECIAL MUSIC	Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott	Mr. Trenton Durham tenor
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty written by: Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth tune: LOBE DEN HERREN	accompanied by Mrs. Carla Sperry led by Mr. Timothy Wilds accompanied by Dr. Eunice Stackhouse

Verse 1		
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!</i>		
<i>O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!</i>		
<i>Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,</i>		
<i>Join me in glad adoration!</i>		
Verse 2		
<i>Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning,</i>		
<i>Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.</i>		
<i>Have you not seen all that is needful has been</i>		
<i>Sent by his gracious ordaining?</i>		
Verse 3		
<i>Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;</i>		
<i>Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.</i>		
<i>Ponder anew what the Almighty can do</i>		
<i>As with his love he befriends you.</i>		
Verse 4		
<i>Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!</i>		
<i>All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!</i>		
<i>Let the amen sound from his people again.</i>		
<i>Gladly forever adore him!</i>		

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014-2015 DAVID L. PARKS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR	Dr. Paul J. Maurer President
SCRIPTURE READING & REFLECTIONS	Dr. Patrick Connelly Professor of History

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS		
Outstanding Bible and Religion Graduate		Rev. Dr. Donald Shepson, III
Hicks Anderson Outstanding Business Graduate		Dr. Hub Powell
Outstanding Communication Graduate		Mrs. Callan White-Hinman
Outstanding Cybersecurity Graduate		Dr. Jeff Teo
Elizabeth H. Maxwell Literature Award		Dr. Kimberly Angle
Outstanding History Graduate		Dr. Patrick Connelly
Outstanding Music Business Graduate		Dr. Benjamin Smith
Outstanding Outdoor Education Graduate		Dr. Brad Daniel
Outstanding Outdoor Ministry Graduate		Dr. Brad Daniel
Outdoor Education Servant Leader Award		Dr. Brad Daniel
Outstanding Psychology & Human Services Graduate		Dr. Brad Faircloth
Outstanding Worship Arts Graduate		Mr. Timothy Wilds
Theatrical Excellence Award		Mrs. Callan White-Hinman
Alpha Chi Graduates and Inductees		Dr. Gregory P. Kerr
Writing Program Service Awards		Dr. Kimberly Angle
SGA Staff Person of the Year Award		Mr. Zeb Whiteside
SGA Excellence Award		Dr. Daniel Bennett
Faculty Service Award		Dr. Rich Gray
Scholarship Pins		Dr. Gregory P. Kerr
Honors Program Graduates		Dr. Patrick Connelly
Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors		Dr. Gregory P. Kerr
David L. Parks Distinguished Professor Award, 2015-16		Dr. Paul J. Maurer
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	led by Mr. Timothy Wilds accompanied by Dr. Eunice Stackhouse
Verse 1	Verse 2	
<i>Montreat, you stand in noble line,</i>	<i>For learning with integrity,</i>	
<i>With those who strive for heart and mind,</i>	<i>For truth imparted full and free,</i>	
<i>Who seek God’s truth to teach and guide,</i>	<i>For loving friendships cherished still,</i>	
<i>Who lift those virtues which abide.</i>	<i>For heritage on which to build,</i>	
<i>For servanthood, both taught and lived,</i>	<i>With Christ the Cornerstone of grace,</i>	
<i>Our honor and devotion Give</i>	<i>Our Alma Mater we embrace.</i>	
Verse 3		
<i>Forth from this cove and mountain stream,</i>		
<i>We seek to be and not to seem,</i>		
<i>To serve and lead in Christ’s full light,</i>		
<i>From ages past to future bright.</i>		
<i>Oh dear Montreat, fulfill this aim,</i>		
<i>In Father, Son, and Spirit’s name.</i>		
BENEDICTION		
		Dr. Linda Neuzil Associate Professor of Elementary Education
RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE	Sonata in D Minor, K. 64 Domenico Scarlatti	Dr. Eunice Stackhouse accompanist



Dr. Patrick Connelly is an Associate Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program at Montreat College. He has taught at Montreat since 2007. He did his undergraduate work at the University of South Carolina before completing a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theological Studies at Reformed Theological Seminary.

Patrick obtained his doctorate in History from Emory University. His specialty is modern American cultural, intellectual, and religious history. His latest research interest and writing project is on the historical vision of Catholic novelist and Southern writer Walker Percy. He is married to Julia Connely and they have three boys: twins Samuel and Elijah (age 10) and Ezra (age 5).

OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR MINISTRY GRADUATE: This award is given to an outstanding graduating senior who is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Ministry. Requirements include: committed to a career in Outdoor Ministry; maintained a 3.0 GPA; pursued certifications; made an outstanding contribution to the Outdoor Ministry program

OUTDOOR EDUCATION SERVANT LEADER AWARD: The Outdoor Education Servant Leader Award is given to a graduating senior who has consistently modeled servant leadership and made an outstanding contribution through work with Outdoor Education/Outdoor Ministry students, faculty and staff.

OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN SERVICES GRADUATE: The recipient of this award is chosen collaboratively by the Psychology and Human Services faculty and graduating seniors within the major. This award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional scholarship in the major field of Psychology and Human Services, abides by high moral standards, has a clear sense of direction, helps people on and off campus, and shows great promise for using his or her understanding of human behavior to become an agent of transformation, renewal, and/or reconciliation to the glory of God.

OUTSTANDING WORSHIP ARTS GRADUATE: This award is presented to the Worship Arts major who exhibits a thorough biblical theology of worship obtained through a passionate pursuit of both the academic and pastoral nature of worship leadership. This graduate has maintained a 3.25 grade point average in all music and worship arts classes. This graduate has demonstrated his/her knowledge and heart for worship planning and leading through active participation in the Montreat College Chapel program. This graduate grasps both the duty and delight of the calling God has placed on his/her life and is resolved in his/her pursuit of worship renewal in the Church.