



MONTREAT COLLEGE **COMMENCEMENT**

In the one hundred and third year of the College

Saturday, the eleventh day of May

In the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Anderson Auditorium • Montreat, North Carolina



ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Paul J. Maurer, President of the College

PRELUDE	Keyboard Selections	Ms. Fiona McClanahan '21 <i>pianist</i>
*PROCESSIONAL		Mr. EJ Jones <i>bagpiper</i>
*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Dr. Joseph Martin <i>Associate Professor of Communication</i>
SCRIPTURE READING		Dr. Jared N. Spencer <i>Assistant Professor of Chemistry</i>
WELCOME		Dr. Paul J. Maurer <i>President</i>
STUDENT ADDRESSES School of Adult and Graduate Studies School of Arts and Sciences		Ms. Rachel Lynn Eddings Ms. Josa Marie Worthy
SPECIAL MUSIC		Caleb Jones '20 - Guitar, Vocals Shianece Sanders '20 - Vocals Mark Lattimore '19 - Piano Hannah Wyatt '21 - Bass Micah Matheson '21 - Cajun Drum
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	“A Letter to the Class of 2019”	Rev. Dr. J. Howard Edington <i>Retired Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church of Orlando</i>
*HYMN	“Be Thou My Vision” <i>Composer: Unknown Melody: Irish folk tune “Slane”</i>	<i>led by</i> Mr. G. Robby Webb, Jr. <i>Instructor of Mathematics</i> <i>accompanied by</i> Ms. Fiona McClanahan

Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3	Verse 4
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, Thy presence my light.	Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.	Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.	High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. David Bruce
Chairman, Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Gregory P. Kerr
Vice President for Academic Affairs
assisted by Mr. Aaron S. Huntley
Registrar

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. G. Robby Webb, Jr.
Instructor of Mathematics
accompanied by Ms. Fiona McClanahan

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

Rev. Rachel M. Toone
Dean of Spiritual Formation

*RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Mr. EJ Jones
bagpiper

**Please stand, if able.*

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

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Danyelle Faith Joli

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Malee Khang

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Katie Marion Colenda
Summa Cum Laude

Abigail Joy Haas
Cum Laude

Katherine Nicole Leatherman
Summa Cum Laude

James Crowder¹

McKayla Renee High
Cum Laude

Brady Adam Smith

Darah Gabrielle DeWalt
Summa Cum Laude

Jakan Jamison
Summa Cum Laude

Lee Stevens Wooden

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:

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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Rev. Dr. J. Howard Edington
*Retired Senior Minister,
First Presbyterian Church of Orlando*

Beginning in 1982, Dr. Edington served as senior minister of the six thousand member First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, one of the largest mainline churches in the United States. Under his leadership, the congregation quadrupled in size, and Dr. Edington’s sermons were televised weekly to millions of homes throughout Florida and Georgia. After his distinguished 21-year career at First Presbyterian, he joined Providence Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head Island, S.C., as senior minister in 2003. During his four-year tenure, membership increased by 40 percent and a sustainable and substantial reserve fund was established. In 2008, Dr. Edington was asked to serve as “preacher-in-residence” at Central Presbyterian Church on the Upper East Side of New York City. Under his leadership, the church expanded from 14 attendees of Dr. Edington’s first service to three services packed mostly with young singles and young families. In 2013, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston called Dr. Edington to serve as interim senior pastor. The church has a long history of evangelism and mission, and during Dr. Edington’s term the church grew in membership and generosity.

Dr. Edington has also demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the development of young people at all education levels. He is the founding chairman of The Christ School on the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando campus. During Dr. Edington’s tenure at First Presbyterian, 253 students received more than \$525,000 in college scholarships. Dr. Edington served from 1992-2002 on the Montreat College Board of Trustees, nine of those years as chairman. In 2018, he returned to service on that board. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by Arkansas College, Rhodes College, Presbyterian College, Florida Christian University, and Grove City College. He has led pastor-training conferences for Missouri Synod Lutherans, United Methodists, Southern Baptists, and the Nazarene church, as well as the interdenominational pastor training events at the Crystal Cathedral and through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Dr. Edington’s first book, *Downtown Church: The Heart of the City*, had tremendous success with churches of all denominations from every state and has been used in seminary curricula. Dr. Edington was a contributing author to the volume, *Beyond Belief*, published by The Gathering/USA. His most recent book, *The Forgotten Man of Christmas*, was revised and greatly expanded by Dr. Edington in 2018.

Dr. Edington and his wife, Trisha, have had three children. In 1994, the Edingtons’ 22-year-old son, John David, was tragically killed in a car accident on a rain-slicked road in Orlando. Their two adult daughters both live in Orlando: Meg Edington Sefton and son, Penn; and Beth Edington Hewitt with her husband, Bobby, and children, Hunter and Sarah Beth.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robert Wade Dotson	Rachel Lynn Eddings <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Mary Lou Winn <i>Cum Laude</i>
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Steven Anhold <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Abigail Shay Graham <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Deonta J. Patterson
Christopher Bradley Basto <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hunter Willis Griffith <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jarcynth H. Sandy-Eliscar
Jill Renee Fisher Brown	Sara Marie Gwillim <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kayla Schlichting <i>Cum Laude</i>
David R. Caldwell	Samuel Hale	Juliana Leigh Sloan <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Victoria Ruth Carter¹	Eli Nicholas Hall <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Rebecca Elaine Smith <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Jasmine Selena Celestin	Pamela Ruth Hempstead <i>Cum Laude</i>	Timothy Mason Stikeleather
Lorward Choi¹	Rylan James Hincer <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kenneth Roger Summerow <i>Cum Laude</i>
Lindsay Erin Cleland	Jonathan Muamba Kayembe <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Robert Caleb Talton
Samuel Cleveland	Kathryn Lee Kiker¹	Hayley Savannah Taylor <i>Cum Laude</i>
Derrick J. Cusano¹ <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Victoria Elisabeth Klose <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Samantha Christine Telsrow
Justina Shakara Dames	Abigail Elizabeth Leahy¹ <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Addison Threatt
Alivia Sidney Daniels	Leopoldo Andre Lucero Pazmino	Gina Maria Vara <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Braeden Christopher Daniels	Tara Ashley Matthews¹	Ashlyn Yvonne Vickers¹
Katherine Sara Dillon	Annette Tipton McGee <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kou Weasah
Samantha DeAnna Dixon <i>With Distinction</i>	Cody Russell Miller	Brittany Leigh West <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Daniel Andrade dos Santos	Alonzo Mobley¹	David Wayne Whitehead
Camilla Rae Drake <i>Cum Laude</i>	Duncan Moody	Arianna Williams¹
Kayla Alexis Ellerbe	Daniel Weymouth Newcomb¹ <i>Cum Laude</i>	Nathan Willis
Jessica Morgan Evans¹ <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Matthew Oster	Kelcie Elizabeth Winningham <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Tiffini J. Fellows	Kinsey Brook Owens <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Josa Marie Worthy <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Tyler Anderson Frye¹		Paul David Young
David Sanchez-Crespo Garcia		
Jessica Lenora Gibbs <i>Cum Laude</i>		

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Seth Daniel Wolfenbarger

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Andrew William Lester

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

Kimberly Drayton ²	Aaron L. Nance ¹
Jennifer Crawford Gandy	Jonathan Mark Park
Joseph V. Gregory	Maaz Bin Razi
Marian Michele Matthewson ¹	Lauren Shay Russotti

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

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.

<i>School of Arts and Sciences</i>	<i>School of Adult and Graduate Studies</i>
May 2019 Valedictorian – Josa Marie Worthy	May 2019 Valedictorian – Rachel Lynn Eddings
May 2019 Salutatorian – Jakan Jamison	May 2019 Salutatorian – Juliana Leigh Sloan

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.

Darah Gabrielle DeWalt	Abigail Shay Graham	Victoria Elisabeth Klose
Jakan Jamison	Sara Marie Gwillim	Katherine Nicole Leatherman
Derrick J. Cusano	Eli Nicholas Hall	Kinsey Brooke Owens

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. 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

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.

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>	
Samantha DeAnna Dixon	Rebecca Elaine Smith
Hunter Willis Griffith	

¹ Pending conferral August 2019
² Conferred August 2018