



MONTREAT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, October 3, 2020 | 2:00 p.m.
Montreat, North Carolina

*We commemorate our graduates in the
one hundred and fifth year of the College.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Paul J. Maurer, President of the College

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

Amazing Grace
John Newton

Dr. Don King
US Air Force Bands

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Norèal Armstrong
Assistant Professor of Counselor Education
and Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Department Chair

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 3:5-6

Mr. Benjamin B. Brandenburg
Assistant Professor of History

WELCOME

Dr. Paul J. Maurer
President

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESSES

SCHOOL OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Ms. Ellen Marie Lowery
Ms. Anastasia Christine Howland

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
Peter Lutkin

Emma Nash '22, soprano
Danielle Schroeder '22, alto
Ben Austin '22, tenor
Matthew Ellison '24, bass

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace,
and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious,
and be gracious;
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen.*

PRESENTATION OF DAVID L. PARKS AWARD

Dr. Megan Clunan
Assistant Professor of
Psychology and Human Services

Dr. Linda Neuzil
Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs,
Director of Teacher Education,
Associate Professor of Teacher Education,
and Education Department Chair

PRESENTATION OF PROFESSOR OF THE
DECADE AWARD

Dr. Dorothea "Dottie" Shuman
Professor of Outdoor Recreation Studies

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

"Come Out to Go Back In"

Pastor George Logan
Founding Pastor
New Day Christian Church

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Pastor George Logan

Dr. Paul J. Maurer
President



PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Linda Neuzil
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
assisted by Fred Miller
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

Emma Nash '22, soprano
Danielle Schroeder '22, alto
Ben Austin '22, tenor
Matthew Ellison '24, bass

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 THE GRADUATES

Rev. Rachel Toone
Dean of Spiritual Formation

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION



CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Aaron Kilgannon

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Jerica Ploeger

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Antonio Jermaine Goodine

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Benjamin N. Basham
Summa Cum Laude

Bailey B. Burton
Summa Cum Laude

Jala A. Daniels

Bonnie Echols

Michelle Flores

Ian R. Galey
Summa Cum Laude

Lucinda R. Gonzalez

Madelyn V. Hambrick
Summa Cum Laude

Sienna M. Hicks

Victoria Elizabeth Hill

Anastasia Christian Howland
Summa Cum Laude

Taylor Alexander Hunnicutt

Mark T. Lattimore

Daniel Sengsue Lee
Cum Laude

Liam Munholand
Cum Laude

Timothy P. Strange
Summa Cum Laude

Riggs D. Wolf
Summa Cum Laude

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Ricardo Canaz
Cum Laude

Pamela Z. Durr

William Taylor Jones

Joseph Chege Maara
Cum Laude

Shannon Mangum

Nicol Marie Matthews
Summa Cum Laude

Robert Notgrass

Shaun Edward Smathers
Magna Cum Laude

Nina Winfield
Cum Laude

Crystal Landers Zamora
Cum Laude

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Joseph P. Akpome

Janice N. Anderson
Summa Cum Laude

Simon Vincent Arnold

Hugo M. Baptiste
Cum Laude

Daulton C. Beard
Cum Laude

Elizabeth A. Beary
Magna Cum Laude

Rhonda Benson
Magna Cum Laude

Sherry Lyn Bereit

Anna E. Berry
Summa Cum Laude

Colton Bowman

Samantha Keenan Brock

Jonathan Keith Brown

Sierra D. Brown

Mollie Lynn Burgin
Cum Laude

Nyaisha M. Burrell

Austin Travis Butler
Cum Laude

Darian Hunter Campbell

Lauren Elizabeth Cannon

Henrique Olin Cardoso

Danielle Caudill

Daniella Carolla Cevallos

Joshua B. Coe
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Conley
Summa Cum Laude

Maurice Michael Lewis Crowe

Hunter Reed DiGeorge
Cum Laude

Holden Dixon

Daniel dos Santos

Jared Drayton

Raphael B. Duarte
Magna Cum Laude

Connor L. Duncan
Magna Cum Laude

Matthew Voyd Edwards

Daniel Scott Elliott
Cum Laude

Liana N. Elliott
Magna Cum Laude

Veronica R. Ellis

Ila M. Elstein
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Dwayne Freeman

Karen Elise Garner

Eric Joseph Gentry
Magna Cum Laude

Alicia Gil

Charlye T. Goines
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Jacob Goins
Summa Cum Laude

Christian Alexander Gonzalez

Jeffrey Griswold
Summa Cum Laude

Aaron James Groller

Josie L. Harris

Corey Harrison

Dylan Duane Haskell

Maddison Gracie-Gayle Hayes
Cum Laude

Jalen Nelson Henriquez
Cum Laude

Nicholas Hermance

Aria Christine Hess
Cum Laude

Kenzie R. Hipps

Jack E. Holmgren
Cum Laude

Amaris Faith Houston

Benjamin R. Jakobowski

Caleb A. Jones
Summa Cum Laude

Amy Jackson Knight
Magna Cum Laude

David Allen Knight, Jr.

Savannah Jean Kummelman

Tracer Cain Leonard

Jacob Bacon Lovejoy
Cum Laude

Ellen Marie Lowery
Summa Cum Laude

Janet Maslankowski
Magna Cum Laude

Melvin L. McCleave

Amirah K. Moize

Asia Monday

Tia Montiero
Summa Cum Laude

Allison C. Moody
Magna Cum Laude

Chandler Ian Moore

Leah Morris

Kelsey M. Nolasco

Jeovanni Ordaz

Kyndell M. Overton

Jacob Chase Parker
Magna Cum Laude

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | *Continued*

Andre Rafael Paun Dinca
Cum Laude

Ella Pepper

Griffin D. Persons

Alexander Lee Pinkleton

Noah Jeffery Pinkleton

Jackson E. Plyler

Alexis C. Powell
Cum Laude

Brianna M. Powell
Summa Cum Laude

Francisco Xavier Prado

Tekwan Marquis Price

Austin Connor Priesel

Lydia Jayne Wilson Reeve
Magna Cum Laude

Ricardo Rendon-Habana
Cum Laude

Emma J. Roberts
Cum Laude

Hsu Rochom

Alexander Charles Rogers

Marissa Rose Romeo
Cum Laude

Shianece E. Sanders
Summa Cum Laude

Dawn Eileen Sechler
Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Settlemyre

Jordan M. Shelton
Cum Laude

Madeline K. Sides
Cum Laude

Bridgette Rheona Smith
Cum Laude

Laura Ashley Smith
Summa Cum Laude

John A. Stewart

Sierra Stratton

Jacob M. Summerville

Abigail B. Swilley
Cum Laude

Nicole M. Tallman

Micah J. Taylor

Charles Tucker

Jessica Underwood
Magna Cum Laude

Keiragan Lee Wall

Camron Mitchell Wallace

Tammy Renee Walter
Summa Cum Laude

Angela J. Waltman

Cailin J. Warner
Summa Cum Laude

Emily L. Wells
Magna Cum Laude

LaTanya Michelle Winnegan

Ashlynn Elizabeth Wishon
Magna Cum Laude

Alyson M. Woody

Haven E. Worley

Hannah L. Wyngarden

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

Donaiel Allen

Amir Boler

Karen Bryant

Chaslyn Burt

Jamila Cainey

Aaron Hylton Edwards

Tiffany Taylor Edwards

Jessica Fields

Renee Greene

Brittany Nichole Hall

Alan Ray Herman
Posthumously

Emily Howard Wilhoit

Bonita Irwin

Jacqueline Kroemer

Luke Mackenzie

Antonio Miguel

Angela Morrow

Noemi Perkins

John Russel Shelley

Brooke Simpson

Heather Smith

Jen Strickland

Alexis Brianna Lowe Surratt

Holly Thompson

Seth Utley

Claudia Valenta

Mackenzie Weigel

Kayla E. Young

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Daniel Davis

Jeremy Hurse

Joshua Wilcox

Patti Guffey

Vladislav Stepanov

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Leah Caswell

Cathleen Reas

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

Kyle Baldwin

Joao Pedro Fachinetto Ehlers

Terrance Braisford McKnight

Britney Berkery

Jennie Merie-Crease Hale

MacMatthews C. Njoku

Sara Bradley

Elizabeth Hofheins

Michelle Sasser

Kristine Buckwalter

Tammy Hoilman

Samantha Lewis Stinson

Ryan James Buick

Katherine Megan Holbert

John Thomas Sullivan

Amber Easler Burrell

Erin Michal Joyce Holliday

Giovanna Summer

Eoghan Colgan

Jennifer Israel

Donna Taylor

Hope Deifell

Kaitlyn Landreth

Anita Rechelle White

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.

School of Arts and Sciences

Valedictorian – Anastasia Christian Howland
Salutatorian – Ian R. Galey

School of Adult and Graduate Studies

Valedictorian – Ellen Marie Lowery
Salutatorian – Tia Montiero

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.

Anna E. Berry

Jacob Chase Parker

Riggs D. Wolf

Charlye T. Goines

Cailin J. Warner

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.

Simon Vincent Arnold

Eric Joseph Gentry

Ellen Marie Lowery

Christopher Dwayne Freeman

William Taylor Jones

Melvin L. McCleave

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

Donaiel Allen

Jacqueline Kroemer

Jen Strickland

Amir Boler

Luke Mackenzie

Alexis Brianna Lowe Surratt

Karen Bryant

John Russel Shelley

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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.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Pastor George K. Logan
Founding Pastor,
New Day Christian Church of Morganton, NC

Pastor Logan is known for his heart for the Lord, and for all those around him. He is the founding pastor of New Day Christian Church in Morganton, North Carolina—a dynamic, multi-ethnic congregation whose mission is to pursue and build authentic relationships that produce followers of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Logan is a Black Mountain native and 1982 graduate of Owen High School. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree in Industrial Relations from UNC Chapel Hill in 1986, where he also participated in Army ROTC. After fulfilling his military service, he sensed God's call to the ministry while at a Bible study with his family in Los Angeles. In 1992, he completed a three-year ministerial training program at the Crenshaw Christian Center Ministry Training Institute in Los Angeles. While in Los Angeles he worked with New Life for Old Prison, an evangelistic organization whose mission-field is the penitentiary system. While ministering to inmates, he sensed that God was calling him into full-time ministry. So in 1994, Pastor Logan and his wife moved back to western North Carolina, where they began leading a Bible study. This Bible study soon became New Day Christian Church in Morganton, where he has served as lead pastor for 26 years.

While in this role, Pastor Logan has also served his community in many other capacities. He has mentored and coached youth, served in schools and hospice centers, and volunteered for the North Carolina Department of Corrections. Pastor Logan also serves on both the Board of the Strategic Alliance for Burke Youth and on our very own Board of Trustees here at Montreat College. He has spoken at numerous events, including the New Year's Eve Watch Night Service sponsored by the Montreat Cottagers Association and at the prayer breakfast held annually by the Swannanoa Valley Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Corporation. In 2013, Pastor Logan was publicly recognized for his servant heart when he was named Morganton's Man of the Year.

He is married to his beloved wife Kim, and together they have four children: Gabriel, Katie, Michael, and Joel.

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

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 948, 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 (CCCU), 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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