



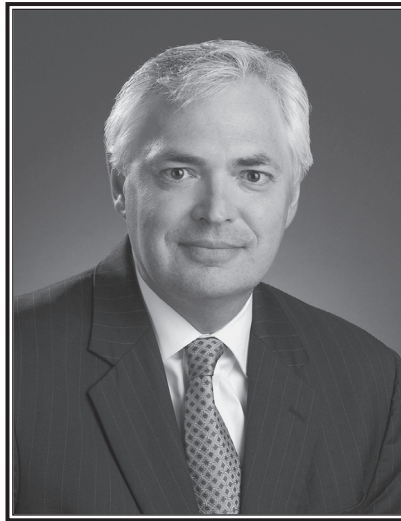
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 2013

Dear Mercer Graduate:

On behalf of the entire Mercer University community, I congratulate you on the occasion of your graduation. You have achieved one of the most significant goals of your life, and you have added immeasurably to the intellectual and spiritual foundation on which you will stand in the years ahead.

You may be receiving your first Mercer degree this spring. Or, perhaps your accomplishment represents your second or even third degree from the University. Whichever it may be, you share a common bond with all of the graduates today of having made real what was once an aspiration. As a graduate, you are entitled to feel a strong sense of fulfillment as you reflect on your hard work and personal commitment.

With each passing year, you will find that memories of your Mercer experiences will grow to mean more to you. As you reflect on the friendships, the learning experiences, the joys and the frustrations of the time you have spent at Mercer, you increasingly will come to realize that the University is a part of your life forever.

Commencement is a rewarding time for the faculty and staff as students move beyond the University to continue along their life's path. The measure of a university is not the accolades accumulated from popular college guides and national rankings. The true measure is the transformation our students experience that prepares them to be intelligent, thoughtful and compassionate leaders who are committed to making a positive difference in their community and the world. We encourage you to stay in touch with the University in the years ahead.

We are grateful that you chose to pursue your educational goals here and that you always will be a part of Mercer University.

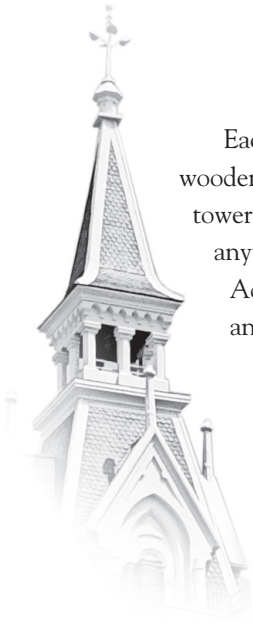
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. Underwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

William D. Underwood
President

MERCER TRADITIONS

Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and 180 years has developed a number of cherished traditions.



SPIRES AND TOWERS

Each fall, part of freshman orientation includes a trek up a combination of ladders, spiral staircases and wooden stairs in the Godsey Administration Building, the Macon campus' oldest structure, to reach the tower overlooking campus. Students write their names, graduating years and sometimes favorite messages anywhere from the first stairwell to the actual tower. In addition to the majestic spires adorning the Godsey Administration Building, the Macon campus skyline is also known for the spires of Willingham Auditorium and Newton Chapel.

PILGRIMAGE TO PENFIELD

Since the early 1900s, Mercer undergraduates have been making the 90-mile trip from Macon to Penfield to celebrate the founding of Mercer University. The

Pilgrimage to Penfield, as the tradition is now called, has evolved over the years from a celebration for graduating seniors to an integral

part of the Mercer freshman experience.

Penfield, which is located in rural Greene County, was the home of Mercer from 1833-1871. It was named after Josiah Penfield, a Savannah merchant, who challenged the Georgia Baptist Convention to match his \$2,500 contribution and support an educational institution. The Convention, fueled primarily from Jesse Mercer's financial contribution and leadership, met the challenge and opened Mercer Institute in 1833. It was renamed Mercer University in 1838.

Today, at Penfield, students participating in the Pilgrimage find the original University chapel, the foundation of the first University academic building, and a cemetery that includes the gravesites of Jesse Mercer, as well as a number of former University presidents, trustees and leaders.



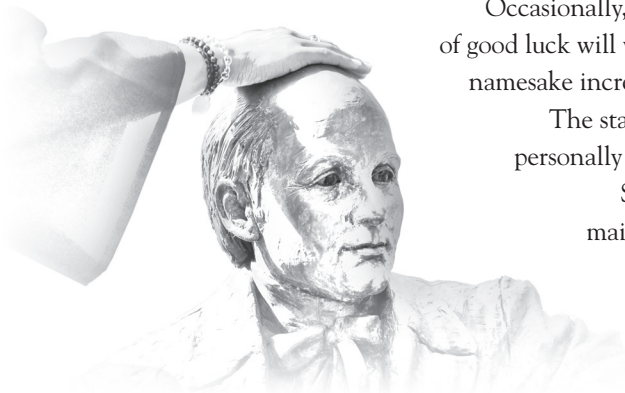
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

Statues of Jesse Mercer sit casually on benches in the middle of Mercer's Macon and Atlanta campuses. The youthful-looking founder of Mercer is staged at a sideways angle, looking ready for a conversation with a passing student.

Occasionally, the statue's head is rubbed by a frantic or uneasy student, hoping the tradition of good luck will work on the upcoming exam. During finals, traffic past Mercer's respected namesake increases drastically.

The statues in Macon and Atlanta are encircled by quotes from Jesse Mercer, personally picked out by former Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey.

Since the statue was installed on the Macon campus in 1995, this area in the main Quadrangle has become one of the most visited sites on campus by students and alumni. The statue, sculpted by Don Haugen of Marietta, was duplicated on the Atlanta campus in 2005.



Beginning in 2009, freshmen, as part of Fall Convocation, and graduating seniors, as part of Baccalaureate, began processing past the Jesse Mercer statue on the Macon campus, rubbing his head for the first and last times on campus.

The statue was unveiled in 1995 in conjunction with the re-introduction of the tradition of Founders' Day. The statue cost \$75,000 and was paid for by a Student Government Association fund established specifically for constructing the Jesse Mercer statue.

FOUNDERS' DAY

For a university that is almost two centuries old, Founders' Day is bound to be special. At Mercer, while the annual celebration has a checkered history, the tradition is as strong as ever today. Founders' Day began in 1891, 20 years after the University moved from Penfield to Macon. At that time, Founders' Day was a celebration centered on Jesse Mercer's birthday. Mercer's two competing literary societies, Phi Delta and Ciceronian, each brought in a speaker to honor the heritage of Mercer and its founder.

Founders' Day remained a significant annual event for Mercer for the next 40 or 50 years, according to Dr. Doug Pearson, vice president and dean of students. The occasion had different formats during this period, ranging from political events attended by state governors to all-day historic celebrations.

While this tradition remained strong during the early- to mid-1900s, interest began to wane in the 1950s and 1960s. By the end of the 1960s, the tradition had been completely removed from the University calendar. The absence of Founders' Day lasted until the mid-1990s. At that time, the Student Government Association brought the event back to the Macon campus.

In 2008, as part of the University's 175th anniversary observance, five Mercer "legends" were invited to speak as part of the Founders' Day celebration. The "legends" were author Dr. Ferrol Sams, Jr.; Sam Oni, Mercer's first black student; longtime English professor Dr. Mary Wilder; attorney and author Robert Steed; and former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell.



RINGING THE TIFT BELL

When Tift College merged with Mercer in 1986, the alumnae of the Forsyth women's school were apprehensive about Mercer's commitment to honor the Tift heritage. Mercer had joined with the Tift College Alumnae Association to create a plan to honor the historic institution, but when Mercer closed the campus in 1987, that concern was heightened by many members of past classes.

Then-President R. Kirby Godsey acknowledged the challenges of merging Tift into Mercer, especially following the closing of the school. During that period of the late 1980s, he continued to stress Mercer's commitment to honoring the legacy and heritage of Tift.

That persistence paid off for Mercer and Tift alumnae, primarily through the partnership of past alumnae and current Mercer women participating in the Tift College Scholars Program. This program provides scholarships, leadership development and, most importantly, mentoring from Tift alumnae to 125 women attending Mercer, which also named its College of Education for Tift in 2001.

The preservation of the Tift legacy is a combination of the heritage of Tift and the momentum of Mercer. Part of this history and tradition is the ringing of the Tift Bell, which was relocated to the Macon campus after the merger. Tift graduates began ringing the bell in 1959 as part of commencement festivities.

MERCER UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

Approximately 1,900 students will participate in Mercer University's spring commencements. To make graduation a special day for these students and their families, Mercer University will conduct five ceremonies in May. Each ceremony will be unique and will reflect the schools and colleges represented.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – MACON

Speaker: Jean R. Sumner, M.D., '86
Charter Class Member, School of Medicine
Friday, May 3, 1:00 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH

Speaker: William J. Hoskins, M.D.
Executive Director of Surgical Activities, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Saturday, May 4, 1:00 p.m.
Savannah Arts Academy | Savannah

ATLANTA

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics
Tift College of Education | James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing | College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Speaker: John R. Seffrin
Chief Executive Officer, American Cancer Society, Inc.
Saturday, May 11, 8:30 a.m.
Upper Field | Atlanta Campus

WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Speaker: Steve Berry, '80
New York Times Best Selling Author
Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon

MACON

College of Liberal Arts | Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics
School of Engineering | Tift College of Education
College of Continuing and Professional Studies | Townsend School of Music

Speaker: Claude M. Kicklighter, '55
Lieutenant General (Retired), United States Army
Saturday, May 11, 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon

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GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



In March 1999, Judge Griffin B. Bell was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship by the Association of Governing Boards and Universities. The longtime Mercer Trustee was one of two national honorees selected from the 50,000 board members who volunteer their time to higher education. For this noteworthy accomplishment, Judge Bell was presented a crystal Steuben sculpture and a framed certificate. The University, in Judge Bell's honor, was presented a \$10,000 unrestricted cash award. At its April 2000 meeting, the Mercer Board of Trustees voted to use the award to establish the Griffin B. Bell Award for Community Service. This award, along with a replica inspired by the Steuben that was given to Judge Bell, is presented annually to deserving graduating students from among Mercer's 11 schools and colleges.

THE HONORABLE GRIFFIN B. BELL



Originally from Americus, Griffin B. Bell graduated *cum laude* from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law with an LL.B. degree in 1948. He practiced law in Savannah, and Rome, before joining the law firm of King & Spalding in Atlanta as a partner in 1953.

In 1959, while a senior partner at King & Spalding, Judge Bell was appointed Chief of Staff by Georgia Governor Ernest Vandiver. In 1961, U.S. President John F. Kennedy appointed him as a judge of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. After 15 years of service on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Bell returned to King & Spalding. He resigned from the firm to become the 72nd Attorney General of the United States on January 26, 1977, following his nomination by U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

He served as U.S. Attorney General until August 16, 1979, when he returned to King & Spalding, serving as chair of its Policy Committee. An active counselor and adviser to leaders in Congress, the U.S. Attorney General's office and U.S. presidents, Judge Bell's influence was wide reaching. He is truly recognized as one of the country's great Americans. Judge Bell died January 5, 2009, at the age of 90.

2013 GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

NANCY BOORE

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences



Nancy Boore's passion and dedication to community service is evidenced by her actions both in and out of the classroom. Graduating from the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy, she will continue to serve others.

Boore's commitment and dedication stem from her upbringing. Following in her father's footsteps, Ms. Boore served as an Army officer. Her assignments included Middle East/Africa intelligence analyst at the Pentagon, Eastern Europe intelligence analyst at the U.S. Army Europe Headquarters in Germany, and professor at West Point. Boore left the Army after fourteen years to pursue a career as a physical therapist.

Boore is respected by her peers for her dedication and drive. She served her fellow classmates as President of the inaugural Doctor of Physical Therapy class and organized and led the program's student-led academic assistance program. She also participated in information sessions, interviewed prospective students and faculty, and assisted with weekend courses.

Boore's dedication to serving others also extends out into the local community. She has spent countless hours at the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center, at Helping Hands, at the Good Samaritan Health Center, and in providing individual assistance to those in need.

Boore's experience is extensive, and she is committed to making sure every voice is heard. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Western Maryland College and her Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College before enrolling at Mercer for her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2012

Chelsea Marie Flieger
College of Liberal Arts

2011

Andi Thomas Sullivan
McAfee School of Theology

2010

Gloria Ann Jordan
College of Continuing and
Professional Studies

2009

Shannon Louise Moon
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

2008

Grant Michael Jenson
Walter F. George School of Law

2007

Chpryelle Carr
School of Medicine

Steuart Hutchings Botchford
College of Liberal Arts

2006

Hollie Benet Preston
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

2005

John Michael Carroll
College of Liberal Arts

Dennis Drummond
Tift College of Education

2004

Amanda Elaine Meloun
Walter F. George School of Law

Leah Marie Phanco
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

2003

Caroline Gary
Walter F. George School of Law

2002

Rachel Gunter Shapard
McAfee School of Theology

2001

Stephanie Anne Shelton
College of Liberal Arts

2000

Virginia Campbell Leslie
School of Medicine

WALLACE ODELL DU VALL

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Wallace Odell DuVall Excellence in Leadership Award at Mercer University recognizes the outstanding leadership of a graduating senior from one of the University's undergraduate schools and colleges. For award consideration, students must be recommended by a faculty or staff member and nominated by their respective dean. Eligible candidates must demonstrate the abilities to motivate and inspire the confidence and trust of others, while possessing vision, intelligence, integrity and common sense, and having a good academic record. The selected recipient receives a financial award.

Wallace Odell DuVall (1901-1993) was an Atlanta attorney who spent most of his career in the banking industry. He served as secretary and attorney of the Atlanta Building and Loan Association, which later became Georgia Federal Savings and Loan Association, of which Mr. DuVall became chairman of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Executive Committee. A generous benefactor and longtime friend of Mercer University, he was a founding trustee of Atlanta Baptist College, which merged with Mercer in 1972 and became the University's Atlanta campus. He served three terms on Mercer's Board of Trustees, 1972-77, 1978-83 and 1985-90. The Dean's Suite at the Law School is named for him, as well as an academic building on the Atlanta Campus, where his portrait hangs.

NOAH MAIER

College of Liberal Arts



Noah Maier's concerns about diversity and acceptance, coupled with a passion for breaking prejudicial barriers, have distinguished him as a student who inspires confidence and trust in others.

On campus, Maier was actively involved in Mercer's Gay-Straight Alliance, Common Ground. Under his leadership, the organization increased its membership ten-fold and successfully brought the first Safe Space program to Mercer. As part of Mercer On Mission, he helped with the LGBT visibility in Moldova. Maier worked to stop sex trafficking in Hungary, volunteered at orphanages in the Ukraine, and organized a fund-raiser for Haiti earthquake victims. He served as Quadwork's Diversity Chair and led diversity-related activities for students. He held an anti-racism rally in 2012 that received local and national attention.

Off campus, Maier has tutored inner city students and had oversight for 3D programming classes for inner city girls. He has served as an afterschool instructor at the Boys and Girls Club of Macon as well as Teen Scene Macon.

Maier plans to work as a strategist for a U.S. Congressional candidate following graduation.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| <p style="text-align: center;">2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Andrew Jones <i>Rome, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephanie Ard <i>Richmond Hill, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2005 AND EARLIER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">William Arnold <i>Macon, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Blair Cox <i>Thomaston, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Jimmy Thomas Howell <i>Jesup, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Larissa Spell <i>Screven, Georgia</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Margaret McCampbell <i>Jasper, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">James Derek Cook <i>Homerville, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Julia Bowen <i>Warner Robins, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Daniel Crager <i>Garden City, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Andy Lane <i>Newnan, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Eric Trivett <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amy Carol Abel <i>Senoia, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stacey Irene Harwell <i>Valdosta, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Megan Boyd <i>Tullahoma, Tennessee</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Ben Drew Cravey, III <i>Hawkinsville, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Adam Neal <i>Winter Park, Florida</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Jamanda Turner <i>Decatur, Georgia</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Christopher Elder <i>Columbus, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Samson Julius Alva <i>Sharjah, United Arab Emirates</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Bryan <i>Conyers, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">John Christopher Elder <i>Columbus, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Frank Nelson <i>Harlem, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Jamila Wideman <i>Riverdale, Georgia</i></p> |
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| | | <p style="text-align: center;">James Derek Cook <i>Homerville, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Crystal Garmon <i>Toccoa, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Emily Salman <i>Marietta, Georgia</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Megin Lea Williams <i>Martinez, Georgia</i></p> |
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LOUIE D. NEWTON GENERAL EXCELLENCE MEDAL

The Louie D. Newton General Excellence Medal is presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies scholastic achievement, personal integrity and character, service to the campus community and a commitment to spiritual values. The award is named in honor of Dr. Newton, Mercer alumnus, former Mercer professor, Christian journalist, distinguished pastor and renowned denominational leader.

BRITTANY ROBINSON

Stetson School of Business and Economics



Brittany Robinson's dedication to academics and serving others is evidenced by the way she has reached out to the University, community and the world.

Robinson is dedicated to academics. She has served the Mercer athletic community as a tutor and has provided tutoring services to the larger student population. Robinson's academic successes have earned her membership in Phi Eta Sigma, Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies.

Robinson is passionate about serving others. In addition to her tutoring, she has contributed numerous service hours to the Special Olympics, Be a Good NeighBear, the Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life and the local food bank. As part of Mercer On Mission in the Dominican Republic, she taught Vacation Bible School to the local children, small business basic practices to the community and helped build an orphanage for more than 100 homeless children. Robinson was also an active member of Delta Sigma Pi.

After graduation, Robinson plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in Accounting with a focus on taxation.

ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN AWARD

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award is presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies excellence in character, leadership, service to the community and commitment to spiritual values. This award was established by The New York Southern Society in 1925, and at Mercer University in 1926, in memory of Mr. Sullivan, a great humanitarian and philanthropist.

KAITLYN SCHMITT

Stetson School of Business and Economics



Kaitlyn Schmitt demonstrated her commitment to excellence and leadership through her involvement both on and off campus.

On campus, Schmitt held multiple roles in the Mercer chapter of the American Marketing Association, in Phi Mu sorority and with Dance Marathon. She was also a member of the student Judicial Board and served as the business manager for *The Cluster*. Schmitt's off-campus volunteer work includes the Children's Miracle Network Hospital and Milestones for Miracles.

Schmitt serves as the Director of Marketing for Papa Dukes Coffee, a start-up company owned by two Mercer students. After graduation, Schmitt will begin work on her master's degree in Business Administration at Mercer University.

THE JAMES T. MCAFEE, JR. ENDOWED VISION AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The James T. McAfee, Jr., Endowed Vision and Leadership Scholarship Fund recognizes outstanding leadership abilities of a junior, a senior or a graduate student in the College of Liberal Arts; Stetson School of Business and Economics; Tift College of Education; School of Engineering; Townsend School of Music; College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Georgia Baptist College of Nursing; School of Medicine; or McAfee School of Theology. Scholarship candidates are nominated by the dean of their school or college.

James T. McAfee, Jr., (1939-2004) provided strong leadership to Mercer University as chairman and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was a generous benefactor of the University, and Mercer's School of Theology in Atlanta is named for him and his wife, Carolyn, a member of the University's Board of Trustees. A nationally recognized leader in the health care industry, he served as chairman of Hallmark Systems, Inc., an Atlanta-based health care ownership and management firm. He also was chairman of the board of *Baptists Today*. He was a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and Georgia State University in Atlanta. He received honorary doctorates from Union in 1990 and Mercer in 1999.

The James T. McAfee, Jr., Endowed Vision and Leadership Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 by his wife and his son, J. Thomas McAfee, III, a graduate of Mercer's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics and a current member of the University's Board of Trustees.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2012

Abraham Deng
McAfee School of Theology

Kaitlyn Schmitt
Stetson School of Business and Economics

2011

Christopher Gaunder
School of Medicine

Matthew Townsend
Stetson School of Business and Economics

2010

Ashley Mooney
School of Medicine

2009

Chris L. Kiker
College of Liberal Arts

2008

Bailey Edwards Nelson
McAfee School of Theology

Susan Elizabeth Yarbrough
Tift College of Education

2006

Rebekah Carol Duke
McAfee School of Theology

James "Jamie" Christopher Geiger, Jr.
Townsend School of Music

ALISON SMITH

School of Medicine



Alison Smith immediately established herself as a leader in community service and volunteerism upon her arrival at the Mercer University School of Medicine in 2010. The breadth of her activities is remarkable. True to the spirit of the McAfee Scholarship, Smith has initiated programs and volunteer opportunities for her peers by co-founding the Global Health and Awareness Club and by serving as a local coordinator for the Blood Alliance, a non-profit blood center. Smith also serves as a responder and counselor for victims of sexual violence through the Savannah Rape Crisis Center and established a lending library for the inpatient psychiatric ward of Memorial University Medical Center. She is currently working with a group of other service-minded MUSM students to establish a student-staffed free clinic for the medically underserved in Statesboro and Savannah.

Smith's classmates recognize her leadership ability and hold her in very high esteem. She has been re-elected to serve as class president for the Savannah campus for a fourth consecutive year and is currently vice president of the MUSM student body, which encompasses Savannah, Macon, and Columbus.

Smith's interest in eliminating health care disparities predates her medical education. While a student at St. Olaf College her passion was demonstrated through her five-month undergraduate field research project in Tanzania that focused on the diagnosis and treatment of 400 Maasai children with intestinal helminthic infections. As a master's degree student at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, she developed a database to track global polio immunizations for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and completed a study that evaluated family planning interventions targeting HIV- infected couples in Zambia.

After completing her MPH in global health, Smith worked full-time for CDC's Global Aids Program and Division of Parasitic Diseases, coordinating studies and public health interventions related to HIV/AIDS and malaria in more than 15 countries around the globe. Smith has received outstanding alumni awards from St. Olaf College and Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. Smith was also a 2012 recipient of the Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually by the Association of American Medical Colleges in recognition of leadership and efforts to eliminate inequality in health care and medical education.

Smith's professional and academic records are outstanding. Her intellect, enthusiasm and tireless devotion to assisting the underserved have impressed her classmates and faculty alike.

Smith plans a career combining public health and medicine, using her expertise to benefit underserved populations. She will be a remarkable asset to any community that she serves.

RYAN BARTHOLOMEW

School of Engineering



In the past few years, Ryan Bartholomew has held several jobs. He has worked as a busboy, server and a host at local restaurants. He has assembled office furniture and, most recently, he has worked as a temporary technician for a research institute. This is not particularly remarkable. What is remarkable is Bartholomew's initiative and drive directed toward helping others.

As a senior in high school, Bartholomew worked with the Miracle League, a baseball league for mentally and physically challenged children. This experience impacted him so greatly that he has found a way to continue to help this organization. In 2010, Bartholomew created a lawn care business after purchasing a set of professional yard tools from his parents. With his entrepreneurial skills and passion, he created "Dawn to Dusk Landscaping" in order to help pay for his college tuition. His passion for helping others led him to donate \$5 from each of his landscaping jobs back to the Miracle League.

Bartholomew has continued to give back to the Miracle League and his total annual donation has increased every year. This year he was able to donate more than \$350 to the league. In addition, he donated turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets for families around Macon and he purchased more than \$200 worth of toys to donate to Kids Yule Love.

Bartholomew has never talked openly about his work or marketed it. When asked how he could afford to give so much money away while trying to pay for his education, Bartholomew simply responds that "God always finds a way to give it back to me."

A Macon native, Bartholomew quietly serves the community and has found numerous ways to give to others. He maintains a 3.788 GPA as a junior in the School of Engineering with a specialization in Electrical Engineering. After earning his Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree, he plans to continue his education at Mercer earning a master's degree in Computer Engineering.

JOE AND JEAN HENDRICKS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Joe and Jean Hendricks Excellence in Teaching Award is a University-wide award given at Commencement to an outstanding teacher at Mercer. Personal attention to students and a focus on superior teaching are distinguishing characteristics of a Mercer education, and this award elevates and honors these values. The award is named for two of Mercer's greatest teachers. Joe Hendricks, and his older sister, Jean Hendricks, are both legendary at Mercer for their dedication to students and for their ability to engage students in transformative learning and discovery.

Dr. Jean Hendricks was a 1942 graduate of Tift College, earned her Ph.D. from Florida State University, served as chair of the Department of Psychology in the College of Liberal Arts, and was the beloved dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta. Dr. Joseph Hendricks is a 1955 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, earned his Ph.D. from Emory University, taught in the First-Year Seminar program for 32 years (both Jean and Joe were instrumental in creating this long-running program), founded the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Liberal Arts, and taught for years in the Department of Christianity in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Joe and Jean Hendricks Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes a full-time teacher in one of Mercer's 11 schools and colleges who best exemplifies the qualities that distinguished Joe and Jean Hendricks as teachers and mentors to generations of Mercer students:

- Challenging and inspiring teaching in and out of the classroom;
- Active engagement of students in the process of learning, discovery, and leadership; and
- Caring mentoring to motivate students and junior faculty to achieve their highest aspirations.

The award carries with it a \$5,000 stipend.

MARY ANN DRAKE

College of Liberal Arts



Dr. Mary Ann Drake excels in three areas of academe: as a mentor and friend to both faculty and students; as a campus and community leader; and, above all, as a teacher. She intentionally and enthusiastically guides her students to self discovery and has helped to transform the lives of Mercer students for three decades. She models responsible and ethical behaviors for her students as she treats them and all others with respect and dignity. Students describe her ability to help them improve their communication skills and others speak of her ability to awaken a love for learning.

Dr. Drake has been a leading proponent of service learning among undergraduates. She is a staunch community activist who has focused her energies on victims of gender and sex discrimination, usually giving voice to those who lack the power or authority to be heard — such as people who suffer from AIDS and HIV; victims of sex trafficking; battered women; the mentally disabled; and the gay and lesbian community. In 2009, a Human Rights Advocacy Award was named in her honor. Also, Dr. Drake is frequently sought out by young colleagues as a mentor, and senior faculty colleagues treasure her wisdom and insight.

Dr. Drake earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College. She holds a master's in Liberal Studies from St. John's College and her doctorate in psychology from The Fielding Institute. Since coming to Mercer, Dr. Drake has been entrusted with a wide variety of administrative roles, and she has executed each with distinction. She is currently leading the development of a new second-year seminar on Building Community as part of the general education structure.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – MACON

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Friday, May 3, 2013 | 1:00 p.m.

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| Presiding | William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i> |
| Prelude | Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i> |
| Academic Procession* | Jack Mitchener |
| Invocation* | Craig Thomas McMahan <i>University Minister and Dean of the Chapel</i> |
| Welcome | The President of the University |
| Greetings from the School | William Frank Bina, III, M.D., M.P.H. <i>Dean, School of Medicine</i> |
| Greetings from the Board of Governors | Jack H. Powell, III, M.D. <i>Chair, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Macon Campus</i> |
| Introduction of Speaker | David Scott Davis <i>Provost</i> |
| Commencement Address | Jean R. Sumner, M.D., '86 <i>Charter Class Member, School of Medicine</i> |
| University Honors | The President of the University |
| Special Awards | William Frank Bina, III |
| Conferring of the Degrees | The President of the University <i>Master of Family Therapy Master of Public Health Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Doctor of Medicine</i> |
| Awarding of Diplomas and Hooding of Medical Graduates | William Frank Bina, III |
| Medical Graduate's Oath | Thomas Philip Malan, M.D. <i>Vice Dean, School of Medicine Dean, Savannah Campus</i> |
| Alumni Welcome | Stephen M. Durkee, M.D., '98 <i>Vice President, School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors</i> |
| Benediction* | Craig Thomas McMahan |
| Academic Recession** | Jack Mitchener |

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JEAN R. SUMNER

Commencement Speaker

Doctor of Science



Jean Rawlings Sumner is a practicing internist in Wrightsville. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing where she was an honor graduate.

A member of the first class of the Mercer University School of Medicine, she served as class president her sophomore, junior and senior years. Dr. Sumner received the Distinguished Graduate award and was selected by her classmates to receive the Physician's Physician Award. She was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the honor society of medicine.

After residency, Dr. Sumner returned home to Johnson County and served as the county's only physician for several years. Her areas of clinical interests include rural health and geriatrics.

She has been appointed to three terms on the Georgia Composite Medical Board. As board president, she was instrumental in rewriting Georgia's Medical Practice Act. Dr. Sumner presently serves as Medical Director of the Georgia Board of Medicine.

Dr. Sumner is a former Trustee of Mercer University. She now serves on the Board of Governors for the School of Medicine.

She is a potter, enjoys fishing, raising chickens and painting. She is married to Joe Sumner, and they have two children and three granddaughters.

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FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Justin B. Beverly, M.D.

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Lauren Hollman Fried

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY MARSHAL

John Hudson, M.D.
Professor of Internal Medicine

READERS

Steve Livingston, Ph.D.
Program Director, Master of Family Therapy Program

Nannette Turner, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Program Director, Master of Public Health Program

Susan Cline, Ph.D.
Program Director, Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences

Alice House, M.D.
Senior Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

❖ Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society | ♦ Gold Humanism Honor Society | † Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

MASTER OF FAMILY THERAPY

LaTasha Nicole Billingslea
Greensboro, Georgia

Lakea Cecile Burrison
Glennville, Georgia

Gregory Prescott Cooper
Duluth, Georgia

Carter Stevens Drew
Atlanta, Georgia

Aaryn Allan Easton
Loveland, Colorado

Ammeretta Leanna Gaskin
Lithonia, Georgia

Felicia Danielle Harris
Garner, North Carolina

Katrina Dionne Henry
Grayson, Georgia

Nichomi Danielle Higgins
Austell, Georgia

Erica Tenell James
Atlanta, Georgia

Debra Laukaitis
Forsyth, Georgia

Alexandria Kay Lawrence
Dublin, Georgia

Sneha Vinod Mistry
Aiken, South Carolina

Amanda Nicole Nicholson
Riverdale, Georgia

Stephanie Anne Renaud
Atlanta, Georgia

Ebony Tereziona Rives
College Park, Georgia

Damaris Solomon
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Brittani Kambrion Marie Strozier
Atlanta, Georgia

Jamie Briana Steele
Augusta, Georgia

Robin Michelle Tarver Gray
Georgia

Ellen Shelton Thomas
Macon, Georgia

Deidre Monique White
Douglasville, Georgia

Cassandra Monique Wright
Marietta, Georgia

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Crystal Marie Bolder
Columbia, South Carolina

Kayla Danielle Buchanan †
Lithonia, Georgia

Takesha Monique Clifton
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Shannon D'lain Cooper
Douglasville, Georgia

Christa Lorita Denard Conley
Georgia

Oluwayomi Fabayo
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Faith Alane Flack
Marietta, Georgia

Jamir Alexander Ford
Jonesboro, Georgia

Meghan Renee' Gondron
Marietta, Georgia

Phylicia Raquel Hammonds †
Columbus, Georgia

Whitney Nicole Hamilton †
Macon, Georgia

Norman Hart, IV
Fayetteville, Georgia

Jennifer Lynn Jones
Tifton, Georgia

Yima Ann Kadiya
Dacula, Georgia

Tara Michelle Lee
Rossville, Georgia

Zhen-Ying Liu
Macon, Georgia

Jasmine Termill Moss †
Atlanta, Georgia

Joseph Chimere Ohaya
Fayetteville, Georgia

Adebola Omisore
Atlanta, Georgia

Jena Camille Palmer
Waynesboro, Georgia

Nikki Tere' Randall
Macon, Georgia

Henaa Razzak
Marietta, Georgia

Chanda Selice Redd
Atlanta, Georgia

Patrick Alan Reilly
Bogart, Georgia

Karishma Saini †
Kathleen, Georgia

Christopher Thomas Scoggins †
Albany, Georgia

Etsehiwot Abiye Seifu †
Columbus, Georgia

Patience Lanae Sellers †
Fairburn, Georgia

Oyindamola Idayat Sulyman
Riverdale, Georgia

Melanie L. Williams
Lithonia, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRECLINICAL SCIENCES

Gloria Ananing
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Shantrice Seira Appleby
Decatur, Georgia

Anita Bhagavathula
Alpharetta, Georgia

Constance Alexandria Christian
Jonesboro, Georgia

Tyler Grant Desper
Clarkesville, Georgia

Nader Elkabbani
Athens, Georgia

Marc Douglas Erickson
Locust Grove, Georgia

Jesse Nathan Greene
Americus, Georgia

April Nicole Hobbs
Athens, Georgia

Jonathan Alexander Ioanitescu
Warner Robins, Georgia

Rachel Leigh Kushner
Atlanta, Georgia

Kishauna Alexandra McDonald
Grayson, Georgia

Sundee Mumpmaneni
Alpharetta, Georgia

Diamond Tierra Odell
Macon, Georgia

Spencer Osbourn
Chicago, Illinois

Ogochukwu Thelma Oseji
Lithonia, Georgia

Akash Ashwinkumar Patel
Columbus, Georgia

Kishan Vinod Patel
Murphy, North Carolina

Jose Luis Rodriguez
Norcross, Georgia

Jasmine Donesha Shackelford
Griffin, Georgia

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Caroline Alena
Peachtree City, Georgia

Eugene Demarque Bell, III
Macon, Georgia

Laura Ashley Booth
Newnan, Georgia

Trang Nguyen Bui ♦
Lizella, Georgia

Jacob Bruce Cantrell
Douglasville, Georgia

Matthew Lee Carmichael ♦
Conyers, Georgia

John-Tyler Cene
Carrollton, Georgia

Amanda Carole Craig
Cornelia, Georgia

James Patrick Davidson ♦
Cumming, Georgia

Joshua Thomas Derryberry
Ringgold, Georgia

Ashley Keith Edmonston
Jefferson, Georgia

Daniel Len Edmonston ♦♦
Macon, Georgia

Lauren Hollman Fried ♦
Macon, Georgia

Stephanie Lewis Gibson ♦
Savannah, Georgia

Daniel Kendall Grahl, III
Fort Valley, Georgia

Seth William Gregory ♦♦
Ball Ground, Georgia

Laura Ashley Griffin
Macon, Georgia

Jonathan Wallace Gurr
Marietta, Georgia

Dustin Carl Hoffman ♦
Warner Robins, Georgia

Loren Jared Hudspeth
Greensboro, Georgia

Ashley Jana Marie Jones
Macon, Georgia

Nicholas Owen Kelley
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Arshia Khan
Columbus, Georgia

George Ayo-Oluwa Korede
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Naheed Amin Lakhani
Atlanta, Georgia

Kathryn Margaret Lohmann
Kennesaw, Georgia

Melissa Ashley Lyle ♦
Cairo, Georgia

Brooklyne Marlowe Makaya ♦
Jefferson, Georgia

Dana Lindsey Mayo
Macon, Georgia

Erin Michelle Meehan
Atlanta, Georgia

Mudresh Rajnikant Mehta
Atlanta, Georgia

India Ashton Miller
Bainbridge, Georgia

Stephen Trey Mullis
Eastman, Georgia

Larry Kyle Nolan
Newnan, Georgia

Shabnam Nourparvar
Roswell, Georgia

Allison Lindsay Overmon
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Sara Catherine Pope
Macon, Georgia

Catherine Edenfield Price
Statesboro, Georgia

Shahnaz Yasmin Rahman
Snellville, Georgia

Coyt Andrew Rountree
Macon, Georgia

Andres Camilo Ruiz
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Brooke Ann Schraudenbach
Duluth, Georgia

Jonathan Evan Smith
Albany, Georgia

Saletha Brenetha Smith
Lakeland, Georgia

Jeffrey Todd Talbot ♦
Atlanta, Georgia

Kevin Douglas Waits
Florilla, Georgia

Christopher Nelson White
Carrollton, Georgia

Christopher Ross Williams ♦
Gainesville, Georgia

Sarah Jane Wright ♦
Macon, Georgia

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah | Saturday, May 4, 2013 | 1:00 p.m.

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| Presiding | William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i> |
| Prelude | Savannah Brass Quartet |
| Academic Procession* | Savannah Brass Quartet |
| Invocation* | Douglas Westfall, M.Div. <i>Staff Chaplain, Memorial University Medical Center</i> |
| Welcome | The President of the University |
| Greetings from the School | William Frank Bina, III, M.D., M.P.H. <i>Dean, School of Medicine</i> |
| Greetings from the Board of Governors | Gus H. Bell, III <i>Chairman, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Savannah Campus</i> |
| Introduction of Speaker | David Scott Davis <i>Provost</i> |
| Commencement Address | William J. Hoskins, M.D. <i>Executive Director of Surgical Activities, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center</i> |
| Special Awards | William Frank Bina, III |
| Conferring of the Degrees | The President of the University <i>Doctor of Medicine</i> |
| Awarding of Diplomas and Hooding of Medical Graduates | William Frank Bina, III |
| Medical Graduate's Oath | Thomas Philip Malan, M.D. <i>Vice Dean, School of Medicine</i> <i>Dean, Savannah Campus</i> |
| Alumni Welcome | Christina B. McCain, M.D., '05 <i>Member, School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors</i> |
| Benediction* | Douglas Westfall |
| Academic Recession** | Savannah Brass Quartet |

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WILLIAM J. HOSKINS

Commencement Speaker



William J. Hoskins, M.D., is Executive Director of Surgical Activities, Member and Attending Surgeon, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Professor of OB/GYN, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, New York.

Dr. Hoskins received his B.A. and his M.D. from the University of Tennessee. He served as Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the National Naval Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland, retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1986 with the rank of Captain. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the United States Navy and the Exceptional Service Medal by the Uniformed Service University. From 1986 until 2001, he worked at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, holding positions of Associate Chief and Chief of the Gynecology Service in the Department of Surgery and the Deputy Physician in Chief for Disease

Management Teams. He held the rank of Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

From 2002 until 2007, Dr. Hoskins was Senior Vice President for Oncology and Research and Director of the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah. He was a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Scientist and Clinician. He held the rank of Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mercer University School of Medicine, Savannah Campus. In 2007, Dr. Hoskins returned to New York and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as Executive Director of Surgical Activities for the Department of Surgery and as Co-Chair of the Patient Flow Committee. He is Past President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists and a Past Member of the Executive Board of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Hoskins is the author or co-author of 200 peer reviewed publications, 83 individual articles and book chapters and has edited 22 textbooks.

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FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

M. Gage Ochsner, Jr., M.D., FACS

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Lindsey Michelle Boxxe

FACULTY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

M. Gage Ochsner, Jr., M.D., FACS

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY MARSHAL

Ronald Garner, Ph.D.
Professor of Biomedical Sciences

READER

Robert Shelley, M.D.
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

❖ Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society | ♦ Gold Humanism Honor Society | † Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

William Aaron Adams
Evans, Georgia

Virginia Mary Adkins
Royston, Georgia

Jenny Elizabeth Andrews ❖
Marietta, Georgia

Jarrad Alexander Barber
Vidalia, Georgia

Lindsey Michelle Boxe ♦
Savannah, Georgia

Mary Kathleen Claiborne ♦
Augusta, Georgia

Rachel Leah Cooper
Savannah, Georgia

Amanda Marie Crawford
Moreland, Georgia

Adam Kyle Deal
Athens, Georgia

Anna Kathryn Deal ❖
Athens, Georgia

Joseph Anthony DePietro
Albany, Georgia

Jacob Matt Elkon
Atlanta, Georgia

Nicholas Ryan Fiacco
Acworth, Georgia

James Russell Fitts, III ❖ ♦
Gainesville, Georgia

Christopher David Fontimayor
Martinez, Georgia

Timothy John Fuller
Savannah, Georgia

Hillary Williams George
Claxton, Georgia

Daniel Robert Gerry ❖ ♦
Augusta, Georgia

Pegah Ghafourian
Atlanta, Georgia

Patrick Groves Hanson
Macon, Georgia

Rhiannon Leigh Holden ❖
Cartersville, Georgia

Mary Anne Hotz
Albany, Georgia

Sarah Chappell Jarrell
Columbus, Georgia

Joseph Christian Kramer ❖
Jesup, Georgia

Robert William Krause
Rome, Georgia

Amy Elizabeth Mason
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Stephen Michael McConnell
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Samuel Shelby McLaurin
Macon, Georgia

Bonnie Parker McTyre
Valdosta, Georgia

Emory Richard McTyre ❖
Marietta, Georgia

Brandon Patrick Merrill ❖
Moultrie, Georgia

Matthew Thomas Middendorf
Augusta, Georgia

Ryan Jacob Mullins ❖
Calhoun, Georgia

Madeline Elliott Petty
Alpharetta, Georgia

Tiji Mathew Philip ♦
Liburn, Georgia

Leslie Amanda Pittman
Brunswick, Georgia

Pamela Estelle Smith
Macon, Georgia

Katherine Elizabeth Stein
Dunwoody, Georgia

Cynthia Daniele Wear
Rossville, Georgia

Daniel Benjamin Wells
Macon, Georgia

Tali Brenner Wojnowich
Savannah, Georgia

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ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

EUGENE W. STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

JAMES AND CAROLYN McAFEE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE OF NURSING

COLLEGE OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

Upper Field, Atlanta Campus | Saturday, May 11, 2013 | 8:30 a.m.

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| Presiding | William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i> |
| Academic Procession* | Trumpet Fanfare |
| Invocation* | Richard Vance Swindle <i>Senior Vice President, Atlanta</i> |
| Welcome | The President of the University |
| Introduction of the Speaker | The President of the University |
| Commencement Address | Dr. John R. Seffrin <i>CEO, American Cancer Society, Inc.</i> |
| University Honors | The President of the University |
| Conferring of the Degrees | The President of the University |
| College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | Dean Hewitt William Matthews <i>Master of Medical Science Doctor of Pharmacy Doctor of Physical Therapy Doctor of Philosophy</i> |
| Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics | Dean Susan Perles Gilbert <i>Bachelor of Business and Administration Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration</i> |
| Tift College of Education | Dean Carl Richard Martray <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy</i> |
| James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology | Dean Richard Alan Culpepper <i>Master of Arts Master of Divinity Doctor of Ministry</i> |
| Georgia Baptist College of Nursing | Dean Linda Ann Streit <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing Master of Science in Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice Doctor of Philosophy</i> |
| College of Continuing and Professional Studies | Dean Priscilla Ruth Danheiser <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Applied Science Bachelor of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Science in Social Science Master of Science Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy</i> |
| Alumni Welcome | Penny Loraine Elkins <i>Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management</i> |
| Benediction* | James S. Netherton <i>Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance</i> |
| Academic Recession** | Verdi's Aida: Grand March |

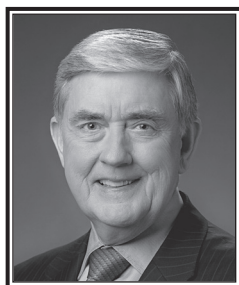
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JOHN R. SEFFRIN

Commencement Speaker

Doctor of Science



John Seffrin has been CEO of the American Cancer Society since 1992, but his first encounter with this disease dates to his childhood. His grandmother, who was living with his family at the time, died of cancer when he was only 10 years old. He has since lost his mother to cancer, and his wife of 46 years, Carole, is a breast cancer survivor.

Dr. Seffrin has been on the frontlines of the war against cancer for many years, not only as CEO of the American Cancer Society, but also — for many years before that — as one of the Society's roughly three million volunteers nationwide. Under his leadership, the Society has become the world's largest voluntary health organization fighting cancer, with a billion dollars in resources to save lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. During his tenure, Dr. Seffrin has made his organization's voice heard in legislatures around this country and in forums worldwide.

In the political realm, Dr. Seffrin has transformed the world's largest voluntary cancer-fighting group into one of the world's most progressive public health organizations. Under his leadership, the American Cancer Society has become a leading advocacy organization. He spearheaded the creation of the Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM, of which he is also the chief executive officer.

Dr. Seffrin is a contributing author to more than a dozen books and has written over 100 articles and other publications. He is an internationally esteemed speaker who has presented more than 100 invited lectures worldwide and been honored numerous times, including being named the 2010 recipient of the James F. and Sarah T. Fries Foundation's Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award.

Dr. Seffrin holds a B.S. degree from Ball State University, a M.S. degree in health education from the University of Illinois, and a Ph.D. in health education from Purdue University.

Prior to being named the American Cancer Society's top staff executive, Dr. Seffrin served at Indiana University as professor of health education and chairman of the Department of Applied Health Science.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

Dr. Laurel Ashworth

Professor, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

FACULTY MARSHALS

Dr. Stanley Pollock

Professor, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Dr. C. Gerry Mills

Lecturer and Director of Flexible M.B.A. Program,
Stetson School of Business and Economics

Dr. Dana H. Lilly

Professor, Tift College of Education

Dr. Robert N. Nash, Jr.

Professor and Associate Dean,
McAfee School of Theology

Dr. Helen F. Hodges

Professor, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

Dr. J. Colin Harris

Professor, College of Continuing
and Professional Studies

BANNER BEARERS

Dr. James W. Bartling

Associate Dean and Assistant Professor,
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Dr. Jordan M. Blanke

Professor and Director of Undergraduate Programs,
Stetson School of Business and Economics

Dr. Karen H. Davis

Associate Professor, Tift College of Education

Tavonda S. Hudson

Student, McAfee School of Theology

Elaine Harris

Professor, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

Dr. Michael Roty

Assistant Professor, College of Continuing
and Professional Studies

READERS

Dr. Candace Barnett

Senior Associate Dean and Professor,
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Dr. Faye A. Sisk

Professor and Director of Executive Graduate Programs,
Stetson School of Business and Economics

Sharon Lim Harle

Assistant Vice President, Office of Alumni Services,
Tift College of Education, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing,
College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Dr. Karen G. Massey

Associate Professor and Associate Dean,
McAfee School of Theology

SPECIAL AWARDS

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Ajay K. Banga, Ph.D.

Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences

EUGENE W. STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

2012-2013 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Faye A. Sisk, Ph.D.

Professor of Management and Director of
Executive and Professional Graduate Programs

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CATHRYN FUTRAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Olivia M. Boggs, Ed.D.

Associate Professor of Education

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Brenda B. Rowe, R.N., M.N., J.D.

Associate Professor of Adult Health Nursing

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Assistant Professor of Mathematics

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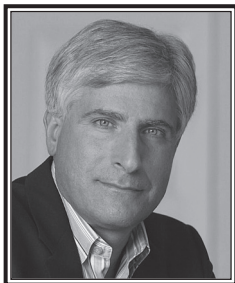
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| Academic Procession* | Jack Mitchener |
| Invocation* | Timothy W. Floyd <i>Professor of Law</i> |
| Welcome | D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i> |
| Greetings from the Law School | Gary J. Simson |
| Introduction of Speaker | Gary J. Simson |
| Commencement Address | Steve Berry, '80 <i>New York Times Best Selling Author</i> |
| Student Awards | Mary S. Donovan <i>Assistant Dean, Walter F. George School of Law</i> |
| Reynold J. Kosek, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award | Joseph Marshall Colwell <i>Editor in Chief, Mercer Law Review</i> |
| Conferring of the Juris Doctor and Master of Laws Degrees | D. Scott Davis Gary J. Simson |
| Charge to Graduates | Gary J. Simson |
| Presentation of the Class of 2013 | William Gordon Hammill <i>President, Student Bar Association</i> |
| Hooding Ceremony | D. Scott Davis Gary J. Simson |
| Alumni Welcome | Kate Sievert Cook, '02 <i>President, School of Law Alumni Association</i> |
| Benediction* | Timothy W. Floyd |
| Academic Recession** | Jack Mitchener |

* *The audience is requested to rise.*

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STEVE BERRY

Commencement Speaker



Steve Berry is the bestselling author of eight Cotton Malone adventures, four stand-alone thrillers, and four e-book original short stories. His books have been translated into 40 languages with more than 15 million printed copies in 51 countries. They consistently appear in the top echelon of *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, Indie and international bestseller lists.

History lies at the heart of every Steve Berry novel, and it is a passion that Berry shares with his wife, Elizabeth. It led them to create History Matters, a foundation dedicated to historic preservation. Since 2009, they have crossed the country to save endangered historic treasures, raising money via lectures, receptions, galas, luncheons, dinners and their popular writers' workshops. To date, nearly 2,000 students have attended those workshops. In 2012 and 2013, Berry's devotion to historic preservation was recognized by the American Library Association, which named him their spokesman for National Preservation Week.

Berry was born and raised in Georgia, graduating in 1980 from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. He was a trial lawyer for 30 years and held elective office for 14 of those years. He is a founding member of International Thriller Writers — a group of more than 2,000 thriller writers from around the world — and served three years as its co-president.

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| Prelude | Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i> |
| Academic Procession * | Jack Mitchener |
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| Welcome | The President of the University |
| Greetings from the Board of Trustees | M. Diane Owens <i>Mercer University Board of Trustees</i> |
| Special Music, "Amazing Grace" | Chary Williams, Class of 2013 Arranged by Craig Courtney Accompanied by Jack Mitchener |
| Introduction of the Speaker | David Scott Davis <i>Provost</i> |
| Commencement Address | Claude M. Kicklighter, '55 <i>Lieutenant General (Retired), United States Army</i> |
| University Honors | The President of the University |
| Student Awards | Douglas R. Pearson <i>Vice President and Dean of Students</i> |
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| Awarding of Diplomas | Eric K. Spears <i>Director of International Programs and College of Liberal Arts Assistant Professor of Geography, Reader</i> |
| Alumni Welcome | John Andrew Patterson <i>Senior Vice President for University Advancement</i> |
| Alma Mater * | Stanley Leroy Roberts, B.A. '84 <i>Arthur Lowndes Rich Professor of Choral Conducting and Associate Dean, Townsend School of Music</i> |
| Benediction * | Craig Thomas McMahan |
| Academic Recession ** | Jack Mitchener |

* The audience is requested to rise.

** The audience is requested to remain in place until the completion of the academic recession.

CLAUDE M. KICKLIGHTER

Commencement Speaker



Lieutenant General Claude M. Kicklighter commanded the U.S. Army, Pacific (Western Command), from July 1989 to his retirement on August 31, 1991. He graduated from Mercer University in 1955 with a degree in biology and later from George Washington University with an M.S.A. in Management of National Resources. He also attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

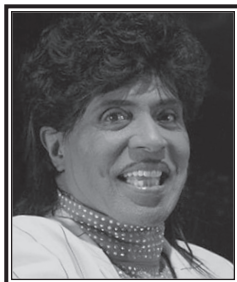
In Vietnam, Kicklighter served as Assistant Chief of Staff for the 101st Airborne Division from 1970-1971. In 1975-1976, he served as a Logistics Management Staff Officer for the Office of Defense Representative in Tehran, Iran. This was not long before the 1979 hostage crisis.

Kicklighter was appointed in 2008 as Director and Principal Investigator of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Program at the George Mason University School of Law. He served as Inspector General at the Pentagon. In October 2005, he was selected by the Secretaries of State and Defense to establish and direct the Iraq/Afghanistan Joint Transition Planning Group, a joint Department of State and Department of Defense team that provided analysis and recommendations for coordinating efforts to address transition challenges in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Glennville native served on the Habitat for Humanity International Board of Directors and was chairman for three years.

In 2011, he received Mercer's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was elected to the Mercer University Board of Trustees in December 2012. General Kicklighter's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

RICHARD WAYNE PENNIMAN

Doctor of Humanities



Richard Wayne Penniman, better known as Little Richard, helped define rock 'n' roll in the 1950's and has traveled the world as the quasar of that musical genre. However, his beginnings were far from that. Penniman was born in Macon on December 5, 1932, and was one of 12 children. He grew up in a devoutly religious family where at an early age he sang gospel and learned to play piano at a local church.

As a youth, Penniman left home and gave his first performance at Macon's Tick Tock Club. In 1951 he won a contract with RCA after playing at an Atlanta radio audition. He toured small black nightclubs, performing mostly blues. His rock numbers were not well received at that time.

In the mid 1950's, Penniman sent a demo tape to Art Rupe of Specialty Records in Los Angeles. Rupe was looking for a hard-edged voice like Penniman's to front some New Orleans musicians. Penniman entered the studio in September 1955 and cut an old between-song filler piece called "Tutti Frutti."

"Tutti Frutti" set the style for his future hits. The song sold over three million copies by 1968 and its influence is incalculable. Out of Penniman's approximately 36 songs for Specialty Records, seven were gold — "Tutti Frutti," "Long Tall Sally," "Rip It Up," "Lucille," "Jenny, Jenny," "Keep a Knockin'," and "Good Golly, Miss Molly."

Throughout his career, Penniman has maintained his relevance via the various forms of media and entertainment. He has recorded gospel music, appeared in movies, made special appearances on television shows, has been the pitchman in a number of commercials, and has made children's recordings. Penniman appeared in Shelley Duvall's award-winning children's video, *Mother Goose Rock 'n' Rhyme*, and he sang the theme song to the PBS children's program, *The Magic School Bus*.

Penniman remains busy and continues to be one of the most recognized and quotable celebrities in the world. His life story was the subject of a made-for-television movie in 2000, starring the actor Leon Robinson, who won an Emmy for the portrayal.

Penniman was among the first 10 inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986. He is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. He performed at Bill Clinton's presidential inauguration. He also received the Rhythm & Blues Foundation's Pioneer Award. In his hometown of Macon he has been honored with a street bearing his name, Little Richard Penniman Boulevard, which borders the Mercer campus. In 2004 Penniman was ranked among the Top 10 on *Rolling Stone's* Immortals list.

Source: *Rolling Stone*

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ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN NON-STUDENT AWARD

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award recognizes accomplishments in an effort to inspire others to develop similar philosophies in human relationships as an effort, ultimately, to raise the standard of life within the community. The recipient will have demonstrated the close association between the development of a fine character and of a successful business career. Honoring one who works toward building a fine character while achieving material success in life is an encouragement to the University students to endeavour to develop their own character.

JOHN H. HISCOX



In October 1981, Hiscox became Executive Director of the Macon Housing Authority (MHA), where he remained until his retirement in 2012. His task was to turn a poor public housing agency into one of the best of its type. Hiscox repaired relationships with the agency's customers and community, built internal capacity and used aggressive grantsmanship to raise funds for modernization of obsolete public housing. Despite a virtual shutdown nationwide, he secured funding for five new developments, mostly single family housing.

National recognition followed, but Hiscox and his board became dissatisfied, realizing that a conventional housing authority, even one "the best of its type," would not meet Macon's needs. During the late 1990s, the Macon Housing Authority began a transformation, not just of its housing programs and stock, but even what it means to be a housing authority. Determined to leave the limitations of the federal public housing programs behind, MHA has used innovative financing techniques, partnerships and organizational structures to create more than 1,000 affordable units in 13 developments totaling more than \$140 million. Many of these developments break new ground in neighborhood revitalization, adaptive reuse and supportive housing for special needs.

One of these developments, the Oglethorpe Homes HOPE VI, had significant impact on Mercer University and the surrounding community. Oglethorpe Homes, a 1940 barracks-style public housing development, was replaced with Tattnell Place, an attractive mixed income apartment complex, a crucial step in revitalization of Beall's Hill and the College Hill Corridor.

True to his early mentoring, Hiscox has brought innovative services to low-income residents as well. Formal agreements with more than 50 organizations combine to focus services, many involving education and job training, into low-income neighborhoods. Two multi-purpose neighborhood services centers, the Family Investment Center and the Buck Melton Community Center, serve thousands of public housing residents and the surrounding community. Upward mobility programs, including homeownership, scholarships and family self-sufficiency, come first.

Hiscox is a nationally recognized expert in federal housing policy and legislation, serving on numerous federal and state task forces. His legislative work includes testifying before congressional committees, state legislatures and a presidential commission.

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This award commemorates the career of Spencer B. King, Jr., (1904-1977), a distinguished Southern historian and beloved teacher in the College of Liberal Arts for more than 30 years. The award is presented annually to a faculty member who embodies high standards of scholarship and teaching.

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Chair and Professor of Art

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MERCER UNIVERSITY

EMBLEMS

THE MACE

The mace is carried by the Marshal as a symbol of the authority of the University to confer degrees. Originally a weapon of war, the mace came to be used as an emblem of military power and civil authority. Its use as a symbol of university authority dates from medieval times.

The Mercer mace was designed in 1960 by Marshall Daugherty, professor of art in the College of Liberal Arts, and was first used for the inauguration of President Rufus C. Harris. It depicts a cross atop a globe, symbolizing the spiritual commitment of the University as it seeks to understand the world. Circumscribing the globe are the words, "Mercer University, 1833," symbolizing the influence of Mercer throughout the world. Beneath the larger globe is a smaller one, which represents the microcosm of the University. This, in turn, rests atop a form suggestive of a spire. The mace is made of bronze.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAL

The seal is worn by the President as a sign of authority. The seal was designed by Professor Otis D. Knight and Professor Marshall Daugherty and was first used for the inauguration of President Rufus C. Harris in 1960.

The seal, which was carved directly in fine silver and bronze, is a mandola-shaped pendant that depicts the form of the Mercer Administration Building, a riband and a stylized stained-glass window of Willingham Auditorium. The background is in bronze and the window is in blue and red cloisonné enamel. On the riband are the Latin words for science, law, religion and the arts. On the border are inscribed the name of the University in Latin and the date of its founding. The shape of the seal is traditional for early university seals.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The practice of wearing academic attire extends back to medieval times and the Renaissance, when it was the custom for teachers and students in European universities to wear gowns, caps and hoods. Although the wearing of the garb is now limited to formal occasions, the garb itself may be called the uniform of the professional scholar and teacher. The style and color serve as symbols of collegiate attainment.

The long sleeves of the gowns and the deep hoods were, on occasion, used to carry books and refreshments. Each European university developed its own style of garb with strict rules for its design. In the United States, however, most American colleges have agreed on a uniform design and color code.

Holders of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees wear black gowns; the pattern and trimming differ for each degree. Originally, the bachelor's gown was made of serge or worsted and the master's of serge, worsted or silk; but now synthetic fibers are also used. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long pointed sleeves. The master's gown has long sleeves with a slit for the arm at either the elbow or the wrist. Doctor's gowns are adorned with velvet panels and bars that may be black or of a color distinctive to the wearer's discipline.

Holders of all degrees wear caps, popularly known as mortarboards, to which a long tassel is fastened and which hangs over the left side of the cap. Doctors may wear tassels of gold thread. Holders of bachelor's and master's degrees may wear colors indicating the faculty by which their degrees were granted. Mercer arts and business graduates wear black tassels,

and graduates of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences wear olive green tassels.

The academic hood is an ornamental fold that goes around the neck and hangs down the back of the gown. The length and shape of the hood vary with the level of the degree. Hoods are generally lined with the colors of the university which granted the degree and trimmed with the color representing the faculty by which the degree is granted.

The following colors are associated with the various faculties:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Arts, Letters, Humanities | White |
| Commerce, Accountancy, Business | Drab |
| Education | Light Blue |
| Engineering | Orange |
| Journalism | Crimson |
| Law | Purple |
| Library Science | Lemon |
| Medicine | Green |
| Music | Pink |
| Nursing | Apricot |
| Speech | Silver Gray |
| Pharmacy | Olive Green |
| Philosophy | Dark Blue |
| Physical Education | Sage Green |
| Public Health | Salmon Pink |
| Science | Golden Yellow |
| Theology | Scarlet |

THE MEDALLION OF PHI KAPPA PHI

The medallion is worn by faculty, administrators and students who are members of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, an organization that initiates members from all disciplines. The cloisonné enamel medallion is decorated with the badge of the Society and is suspended from a blue, grosgrain ribbon.

ALMA MATER

MACON CAMPUS

On the city's western border
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
As the years roll by.

Chorus

Forward ever be thy watchword,
Conquer and prevail.
Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
Mercer, Hail all Hail!

Cherished by thy sons and daughters,
Mem'ries sweet shall throng
Round our hearts, O Alma Mater,
As we sing our song.

ATLANTA CAMPUS

On the city's eastern border
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
As the years roll by.

Chorus

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MERCER UNIVERSITY PROFILE

As one of America's oldest and most distinctive institutions of higher learning, Mercer University's mission is to teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to inspire, to empower and to serve. In fulfilling this mission, the University supports undergraduate, graduate, and professional learning, as well as basic research and its application in service to others. Founded by Baptists in 1833, Mercer is an independent university that remains grounded in a tradition that embraces freedom of the mind and spirit, cherishes the equal worth of every individual, and commits to serving the needs of humankind.

With more than 8,300 students enrolled in 11 schools and colleges on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah, Mercer has a strong presence in Georgia. However, its more than 68,000 alumni are making important contributions to their professions and communities around the world.

Mercer is consistently ranked among the nation's leading institutions by such publications as *U.S. News & World Report*, which named the University the No. 1 value in the South in 2012 and No. 6 on its list of "up-and-coming" schools.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

College of Liberal Arts (Macon): The oldest of the University's academic units, the College remains the cornerstone of Mercer's educational programs. The College offers an array of baccalaureate programs in the humanities, fine arts, sciences and social sciences.

Walter F. George School of Law (Macon): Founded in 1873, Mercer's Law School is one of the oldest law schools in the United States and the first in the state of Georgia accredited by the American Bar Association. Its innovative Woodruff Curriculum — which focuses on ethics and practical skills — earned the Gambrell Professionalism Award from the A.B.A. for its "depth of excellence."

Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics (Macon, Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, Savannah): The School offers undergraduate and graduate (B.B.A., M.B.A.) degrees in Macon and Atlanta, the M.B.A. in Savannah and the B.B.A. degree in Douglas County. The School holds the highest level of accreditation for business education by AACSB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

School of Engineering (Macon): Mercer's innovative and academically challenging engineering-related programs provide students with a comprehensive education, featuring a solid foundation in mathematics and sciences, a core engineering curriculum, a range of courses in engineering specialties and a strong emphasis on communication technologies. The School of Engineering marked its 25th anniversary in 2010 and continues to be ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top three master's degree-level engineering schools in the Southeast.

Tift College of Education (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Regional Academic Centers): The College prepares more professional educators than any other private college or university in Georgia. It offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees. Guided by the conceptual framework of the "Transforming Practitioner," Tift College is dedicated to preparing effective teachers and educational leaders who aspire to grow professionally throughout their careers, while also seeking to transform the lives of students.

James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology (Atlanta): Established in 1996, the School brings Jesse Mercer's founding vision of providing students with a classical and theological education full circle as it prepares students for the ministry.

College of Continuing and Professional Studies (Macon, Atlanta, Regional Academic Centers): The College offers undergraduate and graduate programs to working adults seeking professional advancement or transition and leadership roles in and beyond their communities. The College provides students with distinctive, multidisciplinary programs that integrate theory and practice, liberal learning and professional education, and knowledge and experience.

Townsend School of Music (Macon): The School is nationally recognized for its artist faculty, award-winning students, wide range of performance ensembles and state-of-the-art facilities. Specialized music programs include the Townsend-McAfee Institute for Graduate Church Music Studies and the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings.

Division of Library Services (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Regional Academic Centers): The mission of Mercer's libraries is to serve as learning-centered gateways of information resources through robust collections and innovative, technology-rich patron services to support the educational endeavors of the University community.

Mercer University Press (Macon): Since its establishment in 1979, Mercer Press has published more than 1,200 titles, generally in the areas of Southern history, philosophy, religion and regional studies. The Press holds membership in the Association of American University Presses.

Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) (Warner Robins): Founded in 1987, MERC provides engineering research services to private industries and government agencies, including the Department of Defense. Since its inception, MERC has exceeded \$300 million in contract revenue.

MERCER HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

School of Medicine (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Columbus): The School was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia. The School of Medicine currently operates two four-year campuses. Following their second year, students participate in core clinical clerkships at the School's primary teaching hospitals: Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, and The Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Columbus.

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Atlanta): For more than a century, the College has maintained a tradition of excellence and a national reputation for producing leaders in the health care profession and has made notable contributions to the fields of pharmacy and health sciences. Mercer is ranked as the number 4 private pharmacy school in the United States and among the top private and public pharmacy schools.

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing (Macon, Atlanta): Nationally recognized Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, the oldest nursing program in Georgia, is grounded in its heritage of educating students to provide superior nursing care. All undergraduate nursing students are members of the National Student Nurses Association, thus providing them with superior leadership and professional development opportunities.

ATHLETICS

Mercer is the only private university in Georgia to compete in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. A founding member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, Mercer fields teams in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer and tennis for men, and basketball, tennis, softball, soccer, volleyball, sand volleyball, cross-country and golf for women. For the 2011-2012 academic year, the cumulative grade point average for student athletes was 3.264. In fall 2013, Mercer will resume competition in football as a member of the non-scholarship NCAA Division I Pioneer Football League. Women's track and field will become a varsity sport beginning in the 2013-2014 school year and women's lacrosse will begin in spring 2015.

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