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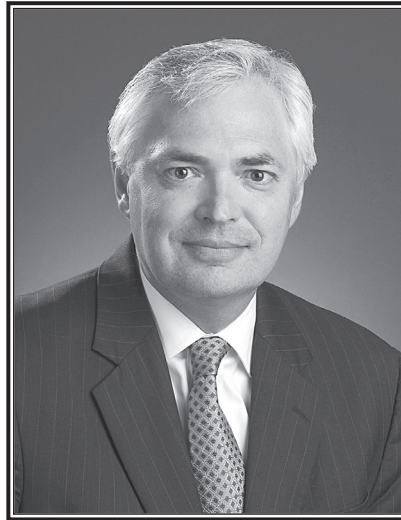
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 2014

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, which appears to read "William D. Underwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

William D. Underwood  
President

# 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: The Honorable Casey Cagle  
*Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia*  
Saturday, May 3, 2014 | 1:00 p.m.  
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH

Speaker: Carl R. Boyd, M.D.  
*Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, Savannah; Professor of Surgery*  
Sunday, May 4, 2014 | 1:00 p.m.  
Savannah International Trade and Convention Center | Savannah

## ATLANTA

College of Pharmacy | 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  
College of Health Professions

Speaker: Ann M. Palmer  
*President and CEO of the Arthritis Foundation*  
Saturday, May 10, 2014 | 8:30 a.m.  
Upper Field | Atlanta Campus

## WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Speaker: The Honorable Sara L. Doyle  
*Georgia Court of Appeals*  
Saturday, May 10, 2014 | 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: The Honorable Nathan Deal, B.A. '64, LL.B. '66  
*Governor of Georgia*  
Saturday, May 10, 2014 | 3:30 p.m.  
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon

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# LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD

CELEBRATING A HALF-CENTURY OF INTEGRATION AT MERCER UNIVERSITY

Beginning with an Aug. 28, 2013, observance of the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, the University over the past academic year commemorated both the anniversary of Mercer's voluntary integration in 1963 and Dr. King's call for an end to racism in America and the creation of a beloved community.

Under the theme "Looking Back and Moving Forward: Celebrating a Half-Century of Integration at Mercer University," alumni, students, faculty, staff, trustees and others have reflected on the progress we have made and the challenges we still face within our University, community and nation.

Through lectures, programs, classroom discussions, service initiatives and conversations across our campuses, we also sought to redouble our efforts to make Dr. King's dream a reality at Mercer and in our communities. The work is not yet done.



Former U.S. Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young called for local and global reconciliation to formally kick off the commemoration of Mercer's 50th anniversary of integration during the Sept. 20 opening convocation in Willingham Auditorium.

All of Mercer's campuses and centers observed the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech with a moment of reflection and ringing of bells on Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. Pictured are students, faculty and staff who gathered at Jesse Mercer Plaza on the Macon campus.







Dr. Reggie Williams, assistant professor at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and a leading voice in Christian ethical issues related to race and the church, visited the Macon campus Jan. 13 for a panel discussion, titled "MLK, Religion and Race in America: Then and Now," in the Medical School Auditorium. Dr. Williams (right) spoke with Dr. David Gushee (left), Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and fellow panelist, as well as Student Government Association President Raymond Partolan (middle) following the event.

Dr. Williams also participated in two events on the Cecil B. Day campus the next day, as he delivered a lecture, titled "Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus," in the McAfee School of Theology Chapel, and gave a lecture over lunch, titled "Martin Luther King and the Viral Myth of Race."

On Feb. 28, Whitney Bemby (left) voiced the part of Pearlie Toliver and Rasheedah Caldwell voiced the part of Cookie Bailey in the staged reading of *Combustible/Burn* at The Grand Opera House. *Combustible/Burn*, by Page Morton Hunter Professor of English Dr. Andrew Silver, is a documentary play written from over 300 hours of interviews, with almost every word coming directly from the original interview subjects themselves.

The play chronicles individuals who played important roles in Mercer's voluntary integration. The production, which was organized as part of the University's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its integration, was directed by Scot Mann, assistant professor of communication and theatre arts.



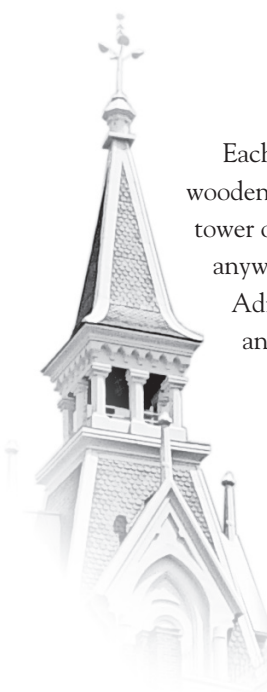
Noted alumnus Bob Hurt, a 1965 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, delivered this year's Founders' Day address Feb. 5 in Willingham Auditorium. His speech was titled "Desegregation: The Campus Radicals Who Saved Mercer's Soul." Hurt was the editor of *The Cluster*, the campus newspaper, during the 1963-64 school year when the University enrolled its first black students. He is now principal of the Washington, D.C., government marketing and lobbying firm Hurt, Norton & Associates Inc.



Mercer University's 10th Building the Beloved Community Symposium also adopted the theme "Looking Back and Moving Forward: 50 Years of Integration at Mercer." The symposium, which was held Feb. 18 and 19, welcomed Sam Oni, Mercer's first admitted black student, as its keynote speaker. This annual event serves a way to help the church demonstrate unity through collaboration across denominational and racial boundaries.

# MERCER TRADITIONS

*Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and over 181 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.



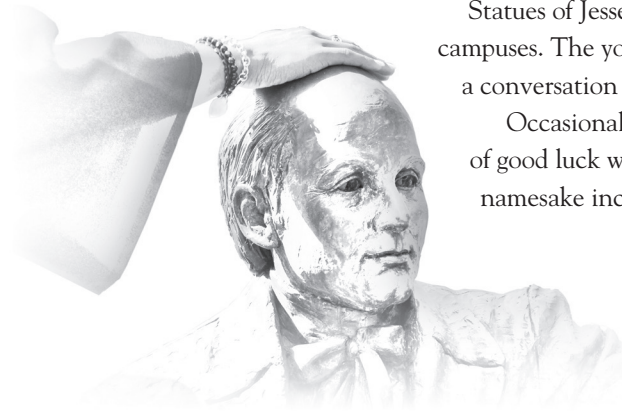
## JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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 an 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.

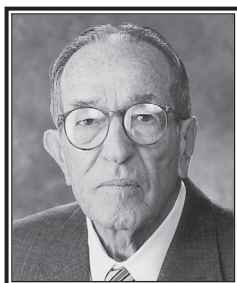
The preservation of the Tift legacy is a combination of the heritage of Tift and the momentum of Mercer. Part of this history and tradition is the ringing of the Tift Bell, which was relocated to the Macon campus after the merger. Tift graduates began ringing the bell in 1959 as part of commencement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

# 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 12 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.

# 2014 GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

## GARY WALL

*College of Liberal Arts*



Gary Wall's passion and dedication to serving others is evidenced primarily by his involvement with Mercer On Mission in Vietnam and the Mercer Prosthetics and Orthotics Club.

Wall's pursuit to serve others has reached the global level. Wall took final exams early and gave up part of his Christmas breaks to make Mercer On Mission trips to Vietnam where he spent more than 450 hours fitting amputees with Mercer's Universal Socket Prosthetic. In preparation for those trips, he logged more than 1,000 hours in the prosthetics lab manufacturing components, training new students on manufacturing techniques and leading student research. In 2014, Mercer Prosthetics and Orthotics Club, in which Wall was a founding member, received recognition from the Clinton Global Initiative University.

In addition, Wall also served his peers as a resident assistant, treasurer of the Student Government Association and as the associate chief and chief justice for Mercer's Judicial System during his tenure at Mercer.

Wall will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Global Health Studies with a minor in chemistry and is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

## PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2013  
Nancy Boore  
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

2012  
Chelsea Marie Fliieger  
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 DUVALL

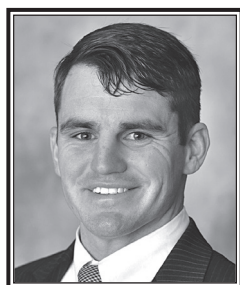
## EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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.

### MICHAEL TEKESKY

*College of Nursing*



Michael "TJ" Tekesky's charisma, intelligence and positive attitude make him a leader with the ability to motivate and inspire the confidence and trust of others.

Tekesky's leadership ability is evidenced by his involvement on the local, state and national level. He has been active in the National Student Nurses Association, where he served as the chair of the Breakthrough to Nursing Committee, a member of the Global Initiatives Committee and a member of the Disaster Preparedness and Community Health Committee. In 2013, he was elected to the National Board of Directors for this prestigious organization. He serves as an ambassador for the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing and has engaged in community service in organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, and Scouting and Operation Hygiene: a co-sponsorship he helped initiate that allowed hygiene supplies to be sent to deployed service members in Afghanistan.

Tekesky will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and is the recipient of the Karl Lipinski Male Nursing Student of the Year award for his exemplary leadership and excellence in nursing care.

## PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

<p>2013 Noah Maier <i>Milton, Georgia</i></p>	<p>2009 John Christopher Elder <i>Columbus, Georgia</i></p>	<p>2006 Samson Julius Alva <i>Sharjah, United Arab Emirates</i></p>	<p>James Derek Cook <i>Homerville, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Tiffany Gibson <i>Conyers, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Larissa Spell <i>Screven, Georgia</i></p>
<p>2012 John Andrew Jones <i>Rome, Georgia</i></p>	<p>2008 Stephanie Ard <i>Richmond Hill, Georgia</i></p>	<p>2005 AND EARLIER William Arnold <i>Macon, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Blair Cox <i>Thomaston, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Jimmy Thomas Howell <i>Jesup, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Eric Trivett <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i></p>
<p>2011 Margaret McCampbell <i>Jasper, Georgia</i></p>	<p>James Derek Cook <i>Homerville, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Julia Bowen <i>Warner Robins, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Daniel Crager <i>Garden City, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Andy Lane <i>Newnan, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Jamanda Turner <i>Decatur, Georgia</i></p>
<p>2010 Amy Carol Abel <i>Senoia, Georgia</i></p>	<p>2007 Stacey Irene Harwell <i>Valdosta, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Megan Boyd <i>Tullahoma, Tennessee</i></p>	<p>Ben Drew Cravey, III <i>Hawkinsville, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Adam Neal <i>Winter Park, Florida</i></p>	<p>Jamila Wideman <i>Riverdale, Georgia</i></p>
		<p>Michael Bryan <i>Conyers, Georgia</i></p>	<p>John Christopher Elder <i>Columbus, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Frank Nelson <i>Harlem, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Becky Wilcox <i>Fort Valley, Georgia</i></p>
		<p>Kala Cartwright <i>Milan, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Rhett Fraser <i>Tifton, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Pamela Popwell <i>Evans, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Megin Lea Williams <i>Martinez, Georgia</i></p>
			<p>Crystal Garmon <i>Toccoa, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Emily Salman <i>Marietta, Georgia</i></p>	<p>Gary Wood <i>Macon, Georgia</i></p>
				<p>Amber Sandlin <i>Brinson, Georgia</i></p>	



## 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.

### LYNDSSEY L. AUTREY

*College of Liberal Arts*



Lyndsey Autrey's dedication to academics and passion for serving others is evidenced by the way she has reached out to her peers, the local community and the world.

Autrey is dedicated to academics and was accepted to the institution as part of the Mercer Service Scholars program. She served the Mercer community as a tutor and through preparing and presenting information about services available from the Academic Resource Center to various student body groups. In the Macon community, she developed and implemented a free SAT preparation course for local high school students.

Autrey's service to the community also includes founding Tallahassee Random Acts of Kindness, serving as director of the Local Engagement Against Poverty (LEAP) initiative to help eliminate poverty in the Macon area and participating in a Mercer on Mission in India where she worked with the Trivandrum Fuller Center for Housing and various school and nursing homes. Autrey has demonstrated her commitment to spiritual values through her work with Young Life, a non-profit Christian organization that offers programming and mentoring to high school students.

Autrey graduates with a major in mathematics and with minors in chemistry and education. She has a perfect 4.00 GPA and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

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## 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.

### DALTON TURNER

*College of Liberal Arts*



Dalton Turner truly demonstrates character, leadership, service to the community and spiritual values. He has held multiple leadership roles on campus including president of the Senior Class, vice president of the Order of Omega, member of the Mercer Service Scholars program, an elected member of the Student Government Association, a Mercer Ambassador, a peer advisor, Inter-fraternity Council secretary and an Admissions Team member.

Turner's service to the community includes involvement in Continue the Mission school supply drive for students in Dominica and South Africa, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Macon, Heritage Nursing Home, work on many local and national campaigns and participation in the Local Engagement Against Poverty (LEAP) initiative to help eliminate poverty in the Macon area. His service also reached to South Africa and India through Mercer On Mission where he was involved in educational planning for impoverished schools and built homes. Many know Turner as the floor announcer for Mercer sporting events.

Turner graduates with a major in political science and a minor in history. He is the recipient of the Thelma "T Lady" Ross Spirit of Mercer Award and the Spright Dowell Leadership Award. Turner has also served as president of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society.

# 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, senior or 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, College of Health Professions, 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 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

2013

Alison Smith  
School of Medicine

Ryan Bartholomew  
School of Engineering

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

## EMILY CAITLIN DOWLING

### *Townsend School of Music*



Emily Caitlin Dowling is a first-year candidate for a Master of Music in organ performance with an emphasis in church music, where she studies with Jack Mitchener. Originally from Savannah, Georgia, Dowling graduated from Savannah Arts Academy before coming to Mercer for her undergraduate degree as a Presidential Scholar. Dowling graduated *summa cum laude* in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Music in piano performance, as a student of Elizabeth Pridgen, with a minor in English.

Dowling has now shifted her focus away from a professional career as a pianist and intends to pursue a career as a church organist/music director. She has flourished since making her transition to the organ. She won the Macon AGO Chapter's Quimby Young Artist Competition in April 2013 and advanced to the Region IV finals. She recently gave a solo performance during the Cherry Blossom Festival Organ Recital Series at Mulberry Street United Methodist. Dowling was also selected to

receive the Edna Reed Boone Memorial Endowed Scholarship during her graduate studies.

Dowling is very active in the Mercer and Macon communities. She regularly assists at the organ at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, where she also works with the children's choir and directs the youth choir. She teaches private piano lessons in the Macon area and also teaches piano to students, who range in age from six to 22, at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. In addition to teaching piano, she has worked with Mercer's Upward Bound TRIO programs in the summer by tutoring 10th and 11th grade students in English. Dowling is active with local animal rescue organizations, where she fosters and transports abandoned and abused animals.

## DALTON E. TURNER

### *College of Liberal Arts*



Dalton E. Turner is a senior majoring in political science and minoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts. Originally from Hephzibah, Georgia, Turner has been a recognizable leader both inside and outside the classroom since he arrived on campus. He has maintained an admirable GPA while being involved, usually as a top officer, in clubs and organizations such as Student Government Association, Mercer Ambassadors, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Student Admissions Team, Bear Force and Mercer Athletics.

Turner is a member of several academic honor societies and has received awards from the Political Science Department as junior major of the year, from SGA as Spright Dowell Award (2011), Thelma "T Lady" Ross Spirit of Mercer Award (2013), and as Greek Man of the Year (2013). He is a peer advisor and has participated in two Mercer On Mission trips as a Mercer Service Scholar. Those who

have attended Mercer football and basketball games are well aware of Turner's on the field and court announcing of special game events and his encouraging the crowd with, "Let's Go, Bears!"

During his senior year, Turner was selected as the James and Sandra Cox Scholarship recipient and the Frank Edward Byington Scholarship recipient. In addition to his many academic and extracurricular activities, Turner works several on-campus jobs and was hired to a part-time job, which will become a full-time position after he graduates in May, as business travel and sports sales manager with the Macon Marriott City Center. Turner plans to attend law school in the future with an eye on working in politics or diplomacy.

# 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, 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, 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.

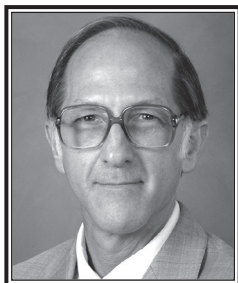
The Joe and Jean Hendricks Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes a full-time teacher in one of Mercer's 12 schools and colleges who best exemplifies the qualities that distinguished Joe and Jean Hendricks as teachers and mentors to generations of Mercer students:

- 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.

## EDWARD C. KLATT

*School of Medicine – Savannah*



Dr. Edward C. Klatt is an outstanding, transformative teacher who instills confidence in each student and equips each one with the tools necessary to become a lifelong learner. He serves as mentor to both students and faculty and is highly respected by both. Dr. Klatt is a student advocate, always challenging himself and other teachers to ensure that students lead engaged lives of self-discovery and commitment to learning.

In addition to being an outstanding classroom teacher and academic mentor, Dr. Klatt has made significant contributions to the scholarship of teaching and learning. He has authored seven peer-reviewed papers on medical education, including publications in the prestigious journals *Academic Medicine* and *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. These are in addition to 65 peer-reviewed scientific and clinical publications. Since 2010, he has given six scholarly presentations on medical education to national and international audiences. He is, perhaps, most recognized for his pathology textbooks and for the development of *WebPath: The Internet Pathology Laboratory for Medical Education*. *WebPath* is the world's most visited website for pathology education, receiving more than 100 million visits per year. He has written books and developed flash cards to supplement *Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease*, the most nationally and internationally recognized textbook of pathology and one of the most important textbooks in medicine.

Dr. Klatt promotes an evidence-based approach to medical education. He has a remarkable knowledge and understanding of medical education literature and regularly uses it to inform his decisions and support his contributions to discussions of curriculum and teaching.

Dr. Klatt is the 1996 recipient of the Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award from the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and the Association of American Medical Colleges. This award is the most prestigious teaching award in American medical education. Dr. Klatt has a number of other teaching awards that he received during his affiliations with Florida State University, the University of Utah and the University of Southern California.

Dr. Klatt earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and an M.D. degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He completed his residency and a fellowship in pathology from the Los Angeles County University of Southern California Medical Center.



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – MACON

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 3, 2014 | 1:00 p.m.

Presiding .....	David Scott Davis, Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
Prelude .....	Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i>
Academic Procession* .....	Jack Mitchener
Invocation* .....	Paul A. Lewis, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor of Christianity, College of Liberal Arts</i>
Welcome .....	David Scott Davis
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 .....	Hewitt William Matthews, Ph.D. <i>Dean, College of Pharmacy; Senior Vice President for Health Sciences</i>
Commencement Address .....	The Honorable Casey Cagle <i>Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia</i>
University Honors .....	David Scott Davis
Special Awards .....	William Frank Bina, III
Conferring of the Degrees .....	David Scott Davis <i>Master of Family Therapy   Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences   Doctor of Medicine</i>
Awarding of Diplomas and Hooding of Medical Graduates .....	William Frank Bina, III
Medical Graduate's Oath .....	Alice A. House, M.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs Member, Composite State Medical Board</i>
Alumni Welcome .....	Jennifer N. Tarbutton, M.D., '01 <i>President, School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors</i>
Benediction* .....	Paul A. Lewis
Academic Recession** .....	Jack Mitchener

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## CASEY CAGLE

*Commencement Speaker*

*Doctor of Laws*



A successful entrepreneur and respected former State Senator, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle made history in 2006 by becoming the first Republican ever elected to Georgia's second highest office. He was re-elected to the office in November 2010.

Born and raised in Hall County, Cagle is the son of a single mother, graduated from Johnson High School and attended Gainesville College and Georgia Southern University. When a sports injury ended his dreams of playing college football, he returned to Hall County to start his first business venture – a small tuxedo shop. He went on to become a leader in the banking and real estate industry in northeast Georgia.

In 1994, at 28 years old, Cagle was elected to the Georgia State Senate, serving in that office until his election as lieutenant governor.

Among his achievements, Cagle helped launch the Georgia College and Career Academy Network, a partnership among local community leaders, school systems, and Georgia's technical colleges. The college and career academies provide a relevant and rigorous curriculum aimed at preparing students for a highly skilled, 21st-Century workforce upon graduation. Georgia now has 23 college and career academies with additional academies planned every year.

In 2010, Cagle launched the Lieutenant Governor's Healthy Kids Challenge, with the goal of enrolling 50 Georgia schools in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program within one year. After achieving this initial goal in less than three months, the Lieutenant Governor is now working to provide every Georgia student with access to an environment that encourages healthy lifestyle decisions.

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Paige W. Tench, M.D.

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William Patrick Roche, IV

### SPECIAL AWARD

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Robert S. Donner, M.D.

## COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

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Michael N. Horst, Ph.D.  
*Professor of Basic Medical Sciences*

READERS

G. Bowden Templeton, Ph.D.  
*Interim Program Director, Master of Family Therapy Program*

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

Alice A. 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

Sara Ahola Carter  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Sophia Loren Crawford  
*McRae, Georgia*

Roni'ka Gabriel Cotton  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Kristen Amber Curry †  
*Macon, Georgia*

Sarah Amber Deep  
*Macon, Georgia*

Chalice Renae' Downs  
*Lithonia, Georgia*

Jackie Belle Dunagan  
*Cumming, Georgia*

Latrice Shanay Durham †  
*Macon, Georgia*

Anum Farooq  
*Rome, Georgia*

Ella Louise Flemister  
*Griffin, Georgia*

Leigh Ann Flowers  
*Gordon, Georgia*

Melissa Lee Fortner  
*Warner Robins, Georgia*

Crystal Shakira Gillery  
*Marietta, Georgia*

Maryn Elizabeth Hanmer †  
*Waterloo, Ontario*

Lashawn Antoinette Harris  
*Grayson, Georgia*

Tierra Nicole Holloway  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

Daria Tarique Jackson  
*Sandy Springs, Georgia*

Melinda Elaine Johnson  
*Macon, Georgia*

Anna Evanthia Koullas  
*Opelika, Alabama*

Santresa Ragsdale Lamar  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Laura Ellen Lebovitz  
*Johns Creek, Georgia*

Britney Layne Ledford †  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Ilissa Dorelle Matthews  
*Orlando, Florida*

Tiffany Vilese McCullough  
*Smyrna, Georgia*

Ashley Nicole Miller  
*Alpharetta, Georgia*

Tedra Denise Parker  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Allison Tate Pharris  
*Decatur, Georgia*

Laurie Elizabeth Preston  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Sade' Sabreea Redding †  
*Smyrna, Georgia*

Ronda Dionne Shirley  
*Macon, Georgia*

Jaquita Briana Shorts  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Molly Elizabeth Stenner  
*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Dawn Monique Swiney †  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Michael Tuma  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Lawaina Patrice Williams  
*Montgomery, Alabama*

Vaishali Patel Whisler  
*Gray, Georgia*

Lauren Nicole Wright  
*Gastonia, Georgia*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRECLINICAL SCIENCES**

Amanda Grace Bortle  
*Bogart, Georgia*

John Barron Cravey  
*Hawkinsville, Georgia*

Alayna Maria Dukes  
*Ludowici, Georgia*

David Andrew Fields  
*Marietta, Georgia*

Maria Theresa Cruz Franco  
*Warner Robins, Georgia*

Turner McKay Grogan  
*Griffin, Georgia*

William Chase Henderson  
*Macon, Georgia*

Brandon Michael Jones  
*Morris, Alabama*

Shanterian Jena' King  
*Stone Mountain, Georgia*

Britney Nicole Lane  
*Perry, Georgia*

Allison Michelle Lord  
*Marietta, Georgia*

James Matthew Loutzenhiser  
*Murfreesboro, Tennessee*

Joshua Howard Masdon  
*Sharpsburg, Georgia*

Danielle Denise Mumford  
*Hartsville, South Carolina*

Ehizele Majiri Osehobo  
*Fayetteville, Georgia*

Aayush Gautam Patel  
*Macon, Georgia*

Alexander Minh Pham  
*Orange, California*

Maura Farley Pipkins  
*Macon, Georgia*

Ra'Shead Shakaer Pompey  
*Monticello, Georgia*

Nicholas Alexander Schuck  
*Acworth, Georgia*

Michael David Thomason  
*Augusta, Georgia*

Brittany Marie Woods  
*Fayetteville, Georgia*

Chelsea Ashlen White  
*Macon, Georgia*

Brittany Marie Woods  
*Fayetteville, Georgia*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

Jonathan Brewer Daniels  
*Lizella, Georgia*

Chelsey Diane Faircloth  
*Douglasville, Georgia*

Jasmine Jessica LaShannon Fuller  
*Greenville, Georgia*

Harriet Flora Hagele  
*Alpharetta, Georgia*

Charles Randall Moss, II †  
*Folkston, Georgia*

Chantelle Brie Young †  
*Albany, Georgia*

**DOCTOR OF MEDICINE**

Kyle Stapleton Adams  
*Albany, Georgia*

Ashley Ann Albert ✦✦  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Benjamin Manuel Albert  
*Roswell, Georgia*

Mallory Bates  
*Cuthbert, Georgia*

Stephanie Alexandra Beavers ✦  
*Dallas, Georgia*

Regina Lee Brady  
*Lizella, Georgia*

Courtney Theo Charvat ✦  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Taylor James Cox  
*Dublin, Georgia*

Nicholas Andrew Dallas  
*Athens, Georgia*

Robert Tyler Darnell ✦  
*Calhoun, Georgia*

Kelly Trennon Davison  
*Watkinsville, Georgia*

Bella Prahlad Desai ✦†  
*Acworth, Georgia*

Samuel George Franklin  
*Waynesboro, Georgia*

Harpaul Singh Gill  
*Valdosta, Georgia*

Ronnie Matthew Gravett ✦†  
*Dallas, Georgia*

Bowhee Sohn Gwak  
*Alpharetta, Georgia*

Omar Saleh Hajmurad  
*Smyrna, Georgia*

Jennifer Backer Hall  
*Marietta, Georgia*

John Horace Henderson, IV  
*Powder Springs, Georgia*

Heather Elizabeth Henry  
*Gainesville, Georgia*

Madalina Illoaia ✦  
*Suwanee, Georgia*

Tiffany Denise Jackson  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Christina Rachel Jayakumar  
*Roswell, Georgia*

Caitlin Elizabeth Jones  
*Thomasville, Georgia*

Martin Karanja Kagira  
*McDonough, Georgia*

Mikell Brett Karsten  
*Sylveste, Georgia*

Raymond Bradley Kessler  
*McDonough, Georgia*

Young Suk Kwon  
*Alpharetta, Georgia*

Charles Frederick Land  
*Jasper, Georgia*

Anna Lee ✦  
*Cumming, Georgia*

Jeffrey Man Fung Luk  
*Kingsland, Georgia*

Rukuzo Darlington Mazaiwana  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Nichole Lyn McCollum ✦  
*Johns Creek, Georgia*

Taylor Wright McLendon ✦  
*Macon, Georgia*

Stephen Richard Meyers †  
*Valdosta, Georgia*

Anna Elizabeth Mistretta  
*Swainsboro, Georgia*

Sunaina Nanchahal  
*Alpharetta, Georgia*

Kedric Javorous Naylor  
*Valdosta, Georgia*

Jordan Wesley Newman ✦✦†  
*Appling, Georgia*

An Vinh Le Nguyen  
*Canton, Georgia*

Lauren Anne O'Grady  
*Marietta, Georgia*

Sajal Patel  
*Carrollton, Georgia*

George Patton Pennington, II  
*Valdosta, Georgia*

Justin Wayne Peterson  
*Broxton, Georgia*

Kristin Nicole Porto  
*Newnan, Georgia*

Forrest Ray Powers ✦†  
*Conyers, Georgia*

Hailey Nicole Robbins ✦  
*Covington, Georgia*

William Patrick Roche, IV ✦✦  
*Macon, Georgia*

Tyler Sherrad Rogers ✦  
*Pavo, Georgia*

Michael Lee Sims ✦  
*Columbus, Georgia*

William Benjamin Smisson  
*Macon, Georgia*

Brent Joseph Speer ✦  
*Tucker, Georgia*

Sarah Michal Swafford  
*Dalton, Georgia*

Gregory Justin Tanner ✦†  
*Adairsville, Georgia*

Richard Clemens Taylor  
*Folkston, Georgia*

Megan Elizabeth Tinnin ✦  
*Warner Robins, Georgia*

John Charles Vaughns  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Zhen Wang  
*Roswell, Georgia*

Jason Richard Wells  
*Powder Springs, Georgia*

Jacob Andrew Werkin  
*Sandersville, Georgia*

Bryan Watkins Whitfield, VI  
*Dahlonega, Georgia*

Joshua James Wilburn  
*Tallapoosa, Georgia*

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Savannah International Trade and Convention Center | Sunday, May 4, 2014 | 1:00 p.m.

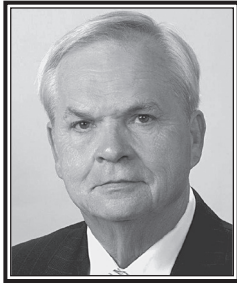
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Prelude .....	Robert McDuffie Center for Strings Ensemble, Mercer University
Academic Procession* .....	Robert McDuffie Center for Strings Ensemble, Mercer University
Invocation* .....	Rachel Greiner, M.S., M.Div. <i>Staff Chaplain, Memorial University Medical Center</i>
Welcome .....	David Scott Davis
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</i>
Introduction of Speaker .....	Hewitt William Matthews, Ph.D. <i>Dean, College of Pharmacy; Senior Vice President for Health Sciences</i>
Commencement Address .....	Carl R. Boyd, M.D. <i>Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, Savannah; Professor of Surgery</i>
Special Awards .....	William Frank Bina, III
Conferring of the Degrees .....	David Scott Davis <i>Doctor of Medicine</i>
Awarding of Diplomas and Hooding of Medical Graduates .....	William Frank Bina, III
Medical Graduate's Oath .....	Thomas Philip Malan, Ph.D., M.D. <i>Vice Dean, School of Medicine Dean, Savannah Campus</i>
Alumni Welcome .....	Oliver C. Whipple, M.D., '99
Benediction* .....	Rachel Greiner
Academic Recession** .....	Robert McDuffie Center for Strings Ensemble, Mercer University

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# CARL R. BOYD

## Commencement Speaker



Carl R. Boyd, M.D., FACS, is Executive Director of Graduate Medical Education at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, and Professor of Surgery and Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education for Mercer University School of Medicine's Savannah Campus.

Dr. Boyd received his B.A. degree from the University of Louisville and his M.D. degree from the University of Kentucky. He completed his general surgery residency at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. He served as Chief of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care from 1981 until 1994. He was also Medical Director of LifeStar Helicopter and MedStar Emergency Medical Services. In 1994, he became the Director of the Department of Surgical Education at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Dr. Boyd is a three-time William S. Halstead Award winner for teaching. He was the Memorial Health Physician of the Year in 2004, received the Georgia Hospital Association 2006 Hospital Hero Award, and was given the Memorial Health University Physician Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. He is a past President of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma and a past Vice President of the Southeastern Surgical Congress.

Dr. Boyd has over 60 peer-reviewed publications in surgery, primarily in trauma and critical care. He has published two books, *The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: The True Story Your Teacher Never Taught You* and *Echoes from the Operating Room: Vignettes in Surgical History*. Dr. Boyd has presented and taught advances in hernia repair to surgeons in 16 different countries including South Africa, India, China, Turkey, Italy, South Korea, New Zealand and Australia. He has given over two hundred presentations to national and international audiences, speaking on hernia repair, medical aspects of Presidential assassinations, and medical themes in art through the ages.

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*Professor of Biomedical Sciences*

READER

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

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Bailey Elliott Alford <i>Guyton, Georgia</i>	Justin Wade Fincher <i>Albany, Georgia</i>	Patrick Justin Lancaster <i>Statesboro, Georgia</i>	Mims Gage Ochsner, III ◊♦† <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	Hayley Barnett Walter ♦ <i>Watkinsville, Georgia</i>
Stephen Armstrong Beasley <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Daniel Harry Gordon <i>Hartwell, Georgia</i>	Phillip Austin Lunsford ◊♦ <i>Hiram, Georgia</i>	Katherine Allen Proctor <i>Thomaston, Georgia</i>	Jessica Marie Wilder <i>Rincon, Georgia</i>
Charles Douglas Bodine, Jr. ♦ <i>Murrayville, Georgia</i>	Audrey Nicole Green ◊† <i>Waleska, Georgia</i>	Jessica Lauren Miller <i>Augusta, Georgia</i>	Christopher Joseph Shuman <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	Megan Leigh Witrick <i>Monroe, Georgia</i>
Leila Thomas Graham Borders <i>Louisville, Georgia</i>	Ryan Barrett Grunz ♦ <i>Woodstock, Georgia</i>	Scott Thomas Morgan <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	Alison Leigh Smith <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	James Tyler Yeckley <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>
Charles Miller Brown <i>Tifton, Georgia</i>	Joseph Robert Harmon <i>Calhoun, Georgia</i>	Stephen Lewis Morgan, Jr. <i>Vienna, Georgia</i>	Melissa Anne Steele <i>Johns Creek, Georgia</i>	<p><i>Participation in the graduation ceremony does not necessarily represent conferral of the degree. Degrees are awarded at the end of the term in which all requirements are met.</i></p> <p><i>Honors printed in the program and announced at the commencement ceremony are based on grades earned at the time of program publication, and may not reflect final honors.</i></p>
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Rachel Weaver Clark <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Mary Watson Keith <i>Toccoa, Georgia</i>	Linda Thu Nguyen <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	Amy Brooke Thompson <i>Powder Springs, Georgia</i>	
	Jasna Ikanovic <i>Snelville, Georgia</i>	Christina Leigh Huntley Noguera ♦ <i>Woodstock, Georgia</i>	Stephanie Denise Tootle ◊ <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	
	Oi Lam Irene Lai <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>		Terri Michaela Traub <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	

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ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE OF NURSING

COLLEGE OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



# ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

Upper Field, Atlanta Campus | Saturday, May 10, 2014 | 8:30 a.m.

Presiding .....	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Academic Procession* .....	Trumpet Fanfare
Invocation* .....	Rev. Chris George <i>Pastor, Smoke Rise Baptist Church</i>
Welcome .....	The President of the University
Introduction of the Speaker .....	The President of the University
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*Commencement Speaker*

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Ann M. Palmer was named president and CEO of The Arthritis Foundation, a national organization headquartered in Atlanta, in September 2013. She leads the Foundation in its commitment to finding a cure and ending arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability.

Palmer is widely regarded for 30 years of leadership and success in voluntary health agencies, including the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association and, most recently, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, where she was senior vice president of field management.

During her 12 years at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Palmer led volunteers and staff in 80 offices across the country and was responsible for \$120 million of net revenue. Earlier, she served in regional vice president roles at both the American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, Palmer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

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George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence .....	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Reynold J. Kosek, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award .....	Jennifer Rose Findley <i>Editor in Chief, Mercer Law Review</i>
Conferring of the Juris Doctor and Master of Laws Degrees .....	David Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Charge to Graduates .....	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Presentation of the Class of 2014 .....	Tyler Dean Mashburn <i>President, Student Bar Association</i>
Hooding Ceremony .....	David Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Alumni Welcome .....	Deron R. Hicks, '93 <i>President, School of Law Alumni Association</i>
Benediction* .....	Timothy W. Floyd
Academic Recession** .....	Jack Mitchener

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# SARA L. DOYLE

## Commencement Speaker



Presiding Judge Sara L. Doyle was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals in December 2008 and took office on January 1, 2009. Born in Dallas, Texas, Judge Doyle lived in several states before entering the University of Florida where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. She graduated *cum laude* from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1994 and began her legal career as a civil litigator with Wilson, Strickland & Benson, P.C. Just prior to taking office, she was an equity partner with the national law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP where she practiced law with a focus on education issues since August 2000.

As a practicing attorney, Judge Doyle received an A.V. peer-reviewed rating from Martindale Hubbell. She was selected as a Georgia Super Lawyer from 2004 to 2008 and, in 2006 and 2008, was named one of the top 50 female attorneys in Georgia. She has also been recognized as one of Georgia's legal elite by

*Georgia Trend* magazine.

Judge Doyle is a member of the American Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers (GAWL), the Gate City Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA), and the Lawyers Club of Atlanta.

She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Law Related Education Committee and the Next Generation Courts Committee, and is serving a five-year term on the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. She has sat as a fee dispute arbitrator for the State Bar of Georgia, and in August 2013 concluded her six-year term as a member and chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Commission on the Unlicensed Practice of Law.

Judge Doyle is a member and former assistant-director of the Atlanta Bar Association Bard show, a major fund-raiser for the Atlanta Bar Foundation, a member and current co-editor of the Atlanta Bar Editorial Board, a member of the Membership Committee, and the 2013-2014 Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the Atlanta Bar's Judicial Section. Judge Doyle is most proud of her membership in the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, where she currently holds the position of Immediate Past-President/Chair and has been a member of the club's executive committee since 2003.

Judge Doyle is currently serving as a Master and Executive Board member of Emory University Law School's Lamar Inn of Court. In 2012, Judge Doyle joined Mercer Law School's Board of Visitors and, in January 2013, was inducted as a member at-large of the Gate City Bar Association's Judicial Section.

Judge Doyle is married to attorney Jay Doyle, and they have two children.

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*Because final grades for graduates are not due until June, degrees and honors will not be determined or become final until all averages of students are computed in June. The School of Law, however, will recognize today those graduating students who, based on grades earned in the first five semesters, appear to be on track to receive honors when final grades are calculated.*

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# MACON COMMENCEMENT

Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 10, 2014 | 3:30 p.m.

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>Minister of the University and Dean of the Chapel</i>
Welcome .....	The President of the University
Greetings from the Board of Trustees .....	Richard A. Schneider <i>Chair, Mercer University Board of Trustees</i>
Special Music, <i>Amazing Grace</i> .....	Katie Trotter, Master of Music in Performance, Class of 2014 Traditional Hymn, Arranged by Richard Walters Accompanied by Jack Mitchener
Introduction of the Speaker .....	David Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address .....	Nathan Deal, B.A. '64, LL.B. '66 <i>Governor of Georgia</i>
University Honors .....	The President of the University
Student Awards .....	Douglas R. Pearson <i>Vice President and Dean of Students</i>
Conferring of the Degrees .....	The President of the University
College of Liberal Arts .....	Dean Lake Lambert <i>Bachelor of Arts   Bachelor of Science   Bachelor of Science in Health Science</i>
Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics .....	Dean Susan Perles Gilbert <i>Bachelor of Business Administration   Master of Business Administration</i>
School of Engineering .....	Dean Wade Harrison Shaw, Jr. <i>Bachelor of Science   Bachelor of Science in Engineering   Master of Science   Master of Science in Engineering</i>
Tift College of Education .....	Interim Dean Paige L. Tompkins <i>Bachelor of Science in Education   Master of Education   Specialist in Education</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</i>
Townsend School of Music .....	Dean C. David Keith <i>Bachelor of Arts   Bachelor of Music   Bachelor of Music Education   Master of Music</i>
Awarding of Diplomas .....	Edward J. Weintraut <i>Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, 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

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# NATHAN DEAL

## Commencement Speaker



Nathan Deal, B.A. '64, LL.B. '66, took the oath of office as Georgia's 82nd governor on January 10, 2011.

The governor's top goal is keeping Georgia the No. 1 place in the nation to do business, a ranking the state earned in 2013. Gov. Deal helped attain this recognition by creating the Competitiveness Initiative, reforming our tax code and recruiting businesses to relocate here.

In his first term, he has cut state taxes, eliminated state agencies, reduced the state government workforce, saved HOPE from the brink of bankruptcy, championed education innovations, cracked down on illegal immigration and implemented significant cost-saving reforms in our criminal justice system. This past session, he fought to increase public safety on our waterways, worked to save lives and taxpayer dollars through juvenile justice reform, improved our workforce by aiding veterans and technical college students, and called for stricter rules on lobbying to boost public trust.

Gov. Deal's public service to his state spans four decades. The Sandersville native served in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon in Augusta after graduating with a law degree from Mercer University, and then began a private law practice in Gainesville, the hometown of his wife, Sandra Dunagan Deal. While his wife taught in Hall County public schools, the governor began a long span of service to his community as prosecutor, judge, state senator and U.S. congressman.

During his 17 years in Congress, Deal rose to chair the Health Subcommittee of Energy and Commerce, where he became a noted expert on entitlement reform and health care policy.

Deal ended his congressional career to campaign for governor, becoming the Republican nominee in August 2010 and then winning the governorship in November of that year.

The governor and first lady have four adult children and six grandchildren.

## COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

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*Assistant Professor and Catalog Librarian  
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**Nicholas Reynolds**

## IRWIN BELK

*Doctor of Commerce*



Irwin Belk entered the family department store business after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on the GI Bill. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. In addition to leading the 300-store Belk department store chain, Belk served on bank and textile boards, served in the North Carolina House of Representatives, and, later, in the North Carolina State Senate. He was instrumental in the founding of the University of North Carolina – Charlotte and served for 28 years on the UNC at Chapel Hill governing board. He also has served on advisory boards for a number of other colleges and universities, including Queens University, Wingate University, Campbell University and Appalachian State University.

One of Belk's passions is sculpture. He began to commission mascots in bronze for various colleges and universities, requiring as a condition of his funding that they be the largest of their kind in the world. One of his sculptures graces the grounds of the U.S. Olympic complex in Colorado Springs, and another was dedicated in New York City by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.

In 2013, Belk agreed to fund a large bronze bear statue that will stand outside the gates of the Mercer University Stadium. Belk holds more than 50 honorary degrees from institutions throughout the world.

## CECIL P. STATON, JR.

*Doctor of Humanities*



Cecil Staton, a Republican from Macon, was first elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2004 to represent the 18th Senatorial District, which includes Crawford, Monroe, Peach and Upson Counties and portions of Bibb and Houston counties. He announced in 2013 that he would not run for re-election after his term ended in 2014.

Having previously held the position of vice-chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, he currently serves as Majority Whip. Staton is a member of the Appropriations, Banking and Financial Institutions, Higher Education and the Reapportionment and Redistricting committee. Additionally, he serves as a member on the Rules, Assignments and the Regulated Industries committees.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Staton received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Oxford in England. Moving to Georgia in 1989, for more than 15 years he served as a college professor and administrator, serving for more than 11 years as a faculty member, Mercer University Press publisher and associate provost at Mercer University. He currently is a publisher and broadcaster in Macon and Warner Robins.

In 2000, he received the Richard Furman Award from Furman University. He has also been recognized as the Rural Healthcare Legislator of the Year in 2008 and has won recognition for his work on trauma and other health care related issues including the Georgia Hospital Association Legislator of the Year award in 2010.

Staton was named Legislator of the Year by Georgia Bio in 2012, specifically for his efforts to advance the Life Sciences industry in Georgia. He is also responsible for most of the new election laws in Georgia in recent years including Georgia's requirement for photo identification for voting (2005) and in 2009 a requirement that proof of citizenship accompany voter registration applications.

Staton and his wife Catherine have two sons, Trey and William. They are members of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Macon.

# SPECIAL AWARDS

## INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING AWARD

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**Kathryn Kloepper, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Liberal Arts*

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

### SPENCER B. KING DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

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.

**Andy Digh, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor of Computer Science*

## EUGENE W. STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

**Geoffrey M. Ngene, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Finance*

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### CLAYTON R. PAUL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

**T. Anthony Choi, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

## TOWNSEND SCHOOL OF MUSIC

### OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

**Kathryn White, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Professor of Music History*

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*Sugar Hill, Georgia*

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*Warm Springs, Georgia*  
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Jennifer Michelle  
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# 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 that 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.

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:

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
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Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Physical Therapy .....	Teal
Physician Assistant .....	Kelly 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.

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# MERCER UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Mercer University is one of America's oldest and most distinctive institutions of higher learning, offering rigorous programs that span the undergraduate liberal arts to doctoral-level degrees. Founded by early 19th century Baptists, Mercer's mission is to teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to inspire, to empower and to serve.

With more than 8,300 students enrolled in 12 schools and colleges on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah; three medical school sites in Macon, Savannah and Columbus; and at four Regional Academic Centers around the state, Mercer is consistently ranked among the nation's leading institutions by such publications as *U.S. News & World Report*, which in 2013 named Mercer as the No. 2 Best Value in the South. Our more than 68,000 alumni are making important contributions to their professions and communities throughout Georgia, the Southeast and the world.

While offering a breadth of programs found at much larger universities, Mercer maintains an intimate, student-focused culture more characteristic of smaller liberal arts colleges. Mercer's uniqueness is found in the way the University integrates five defining components of its mission: Liberal Learning, Professional Knowledge, Discovery, Service to Humankind and Community.

## ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

**College of Liberal Arts (Macon):** The oldest of the University's academic units, the College of Liberal Arts remains the cornerstone of Mercer's educational programs, offering 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):** Offering 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 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, offering 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, McAfee School of Theology 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):** Townsend School of Music 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 1,300 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.

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**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 (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 (Atlanta):** Established in 1902, the College is nationally recognized for educating superior nursing leaders who provide significant healthcare contributions around the world. In addition to a bachelor of science in nursing degree, the College also offers the following degree programs: master of science in nursing, with specialties in nursing education, family nurse practitioner, and clinical nurse specialist; doctor of nursing practice; and the doctor of philosophy (nursing).

**College of Health Professions (Macon, Atlanta):** The College is comprised of three departments: Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies and Public Health. The College offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree, and master's degrees in physician assistant studies (M.M.Sc.) and public health (M.P.H.). In addition, the College offers post-professional residencies and fellowships. The College seeks to improve the health and quality of life of individuals and society through excellence in teaching, research and service.

## 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, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer and tennis for men, and basketball, cross-country, golf, lacrosse, sand volleyball, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, and volleyball for women. For the 2012-2013 academic year, the cumulative grade point average for student athletes was 3.238. On July 1, 2014, Mercer will become a member of the historic Southern Conference.

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