



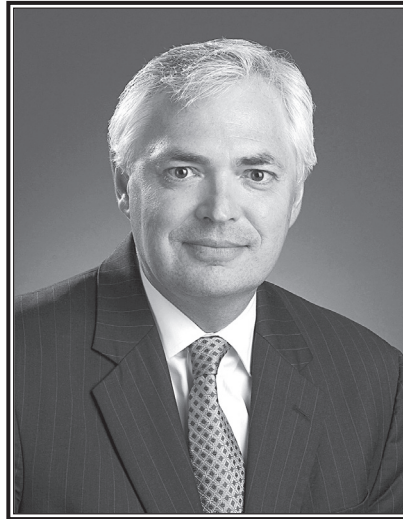
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 2015

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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

William D. Underwood
President

MERCER UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

More than 1,800 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: Carl R. Boyd, M.D.
Professor of Surgery
Friday, May 8, 2015 | 3:00 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH

Speaker: Mark E. Murphy, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
Saturday, May 9, 2015 | 2:00 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
Penfield College of Mercer University | College of Health Professions

Speaker: David Cummings
Chief Executive Officer, Kevy and Atlanta Ventures; Founder of Atlanta Tech Village
Saturday, May 16, 2015 | 8:30 a.m.
Upper Field | Atlanta Campus

WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Speaker: The Honorable Hugh P. Thompson, J.D. '69
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
Saturday, May 16, 2015 | 10:00 a.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

MACON

College of Liberal Arts | Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics
School of Engineering | Tift College of Education
Penfield College of Mercer University | Townsend School of Music

Speaker: The Honorable W. Louis Sands, B.A. '71, J.D. '74
United States District Court, Middle District of Georgia
Saturday, May 16, 2015 | 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

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MERCER TRADITIONS

Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and over 182 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.

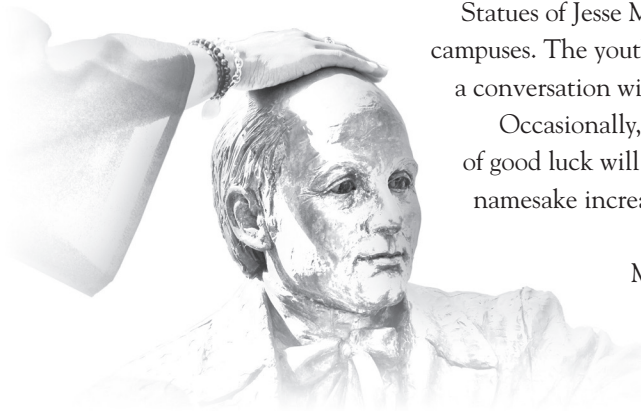
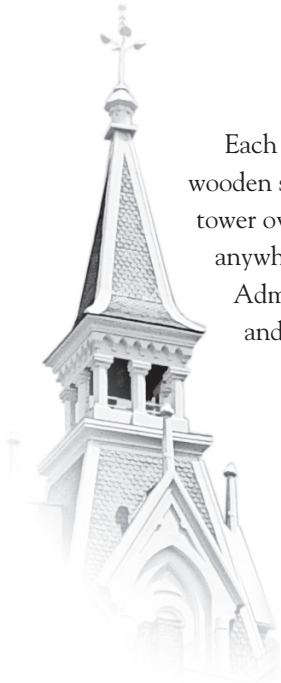
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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.

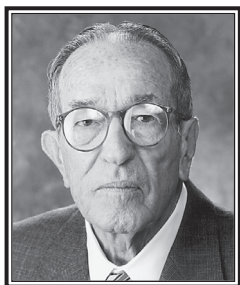
The preservation of the Tift legacy is a combination of the heritage of Tift and the momentum of Mercer. Part of this history and tradition is the ringing of the Tift Bell, which was relocated to the Macon campus after the merger. Tift graduates began ringing the bell in 1959 as part of commencement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

2015 GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

ASHLEY WILKERSON FINNEY

College of Pharmacy



Ashley Wilkerson Finney's commitment to the College of Pharmacy motto — "A Tradition of Excellence, A Legacy of Caring" — is evident in her ability to excel academically, personally and professionally and provide caring service to her community, profession and university.

Having previously earned her Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the College of Liberal Arts prior to attending the College of Pharmacy, Finney has earned many awards and honors and served numerous professional development organizations during her time at the University. Most notably, she was vice president and chair of the Diabetes Committee of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), where she led the development of a diabetic cookbook that was sold at diabetes events and online throughout the country. Her passion for diabetes research and outreach stems from her personal connection to family members who have suffered from this disease.

In addition to the cookbook project, Finney coordinated a migrant farmworker clinic near her hometown in rural Southeast Georgia, where blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screenings were provided to farmworkers and their families. She has also been active in the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and has coordinated Mercer student pharmacists' participation in the annual ADA Diabetes Expo for three consecutive years. She is an active member of the American Pharmacists Association's Academy of Student Pharmacists and the Georgia Pharmacy Association.

Finney will graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2014

Gary Wall
College of Liberal Arts

2013

Nancy Boore
*College of Pharmacy and
Health Sciences*

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 Jensen
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.

KAITLIN CHANCE

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing



Kaitlin Chance has dedicated herself to bettering the lives of others, from victims of the global sex trafficking epidemic to sick and injured children in Metro Atlanta. She has been recognized as a leader for her efforts to educate and serve, as evidenced by her time as the Legislative Director for the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS). She is the co-author of a resolution urging hospitals to establish policies and protocols to help identify trafficked victims that is currently being reviewed by hospitals in the area. Chance has also assisted in researching and writing a Position Statement with the Emergency Nurses Association addressing the Registered Nurse's role in treating this high-risk patient population.

Chance is a volunteer with Out of Darkness, the anti-trafficking agency of the Atlanta Dream Center. She has organized lectures across the state to raise awareness about the sex trafficking trade, for which Atlanta serves as a major hub. She has been a member of the Governor's Office for Children and Families Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Task Force, working on various projects within Metro Atlanta. This past summer, she spent two months in Mumbai, India, living in and assisting a home of 80 abandoned or orphaned children.

Chance is also passionate about helping children as she has served as an emergency department technician at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for the past two years. She has traveled to Belize City since 2009 to work with children and families in impoverished areas. Through GANS, Chance had the opportunity to assist in organizing activities to support the children of the Youth Villages Inner Harbor during the holidays.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

<p>2014 Michael Tekesky <i>College of Nursing</i></p>	<p>2011 Margaret McCampbell <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>2008 Stephanie Ard <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2005 AND EARLIER William Arnold <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Blair Cox <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Jimmy Thomas Howell <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Larissa Spell <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
<p>2013 Noah Maier <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>2010 Amy Carol Abel <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>James Derek Cook <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Julia Bowen <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Daniel Crager <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Andy Lane <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Eric Trivett <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
<p>2012 John Andrew Jones <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>2009 John Christopher Elder <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2007 Stacey Irene Harwell <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Megan Boyd <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Ben Drew Cravey, III <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Adam Neal <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Jamanda Turner <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
		<p>2006 Samson Julius Alva <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Michael Bryan <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>John Christopher Elder <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Frank Nelson <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Jamila Wideman <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
			<p>Kala Cartwright <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Rhett Fraser <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Pamela Popwell <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Becky Wilcox <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>
			<p>James Derek Cook <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Crystal Garmon <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Emily Salman <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Megin Lea Williams <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
				<p>Tiffany Gibson <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Amber Sandlin <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Gary Wood <i>College of Liberal Arts</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.

RAYMOND-MARK BERNAL PARTOLAN

College of Liberal Arts



Raymond-Mark Bernal Partolan is never satisfied with only doing what is expected and is always looking for ways to go above and beyond expectations. This mentality has helped him carry a 3.971 grade-point average, while managing his assignments, various jobs and roles as a mentor to freshman students and mock trial teammates, and also serving as a well-respected leader to a number of constituencies.

Partolan is an outspoken activist for the legal rights of undocumented immigrants. He has lobbied in Atlanta and Washington, D.C., willing to tell his story despite any risks it may bring to him or his family. He has been invited to speak on college campuses across the country about efforts to obtain higher education by students whose parents brought them to the U.S. as children. Recently, he accepted a position as the program coordinator for the Atlanta affiliate of Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ) to advocate on behalf of Asian American immigrants and refugees across the South.

Partolan has been involved with Student Government Association (SGA) since he arrived at Mercer. He was selected as Senator of the Year in April 2013 and elected as SGA president for his junior year. He has spent three years on the mock trial team, where, as the only senior on this year's team, he served as an enthusiastic mentor to his teammates. He also worked with first-year students as a peer advisor for the UNV 101 course. He is a past recipient of the Thelma "T-Lady" Ross Spirit of Mercer Award and the Newman Civic Fellows Award.

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 former member of the University's Board of Trustees.

ANDREW T. ECK *School of Engineering*



Andrew T. Eck is a junior engineering major with a specialization in electrical engineering in the School of Engineering. Originally from Dublin, Georgia, Eck followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Kevin, when he enrolled at Mercer in 2011. He became heavily involved in the student spirit group and was a key player in formalizing that group into a recognized student organization known as the Mercer Maniacs. He has also held leadership roles in both the Robotics Club and Reformed University Fellowship.

During his time at Mercer, Eck has completed three semesters of cooperative learning with Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute. His entrepreneurial spirit has led him to co-found two businesses. Georgia Pallet is a furniture business that recycles discarded pallets, turning them into coffee tables, signs and other custom creations. His plans to start a sound engineering business evolved into

Corner Concerts, a company that organizes and promotes pop-up concerts in unique – and often forgotten – locations such as parking decks, parks, vacant buildings and historic storefronts in Macon.

Due to this work, Eck was invited to serve on the board of SparkMacon, a community makerspace that supports local entrepreneurs and makers. Additionally, he has built relationships with Newtown Macon, the College Hill Alliance, real estate developers, musicians and venues around the city. These connections led him to commission a service-learning project with the Stetson School of Business and Economics to conduct market research on what draws people to live-music venues downtown. Eck is the quintessential social entrepreneur, striving to create businesses that do well by doing good.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2014
Emily Caitlin Dowling
Townsend School of Music

Dalton E. Turner
College of Liberal Arts

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 Christopher Geiger, Jr.
Townsend School of Music

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.

CAROLINE MILLIGAN COOPER

School of Engineering



Caroline Milligan Cooper has generously given of her time while at Mercer to serve first-year students, her peers, her sorority sisters, the Macon community, Ugandan citizens while traveling with Mercer On Mission, and many others. Her work in a number of areas has contributed greatly to the perpetuation of the values and ideals that make this place uniquely Mercer.

Cooper has been involved with Student Government Association, where this year she served as chair of the Heritage Life Committee. This committee plans events such as Pilgrimage to Penfield, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, and Founders' Day, which promote the University's rich history and long-standing traditions.

Cooper has worked with the Office of Academic and Advising Services as part of the Peer Advisor program for the past two years, during which she served as the co-facilitator and teacher for two sections of the UNV 101 course and helped organize the "Majors in Minutes" fair to allow first- and second-year students learn more about the majors offered at Mercer from juniors and seniors studying in those majors. Additionally, she is active in Alpha Delta Pi sorority, campus worship, and multiple honor societies for engineering, Christianity, and Greek organizations.

Cooper will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, specialization in Environmental Engineering, with a minor in Christianity.

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.

CHARLES H. ROBERTS

Penfield College of Mercer University



Dr. Charles H. Roberts' approach to engaging students and enhancing student learning actually grew out of the opportunity he had to learn from and be mentored by the Hendrickses and to see firsthand their passion for student development and diversity. Dr. Roberts arrived on the Mercer campus in the fall of 1965 as one of the first six Black students to enroll at the University. Joe Hendricks was dean of men. Dr. Roberts returned to Mercer as assistant professor of mathematics in 2001 and has demonstrated his fierce commitment to student learning and success ever since.

While a student at Mercer and under the guidance of Joe Hendricks, Dr. Roberts served as a tutor and mentor for Mercer's first class of Upward Bound students, many of whom became successful first generation college students. He enrolled in a psychology class taught by Jean Hendricks, a course he reports was life changing and a course that sensitized him to the importance of placing the emphasis on the individual and those things that each individual brings to a learning situation.

Michigan State's Science Scholars Program, which he co-founded, recognized Dr. Roberts for lifetime achievement. He received the Outstanding Mentor Award from the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program and the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Office of Student Support Services, along with awards from a variety of entities at Michigan State. It is clear, however, that he values most the accomplishments of the students and faculty members he mentors.

This spring, Dr. Roberts' approach to teaching and learning and his work in student development and student success built upon the foundation laid by the Hendrickses almost 50 years ago are being recognized and disseminated through an invitation to participate in a panel at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Academic Renewal Conference in San Diego.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – MACON
COMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Friday, May 8, 2015 | 3:00 p.m.

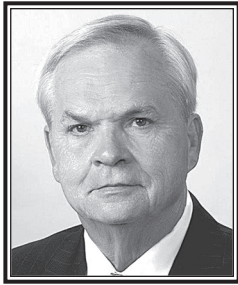
Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Prelude	Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i>
Academic Procession*	Jack Mitchener
Invocation*	Craig Thomas McMahan <i>Minister of the University and Dean of the Chapel</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the 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	D. Scott Davis, Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address	Carl R. Boyd, M.D. <i>Professor of Surgery</i>
Special Awards	William Frank Bina, III
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University <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	W. Patrick Roche, III, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
Alumni Welcome	Loraine Sumner, M.D., '03 <i>Member, School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors</i>
Benediction*	Craig Thomas McMahan
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

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CARL R. BOYD

Commencement Speaker



Carl R. Boyd, M.D., FACS, is a professor of surgery 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 more than 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, New Zealand, Turkey, Italy, South Korea, New Zealand, and Australia. He has given more than 200 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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FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Grant Jones Scarborough, M.D.

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Tracy Hunter

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY MARSHAL

Bruce J. Innes, M.D.
Professor Emeritus of Surgery

READERS

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Program Director, Master of Family Therapy Program

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*Program Director, Master of Science
in Preclinical Sciences Program*

Richard O. McCann, Ph.D.
*Program Director, Master of Science
in Biomedical Sciences Program*

Prakash Elapulli Sankaranarayanan, MBBS, M.D.
Associate Dean for Admissions

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Hannah Brooke Antley
Newnan, Georgia

Elizabeth Carlton Atkins
Alpharetta, Georgia

Sarah Marie Atkins
Dunwoody, Georgia

Peter Raymond Attridge
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Marigrace Beverage
Warner Robins, Georgia

Whitney Causey
Riverdale, Georgia

Madison Lee Clark
Roswell, Georgia

Dav'El Bernard Copenny
Dublin, Georgia

Amber Nicole Draughn
Newnan, Georgia

Danielle Evans
Gray, Georgia

Courtney Michelle Hampton
Macon, Georgia

Chesiree Adonia-Janeé Jackson
Cleveland, Ohio

JaCoyia Michelle Jackson
Kentwood, Michigan

Ericka Nicole King
Columbus, Georgia

Elexia Monique Kitchens
Powder Springs, Georgia

Claudia Lartley Lartey
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Annai Lopez-Tavira
Suwanee, Georgia

Claire Catherine Loucka
Johns Creek, Georgia

Alden Alex Moore †
Thomaston, Georgia

Alexis Pudlo
Carol Stream, Illinois

Roderick F. Reese
Ellenwood, Georgia

Alicia Tamill Roberts
Macon, Georgia

Nicole Marie Stutts
Johns Creek, Georgia

Aaron James Summers
Macon, Georgia

Kyera Brianna Swint
Conyers, Georgia

Emily Christine Toohill
Macon, Georgia

Cecilia Marie Villagomez
Warner Robins, Georgia

Aurielle Christina Williams
Atlanta, Georgia

Janelle C. Woolford †
Tucker, Georgia

Alison Ragan Wright
Carrollton, Georgia

Faith Joohyun Yang
Suwanee, Georgia

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Marietta, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRECLINICAL SCIENCES

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Vats Trushad Ambai
Johns Creek, Georgia

Shirin Bashir Amlani
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Kyle Thomas Barnhart
Cartersville, Georgia

Gregory Stewart Barrett
Loganville, Georgia

Samay Bhushan
Statesboro, Georgia

Austin Joseph Broussard
Athens, Georgia

Nijah M. Burris
Atlanta, Georgia

Brannen Allen Davis
Evans, Georgia

Daniel Carson Dunlap
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Haley Franklin
Valdosta, Georgia

Kent Taylor Gibson
Macon, Georgia

Donovan Lewis Griggs
Stockbridge, Georgia

Fallon Elizabeth Kelley
Macon, Georgia

Christopher Capo Kiser
McDonough, Georgia

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Liburn, Georgia

Salima Makhani
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Nicole Mette
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Gregory Morgan
Dawsonville, Georgia

Viva Bao Hoang Linh Nguyen
Woodstock, Georgia

Nichole Nneka Ogojiaku
Marietta, Georgia

Rena Ow
Austell, Georgia

Jaimi Dilesh Patel
Alpharetta, Georgia

Niyanta Himanshu Patel
Albany, Georgia

Kerona Stephanie-Kay Sharpe
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Allison Lynn Stahl
Simpsonville, South Carolina

Palvi Walia
Liburn, Georgia

Carson Azevedo Womack
Marietta, Georgia

Brian Daniel Wright
Macon, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Derek Alexander Smith
Alpharetta, Georgia

Jordan Blake Logue
Macon, Georgia

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Omotola Kehinde Ajibade
Macon, Georgia

Antonia Funmilola Ashade
Macon, Georgia

Sami Augustine Belakhlef
Albany, Georgia

Whitney Denise Bembry
Hawkinsville, Georgia

Whitney Boland Bond ♦
Thomasville, Georgia

Paul Bennett Brock, Jr.
Rome, Georgia

Ryan Rahym Budwany
Dublin, Georgia

Emma Piedad Bueno ♦
Columbus, Georgia

Daniel John Burken ♦
Toccoa, Georgia

Jonathan Burgess Cardwell
LaGrange, Georgia

Caroline Rebecca Clary ♦
Liburn, Georgia

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Steven Brent Core
Kennesaw, Georgia

Shayla Adrianna Curtis
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Tori Brooke Grenade ♦†
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Aparna Prasad Shreenath
Marietta, Georgia

Carrie Lynne Stallings
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Douglas, Georgia

Kacie Bree Sweat ♦
Statesboro, Georgia

Ayesha Tabassom
Kennesaw, Georgia

Connie Anh Trieu
Tucker, Georgia

Rachel Ayers Turner ♦
Marietta, Georgia

Dat Phat Vu
Gainesville, Georgia

Alyssa Rose Walden ♦
Brookhaven, Georgia

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH
COMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Savannah International Trade and Convention Center | Saturday, May 9, 2015 | 2:00 p.m.

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
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	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	Howard Morrison <i>Vice Chair, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Savannah</i>
Introduction of Speaker	D. Scott Davis, Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address	Mark E. Murphy, M.D. <i>Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine</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, Ph.D., M.D. <i>Vice Dean, School of Medicine</i> <i>Dean, Savannah Campus</i>
Alumni Welcome	Oliver C. Whipple, M.D., '99 <i>Associate Professor of Surgery, Mercer University School of Medicine</i> <i>Member, School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors</i>
Benediction*	Rachel Greiner
Academic Recession**	Robert McDuffie Center for Strings Ensemble, Mercer University

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MARK E. MURPHY

Commencement Speaker



Mark Murphy, M.D., FACP, AGAS, is a clinical assistant professor of Internal Medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine, Savannah Campus. He obtained his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and completed a residency and fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He returned to Savannah in 1994 and was a founding member of the Savannah Center for Digestive and Liver Diseases. He has served as president and board chairman of the Southeastern Digestive and Liver Disease Research Institute, the chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at Memorial University Medical Center and has been the chief of Gastroenterology Education of the Internal Medicine Residency program at Memorial Health since January 1998. Dr. Murphy is board certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine, and is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology and the American College of Physicians. He is also a clinical associate professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Murphy has received numerous awards including recognition in “America’s Top Doctors” and “Best Doctors in America.” He has been honored on multiple occasions with the American Medical Association’s “Physician’s Recognition Award” and was awarded a Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America’s Irritable Bowel Disease Preceptorship Award in 2009 and 2010. He is active in research in the treatment of Hepatitis C, irritable bowel disease, colon cancer and colitis. He has contributed chapters to medical textbooks and served on the editorial board of the Mayo Clinic Proceedings. He is a sought after presenter at local, statewide and regional meetings in gastroenterology. Dr. Murphy has contributed dozens of opinion and editorial pieces to the *Savannah Morning News* and has published two novels.

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Robert Milton Pallay, M.D.

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Tia Catherine Bingham

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

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Ronald E. Garner, Ph.D.
Professor of Biomedical Sciences

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Stockbridge, Georgia

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Savannah, Georgia

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Dallas, Georgia

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Atlanta, Georgia

Andrew Clifford Bell
Atlanta, Georgia

Tia Catherine Bingham ♦
Marietta, Georgia

Kenneth Hillman Cail, III
Savannah, Georgia

Richard Scott Callan, Jr. ♦
Evans, Georgia

Suzanna Chen
Savannah, Georgia

Christopher Ashley Collins
Augusta, Georgia

Richard Tyler Cowart
Savannah, Georgia

Heather McCormick Ford ♦
Carrollton, Georgia

Prakriti Gill
Albany, Georgia

Carolyn Kuhn Glendye
Savannah, Georgia

Chad Davis Harple
Norcross, Georgia

Jesse Patrick Hinton ✦†
Savannah, Georgia

Mark Andrew Johnson
Tyrone, Georgia

William Brandon Knight
Savannah, Georgia

Maria Natalia Kyriacou
Kennesaw, Georgia

Justin McIvor Law
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Patrick Blaise MacEachern ✦†
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Casey Hudson Morris
Dublin, Georgia

Maulikkumar A. Patel ♦
Savannah, Georgia

Justine Elizabeth Phifer
Atlanta, Georgia

Matthew Phillips
Dalton, Georgia

Megan Laura Potts
Rock Spring, Georgia

Cromwell K. Reeves
Savannah, Georgia

Adrean Noelle Riba ✦†
Evans, Georgia

Wesley Alexander Ridley ✦†
Macon, Georgia

Christopher Carl Rogers
Dublin, Georgia

Ted Samarjit Samaddar
Martinez, Georgia

Payton Furman Sellers
Dalton, Georgia

Bijal Shah
Suwanee, Georgia

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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

PENFIELD COLLEGE OF MERCER UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

Upper Field, Atlanta Campus | Saturday, May 16, 2015 | 8:30 a.m.

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Academic Procession*	Verdi's <i>Aida: Grand March</i>
Invocation*	Richard Alan Culpepper <i>Dean, James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Introduction of the Speaker	The President of the University
Commencement Address	David Cummings <i>Chief Executive Officer, Kevy and Atlanta Ventures; Founder of Atlanta Tech Village</i>
University Honors	The President of the University
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
College of Pharmacy	Dean Hewitt William Matthews <i>Doctor of Pharmacy Doctor of Philosophy</i>
Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics	Dean Susan Perles Gilbert <i>Bachelor of Business Administration Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration</i>
Tift College of Education	Associate Dean Allison Cobb Gilmore <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 Philosophy</i>
Penfield College of Mercer University	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>
College of Health Professions	Interim Dean Lisa M. Lundquist <i>Master of Public Health Master of Medical Science Doctor of Physical Therapy</i>
Alumni Welcome	Penny Loraine Elkins <i>Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
Benediction*	Richard Vance Swindle <i>Senior Vice President – Atlanta</i>
Academic Recession**	

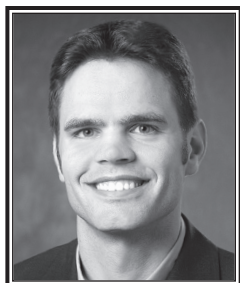
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DAVID CUMMINGS

Commencement Speaker

Doctor of Commerce



David Cummings is a highly successful entrepreneur who is chief executive officer of both Keyv and Atlanta Ventures and is the founder of Atlanta Tech Village, the largest technology entrepreneur center in the Southeast. Cummings has been an entrepreneur for more than 15 years. In early 2007, he co-founded Pardot, which was recognized in 2012 by *Inc. Magazine* as the 172nd fastest growing company in the United States. Pardot was later acquired for \$95 million by ExactTarget in one of the largest SaaS acquisitions ever of a bootstrapped company. Cummings was subsequently named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the deal category. In 2014, the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* named him one of the 100 most influential Atlantans.

Cummings is a member of the Southern Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization, the Entrepreneurs' Organization of Atlanta and the Atlanta Rotary Club. He serves on the board of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Buckhead Coalition. A native of Tallahassee, Florida, Cummings earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from Duke University.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

James W. Bartling

Associate Dean and Professor, College of Pharmacy

FACULTY MARSHALS

James Grady Strom, Jr.

Professor, College of Pharmacy

C. Gerry Mills

*Lecturer and Director of Graduate Programs
Stetson School of Business and Economics*

Jacquelyn M. Culpepper

Associate Professor, Tift College of Education

Graham Brown Walker, Jr.

*Professor of Theology and Philosophy
McAfee School of Theology*

Helen Hodges

Professor, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

Fred Bongiovanni

*Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies
Chair, Department of Liberal Studies
Penfield College*

Leslie Taylor

*Chair and Professor, Department of Physical
Therapy, College of Health Professions*

Florence Tang

*Associate Professor
Division of Library Services*

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Professor, College of Pharmacy

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*Professor of Computer Information Systems and Law
Stetson School of Business and Economics*

Leonard E. Lancette

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Dihanne A. Moore

Student, McAfee School of Theology

Cynthia Rubenstein

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Georgia Baptist College of Nursing*

Thompson Biggers

*Associate Professor of Communication
Penfield College*

Phil Tobin

*Chair and Clinical Assistant Professor,
Department of Physician Assistant Studies
College of Health Professions*

READERS

Candace Barnett

*Senior Associate Dean and Professor
College of Pharmacy*

Karen Gwynn Massey

*Associate Dean, Associate Professor of
Christian Education, McAfee School of Theology*

Sharon Lim Harle

*Assistant Vice President, Office of Alumni
Services and University Special Events
Stetson School of Business and Economics
Tift College of Education, Georgia Baptist
College of Nursing, Penfield College,
College of Health Professions*

SPECIAL AWARDS

GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE OF NURSING

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lanell M. Bellury, Ph.D., RN, AOCNS
Associate Professor

PENFIELD COLLEGE OF MERCER UNIVERSITY

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

J. Thompson Biggers, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Communication

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Aderone Oluremi Adeboye
Austell, Georgia

Lynny Assavavallop *
Marietta, Georgia

Joanna Marie Attardo
Pittsford, New York

Jimmy Bryant Austin
Hurley, Mississippi

Joshua Daniel Bailey
Warren, Pennsylvania

Nicholas Anthony Barker ***~
Rome, Georgia

Jimena Baron **
Teacucalpa, Honduras

Amanda Marie Bauerle
Dayton, Ohio

Caitlin Michelle Beale *
Fayetteville, Georgia

Chase Benson Bishop **
Hampton, Georgia

Chardiera Jade Bonaby
Atlanta, Georgia

Ashley Benjamin Bridges
Sandersville, Georgia

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Tallahassee, Florida

Christin Nicole Buckelew
Cumming, Georgia

Brittany N. Bumgarner ***
Taylorsville, North Carolina

Thuy Linh Thi Cao
Morrow, Georgia

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Albany, Georgia

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Seoul, South Korea

Ricardo Jose Chang
Naples, Florida

François Emmanuel Cherestal
Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

Andrew Jinlee Choi
Augusta, Georgia

Ming-Hui Chuang
Sandy Springs, Georgia

Brenna Meacham Clayton ***
Cumming, Georgia

Christina Danielle Clemens **
Kingsport, Tennessee

Maxime Clervil *
Atlanta, Georgia

Tennille Fayette Collins
DeLand, Florida

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Haley Cox Cowan
Moultrie, Georgia

Annette Melissa Daehler
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Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Thomas Elijah Dawson **
Fort Payne, Alabama

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Monica Marie Elliott
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Zachary Scott Elliott ***~
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Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 16, 2015 | 10:00 a.m.

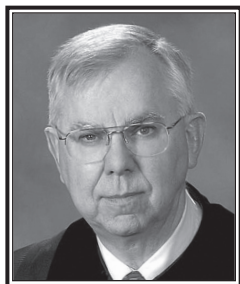
Presiding	Daisy Hurst Floyd <i>Dean and University Professor of Law and Ethical Formation</i>
Prelude	Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i>
Academic Procession*	Jack Mitchener
Invocation*	Timothy W. Floyd <i>Tommy Malone Distinguished Chair in Trial Advocacy and Director of Experiential Education</i>
Welcome	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Greetings from the Law School	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Introduction of Speaker	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Commencement Address.....	The Honorable Hugh P. Thompson, '69 <i>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia</i>
Student Awards	Mary S. Donovan <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
Special Recognitions	
George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Reynold J. Kosek, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award	Nicholas Joseph Garcia <i>Editor in Chief, Mercer Law Review</i>
Conferring of the Juris Doctor and Master of Laws Degrees	D. Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Charge to Graduates	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Presentation of the Class of 2015	Stephen Gerard Swinson <i>President, Student Bar Association</i>
Hooding Ceremony	D. Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Alumni Welcome	Deron R. Hicks, '93 <i>President, Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
Benediction*	Timothy W. Floyd
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

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THE HONORABLE HUGH P. THOMPSON

Commencement Speaker



Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson, a native Georgian and resident of Milledgeville, was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia by Governor Zell Miller on March 1, 1994. Prior to becoming a justice on the Supreme Court, Justice Thompson served as a superior court judge in the eight-county Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit, having been appointed to that position in 1979 by Governor George Busbee. He was re-elected repeatedly by the citizens of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit and served from 1979 to 1994. He served in the capacity of Chief Judge of the Ocmulgee Circuit from 1987 to 1994.

Before his appointment as a superior court judge, Justice Thompson served from 1971 to 1979 as both judge of the Milledgeville City Court and judge of the Baldwin County Court (now known as the State Court). From 1969 until 1979, Justice Thompson was engaged in the general practice of law in Milledgeville, Georgia. He received his legal education from the Walter F. George School of Law of

Mercer University, earning his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1969. Justice Thompson received his undergraduate training from Emory University and Oglethorpe University.

Justice Thompson's achievements are numerous. He served as president of the statewide Council of Superior Court Judges from 1993 to 1994. He was the 1994 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award conferred by the alumni of Mercer University Law School. In 1993, Justice Thompson received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Baldwin County Bar Association. He received the Outstanding Public Service Award from the Milledgeville Kiwanis Club in 1988, the Distinguished Service Award from the Milledgeville Jaycees in 1972, and is an Eagle Scout. Among his many professional affiliations, he is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, American Bar Association, and American Judges Association. He served as a member of the Vestry of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Milledgeville, from 1989 to 1992, and is a past member of the Milledgeville Jaycees and Rotary Club.

Justice Thompson is married to Jane D. Thompson, a retired teacher and speech therapist with the Baldwin County School System. The Thompsons have two adult sons.

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Final grades for graduates are not due until June. Degrees and honors will not be determined or become final until all grade point averages of students are computed in June. The program reflects those graduating students who, based on grades earned in the first five semesters, are likely to receive honors when final grades are calculated.

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MACON COMMENCEMENT

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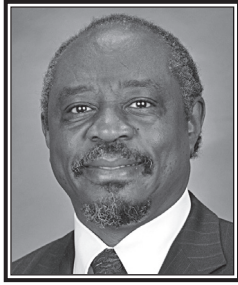
Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Prelude	Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i>
Academic Procession*	Jack Mitchener
Invocation*	Craig Thomas McMahan <i>Minister of the University and Dean of the Chapel</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	The Honorable Marc Treadwell <i>Mercer University Board of Trustees</i>
Special Music, <i>How Can I Keep from Singing?</i> Hymn, Arranged by Richard Walters	Barbara Martinez, <i>soprano</i> ; Jennifer Olenic, <i>mezzo soprano</i> Accompanied by Jack Mitchener
Introduction of the Speaker	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address	The Honorable W. Louis Sands, B.A. '71, J.D. '74 <i>United States District Court, Middle District 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	Associate Dean Allison C. Gilmore <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy</i>
Penfield College of Mercer University	Dean Priscilla Ruth Danheiser <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Applied Science Bachelor of Science in Social Science Master of 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>
Presentation of Graduates	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
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W. LOUIS SANDS

Commencement Speaker



The Honorable W. Louis Sands is the Senior United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. He was the former Superior Court Judge for the Macon Judicial Circuit. Prior to his judgeships, he was an assistant district attorney of the Macon Judicial Circuit from 1975 to 1978, an assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia from 1978 to 1987, and a private practice attorney in Macon from 1987 to 1991.

Born in Bradley, Georgia, Judge Sands received a B.A. from Mercer in 1971 and a J.D. from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law in 1974. He served as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Signal Corps in 1974 and remained in the Reserve until 1980 reaching the rank of captain. On February 9, 1994, Judge Sands was nominated by President Bill Clinton to a new seat on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 6, 1994, and received his commission on May 9, 1994. He served as chief judge from 2001 to 2006 and assumed senior status on April 12, 2014.

Judge Sands has lent his expertise to family oriented community programs such as the Georgia Family Violence Commission, the Family Counseling Center Board of Directors, and the Boys and Girls Club of Macon. Judge Sands is a member of the Mercer University Board of Trustees. He is a graduate of Leadership Georgia and a member of the Epsilon Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is an accomplished organist and has served as the Minister of Music for Steward Chapel A.M.E. Church.

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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
Pharmacy	Olive Green
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,
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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 8,500 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 2014 named Mercer as the No. 1 Best Value in the South. Our more than 71,000 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 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, 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.

Penfield College of Mercer University (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.

Mercer University Libraries: 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 1,400 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 \$390 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 member of the Southern 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 2013-2014 academic year, the cumulative grade point average for student athletes was 3.297.

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