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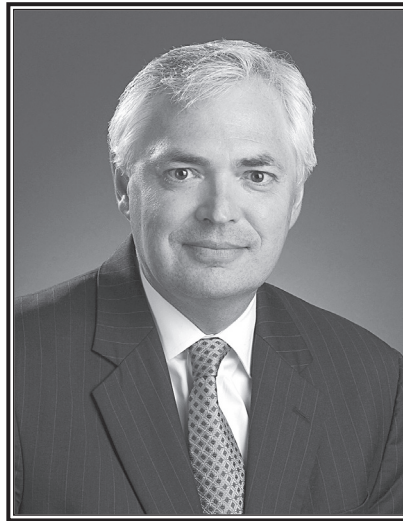


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 2016

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, reading "William D. Underwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

William D. Underwood
President

MERCER UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

Approximately 2,000 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

Friday, May 6, 2016 | 2:00 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

Speaker: The Honorable Larry J. (Butch) Parrish
State Representative, District 158, State of Georgia

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE – SAVANNAH

Saturday, May 7, 2016 | 1:00 p.m.
Savannah International Trade and Convention Center | Savannah

Speaker: The Honorable Larry J. (Butch) Parrish
State Representative, District 158, State of Georgia

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

Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 8:30 a.m.
Upper Field | Atlanta Campus

Speaker: Edward Schutter
President and CEO, Arbor Pharmaceuticals

WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 10:00 a.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

Speaker: Robert J. Kauffman, '88
President, State Bar of Georgia

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

Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 3:30 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus
Message to the Graduates: The Honorable Jimmy Carter
39th President of the United States

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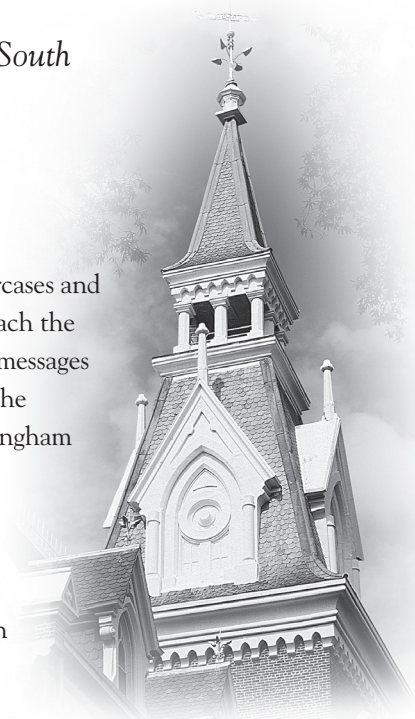
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MERCER TRADITIONS

Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and over 183 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.



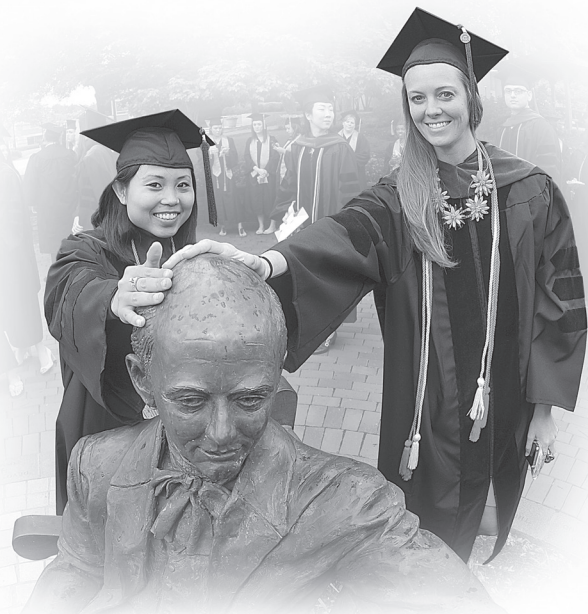
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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.



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, President John F. Kennedy appointed him as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. After 15 years of service on the 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 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 recognized as one of the country's great Americans. Judge Bell died January 5, 2009, at the age of 90.

2016 GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

EBONY JERVONNE' BROWN

Walter F. George School of Law



Ebony Jervonne' Brown exemplifies the professional attributes of community service and professionalism represented by the Griffin B. Bell Award for Community Service. During her time at the law school, she has demonstrated commitment to both academic excellence and service. She consistently uses her legal and personal abilities to help others and to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Brown's dedication and hard work have resulted in her graduating among the top six percent in her class, and she was one of two students from her class who were selected through a competitive process to become an Equal Access to Justice Scholar.

Brown serves as the student writing editor of the *Mercer Law Review* and as a member of the Mercer Advocacy Council. Her leadership on the *Law Review* has been recognized by her selection to receive The Judge Richard Mills Prize for Outstanding Law Review Service. As a student advocate, Brown was selected to serve on the ABA Client Counseling team, which won the ABA Regional Client Counseling Competition and advanced to the semifinals at the National ABA Client Counseling Competition.

Brown also offers leadership through her role in the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). Through BLSA, she has served as a mentor with the Annual Mentor-Mentee Program, as part of the Talented Tenth Academic Enhancement Program, Angel Tree Ministries, BLSA Visiting Day for Albany State students, and the annual 5K run for Joshua's Wish Foundation for Childhood Cancer Awareness. She has served as the scholarship coordinator for BLSA's Annual Empowerment Dinner, which awards the Althea Buafo Scholarship to black high school students. Brown has also reached out to help other minority students in their pursuit of a law degree through serving as a student-panelist for the National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Pre Law Summit.

Brown's outstanding work with the Habeas Project includes working under faculty supervision to provide legal representation to capital and non-capital *pro se* clients. She has assisted in drafting a clemency petition for the Habeas Project's capital client, and she has also assisted in preparing and editing Certificate of Probable Cause to Appeal applications and habeas petitions before the Georgia Supreme Court.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2015 Ashley Wilkerson Finney <i>College of Pharmacy</i>	2011 Andi Thomas Sullivan <i>McAfee School of Theology</i>	2008 Grant Michael Jenson <i>Walter F. George School of Law</i>	2005 John Michael Carroll <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2003 Caroline Gary <i>Walter F. George School of Law</i>
2014 Gary Wall <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2010 Gloria Ann Jordan <i>College of Continuing and Professional Studies</i>	2007 Chpryelle Carr <i>School of Medicine</i>	Dennis Drummond <i>Tift College of Education</i>	2002 Rachel Gunter Shapard <i>McAfee School of Theology</i>
2013 Nancy Boore <i>College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>	2009 Shannon Louise Moon <i>Georgia Baptist College of Nursing</i>	Steuart Hutchings Botchford <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2004 Amanda Elaine Meloun <i>Walter F. George School of Law</i>	2001 Stephanie Anne Shelton <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>
2012 Chelsea Marie Flieger <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>		2006 Hollie Benet Preston <i>Georgia Baptist College of Nursing</i>	Leah Marie Phanco <i>College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>	2000 Virginia Campbell Leslie <i>School of Medicine</i>

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.

JOSEPH KNIGHT WOZNIAK

College of Liberal Arts



Joseph Knight Wozniak is not only an exemplary student, but also an exemplary leader. Though much of his free time has been spent organizing co-curricular activities, he has maintained a high GPA in keeping with the requirements for his place in the University Honors Program. He has the ability to motivate and inspire others and confidence in his ideas combined with the vision to see them through to fruition.

Wozniak is both deeply passionate about the Mercer community and student voter engagement. Much of his time as a student has been dedicated to integrating Mercer students into outside communities which has now manifested itself into making voter engagement an integral part of higher education. He dedicates himself to inciting his passion about student engagement in others. His desire to engage students in the democratic process in college culminated in an athletic-style voter engagement competition in the Southern Conference called "SoCon Votes," which will establish a culture of voting and civic responsibility inside the schools of the Southern Conference.

In the fall, Wozniak presented this plan to engage students in the democratic process at the inaugural Student Visionary Panel which earned him the title of "Top Performer." In March, he presented his work in civic engagement at the Campus Contact 30th Anniversary Conference held in Boston. And, in the summer, "SoCon Votes" will be featured in the upcoming White House Civic Engagement Summit.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

<p>2015 Kaitlin Chance <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>2014 Michael Tekesky <i>College of Nursing</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>2013 Noah Maier <i>College of Liberal Arts</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>2012 John Andrew Jones <i>School of Engineering</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.

MIN HYUN OH

College of Liberal Arts



Min Hyun Oh came to the United States as a child and found the process of learning English difficult and disorienting. She aspires to improve methods and policies for bilingual education. At Mercer, she has been studying education and Spanish in addition to English, and she has worked for the past four years as a teacher for adult ESL learners in Macon. While at Mercer, she has studied education systems abroad in Denmark, Turkey and Scotland, and she will continue her studies in language and literacy at Harvard Graduate School of Education in the fall.

Oh was selected in fall 2012 as one of Mercer's first five Stamps Leadership Scholars based on scholarship, leadership, service and innovation. She is one of 589 Stamps Scholars at 43 colleges and universities nationwide. In spring 2014, she received the Outstanding Presentation Award at BEAR Day (Breakthroughs in Engagement, Arts, and Research), a two-day annual research symposium at Mercer.

What truly makes Oh an extraordinary student is her character. She is an excellent example of the Mercer ethic. She has served as a member of the student government, a peer advisor who helps first-year students with the transition to college and the chief justice of the Honor Council, which enforces the university's honor code. She has taken on this challenging and time-consuming set of responsibilities because she believes in their importance for maintaining the quality and integrity of the student experience at Mercer.

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.

AUSTIN THOMAS HARRISON

College of Liberal Arts



Austin Thomas Harrison mobilizes and inspires not just fellow students but members of the public with whom he works. During a Mercer On Mission trip to South Africa, as an innovative way to overcome not being able to sustain contact with students there, Harrison suggested the Mercer group create curriculum modules to present to the high school faculty as developmental materials. He developed the pitch to persuade the principal — and he motivated his Mercer group that by training the faculty, even though they could not implement the training directly with the students, they would have a lasting impact on the school. His genuine enthusiasm for the project and leadership with his peers enabled the trip to be a success.

As a board member for Communities in Schools (CIS) — an organization that deals with educational outreach and dropout prevention — he became an advocate for CIS, encouraging Mercer students to get involved with tutoring while becoming a respected and trusted ambassador for Mercer within the community. His reputation as a board member was so successful that he was invited to become a member of the United Way of Central Georgia Education Commission, serving alongside the school system superintendent, company CEOs, bank presidents and other community leaders. Harrison has also been active with the Bloomfield Community Asset Analysis, working with the leaders in asset mapping, strategic planning and direct community outreach. Harrison has also served his fellow students as Mercer adviser for New Student Orientation, chapter president for his fraternity, Lambda Chi Fraternity, and as president of the Student Government Association.

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.

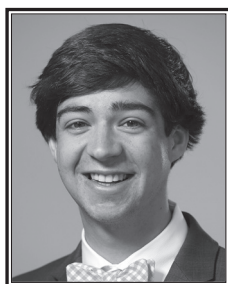
James T. McAfee, Jr. (1939-2004) provided strong leadership to Mercer University as chairman and member of the Board of Trustees. He was a generous benefactor of the University, and Mercer's School of Theology in Atlanta is named for him and his wife, Carolyn, a former member of the University's Board 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 member of the University's Board of Trustees.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

<p>2015 Andrew T. Eck <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>2013 Alison L. Smith <i>School of Medicine</i> Ryan C. Bartholomew <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>2011 Christopher L. Gaunder <i>School of Medicine</i> Matthew G. Townsend <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2009 Chris L. Kiker <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>2006 Rebekah Carol Duke <i>McAfee School of Theology</i> James Christopher Geiger, Jr. <i>Townsend School of Music</i></p>
<p>2014 Emily Caitlin Dowling <i>Townsend School of Music</i> Dalton E. Turner <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>2012 Abraham A. Deng <i>McAfee School of Theology</i> Kaitlyn T. Schmitt <i>Stetson School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2010 Ashley J. Mooney <i>School of Medicine</i></p>	<p>2008 Bailey Edwards Nelson <i>McAfee School of Theology</i> Susan Elizabeth Yarbrough <i>Tift College of Education</i></p>	

TIMOTHY M. LEWIS *College of Liberal Arts*



Among the memories etched into the minds of Mercerians following the Bears' historic upset of Duke in the 2014 NCAA Basketball Tournament is the sight of Timothy Lewis, circling through the aisles of PNC Arena proudly waving the large Mercer flag, surrounded by hundreds of his fellow students. Lewis has been a true student leader in all aspects of campus life. He embraces the term "ripple effects" in his contributions to others in the field of education. His experiences as a Young Life leader, camp counselor, tutor and peer mentor have all been opportunities for him to make ripples. As a creator of Leadership Mercer, Lewis initiated an idea for a program to develop leadership skills in undergraduate students at the University. As a tutor to 10th-grade math students in Macon, he learned firsthand about problems plaguing public schools — lack of teacher training, large class sizes and lack of resources. More importantly, he embraced how poverty and its stressors — from lack of healthy meals to psychological development — inhibit students from taking full advantage of education. Ultimately, he wants to use his experience to help students overcome the barriers of poverty and remain excited about learning. His leadership roles at Mercer have included being a member of the Student Leadership Team in the Office of Admissions, an officer in the Student Government Association, vice president of membership and communication of the Mercer Maniacs, and a Mercer University Service Scholar, peer adviser and Mercer Ambassador.

EMMA R. PEEL

College of Liberal Arts



Inspired by her parents, who met in Guatemala as Peace Corps volunteers, Emma Peel is determined to serve in the Peace Corps when she graduates. She especially looks up to her mother, who went back to school after having three children and became a M.D. at the age of 50. Those who know Peel say she has a “real heart for service.” She is the captain of Mercer’s beach volleyball team. Years ago, wanting to compete at either beach volleyball or track and field as a collegiate athlete, she proactively contacted Mercer when she learned of the new beach volleyball program. Even with the time constraints of a student-athlete, she participated in two Mercer On Mission trips, to Belize in 2014 and to Honduras in 2015. While in Honduras, she served as a Spanish interpreter for the medical team. Other contributions from Peel have been directed towards the *Spires* editorial board, *The Cluster*, as a tutor at Macon’s Southwest High School, member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and as Mercer World

Water Day co-founder. She is a member of the University Honors Program, on the executive board of the National Society of Leadership and Success, National Honors Society, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Sigma Iota, International Foreign Language Honor Society, as well as a Tift Scholar and preceptor of the freshman Honors Program class.

AARON M. SCHERF

Stetson School of Business and Economics

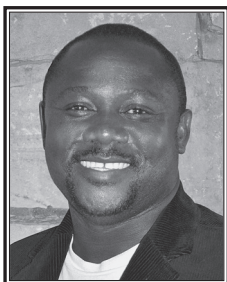


Aaron Scherf has always believed that actions speak louder than words. That’s why he prefers to look toward the future, and steps that can be taken to solve problems, rather than recounting stories of the past. His time at Mercer has taught him, however, that a healthy dose of reflection can help find new solutions and improve on progress already made. His experiences abroad, including a semester in Sweden and a Mercer On Mission trip to South Africa, have shown him how much opportunity the world holds. His most formative experiences, however, have been in the local community, such as co-founding a pop-up concert series and directing a bicycle rental service. Scherf’s work in Macon, which also includes collecting data on downtown parking and low-income neighborhoods, has shown him how much there is still left to do right here in America. Where he feels he has made the most impact is not in publicly known ventures, but rather in the relationships he has built with the people around him. His time as

a peer adviser and a fraternity educator have inspired his faith in the potential of others. Looking to his senior year, his greatest aspiration is to expand a community development corporation to coordinate strategic partnerships in Macon, to help address the issues of education and affordable housing. On campus, he also hopes to inspire more Mercerians to get involved by assisting with the Research that Reaches Out program and the Mercer Innovation Center.

JESSY TOGBA-DOYA

James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology



The Rev. Jessy Togba-Doya, who previously graduated from the McAfee School of Theology in 2005 with a joint M.Div./M.B.A. degree, is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree. He established the Balama Development Alliance (BDA) in 2006 for the purpose of enabling transformation in rural Liberia through community development, education and Christian discipleship and leadership. His intention is to revive the Balama community in northwestern Liberia, the very community in which he was born and from which he was kidnapped when he was eight years old to serve as a domestic servant in Monrovia, the capital of the country. He was forced to serve seven different families over a period of four years, after which he escaped onto the streets of the city. Fortunately, he was taken in by a local nurse and her family, sent to an African Methodist Episcopal high school, from which he graduated with high honors, and eventually enrolled in a local university. He worked as a volunteer at the Baptist seminary in Monrovia,

which eventually arranged for him to come to the United States to study at Mercer. His work with BDA bridges the poverty gap by working alongside marginalized peoples in rural communities as they journey on the path to sustainability. A distinguishing factor that sets BDA apart from other non-profit organizations is its commitment to serve rural communities by empowering and utilizing leaders who have an understanding of the community, culture and its people.

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.

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- 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.

MARGARET ESKEW

Penfield College of Mercer University



Margaret Eskew is a professor of English in Penfield College of Mercer University. She is described as creative, candid and productive. Dr. Eskew consistently takes the lead on initiatives that actively involve students in the learning process, that bolster student confidence, that lead to academic success and that stimulate unbridled enthusiasm for life-long learning. The combination of her mentoring and distinctive teaching strategies results in her students' strong belief that they, too, can provide meaningful mentorship and leadership for others. Because Dr. Eskew teaches courses in liberal studies and general education, she is able to impact a wide range of students within Penfield as well as students across other schools and colleges.

Dr. Eskew is always in her office — but never alone. She is on the telephone, on email and in the Learning Technologies Center assisting and encouraging Mercer students. Evidence of the impact of her mentoring, of student learning, of student discovery and of student leadership is found in *Regeneration!*, a volume of her students' creative writing. This journal was produced by her students and was comprised of their own narratives. Another volume is ready to be published.

Dr. Eskew tirelessly works with students in a variety of courses to build their confidence in their capacity for analysis and to encourage their enthusiasm for writing and great literature. As a result of her own multidisciplinary background, she brings an important interdisciplinary perspective to her teaching and to her students.

Keenly aware of Mercer's mission, Dr. Eskew works to connect her position, her work and the work of her students to the community. Her focus is on community organizations, community needs and community improvement. Currently, Dr. Eskew and others are seeking grant support to create a Macon Writers' Corridor that will be adjacent to campus.

Dr. Eskew earned a B.A. in German from the University of New Orleans, an M.A. in German Literature from Tulane University and a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Georgetown University. Volumes of letters of support from current students, graduates and junior faculty members offer evidence of how closely Dr. Eskew's work, her goals for her students and her impact resemble that of Joe and Jean Hendricks.

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Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Friday, May 6, 2016 | 2:00 p.m.

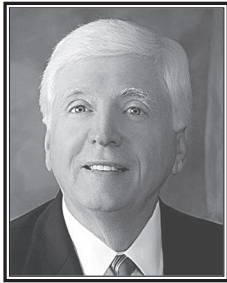
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FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Thomas Dominick Hope, M.D.

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Jenny Joseph

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY MARSHAL

Alice Aumann House, M.D.
Dean, Columbus Campus

READERS

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

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

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

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

HOODERS

Daniel Joseph Eikelberry, M.D.
*Assistant Professor of
Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Thomas Dominick Hope, M.D.
*Associate Professor of
Internal Medicine*

Anna Nielsen Walker, M.D.
Professor of Pathology

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MASTER OF FAMILY THERAPY

Jennifer Wilhelmina Ajudua
Acworth, Georgia

Melissa Lyn Bauman †
Selah, Washington

Adelaide Quadie Brandy
College Park, Georgia

Lauren Taylor Brown
Richmond, Virginia

James Wadell Brunson, Jr.
Macon, Georgia

Phyllis Regina Campbell
Macon, Georgia

Clinton Edward Cooper
Macon, Georgia

Kimiko Jo-nel Cheeley
Macon, Georgia

Melinda LaKorra Daniels
Burlington, Kentucky

Kirby Janae Davis
Bonaire, Georgia

Angeline Doh
Locust Grove, Georgia

Sharita JoNetta Everrett
Fayetteville, Georgia

Daniel Fisher
Brooklyn, New York

Hollis Hamilton Floyd
Macon, Georgia

Kelsey Franta †
Macon, Georgia

Kathlyn Brooke Freeman
Martinez, Georgia

Alexandre Maximilien Gauthier †
Boca Raton, Florida

Jessica Glover
Jeffersonville, Georgia

Meagan Elizabeth Dawn Goodliffe †
Cumming, Georgia

Samantha Elizabeth Heuwagen
Atlanta, Georgia

Kysoo Ashley Kerkes
Sharpsburg, Georgia

Ericka Nicole King
Macon, Georgia

Katherine Elizabeth Lancaster
Loganville, Georgia

Sarah Nicole Lasting †
Dublin, Georgia

Erica Michelle Levy †
Morriston, Florida

Tandy Ellen Mackey
Atlanta, Georgia

Jamie Nicole Mahaffey
Atlanta, Georgia

Tristan Karel Martin
Montgomery, Alabama

Jennifer Mejias †
Miami, Florida

Kayla Lynne Short †
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Kristi Leigh Stinson
Dublin, Georgia

Danielle Marie Tidwell †
Suwanee, Georgia

Takisha Marjorie Walls
Atlanta, Georgia

Hubert Fulton Whitten, IV †
Bonaire, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRECLINICAL SCIENCES

Autumn Michelle Adams
Snellville, Georgia

Adaugo Amah
Marietta, Georgia

Aimee Rene Champagne
Hampton, Georgia

Katherine Alexis Chandler
Danielsville, Georgia

Kenera Antoinette Colley
Fort Worth, Texas

Asa Daniel Duggan, III
Augusta, Georgia

Jaclyn Rachelle Gaffey
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Samer Ramzy Hajmurad
Smyrna, Georgia

Morgan Dionne Joseph
Snellville, Georgia

Stuart Preston LaMance
Newnan, Georgia

Jeremy Lee Latimer
Lincolnton, Georgia

Christine Lee
Atlanta, Georgia

Alexander Scott Lowman
Douglasville, Georgia

Bryan Lynn
Dunwoody, Georgia

Chase Christopher Oshiro
Racine, Wisconsin

Kishan Ajit Patel
Macon, Georgia

Kunal Mayur Patel
Conyers, Georgia

Alyse Mary Elaine Ragauskas
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Sophia Shaffie Rashid
Duluth, Georgia

Hayden Kendrick Rathel
Huntsville, Alabama

Elisabeth Ashley Sidden
North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Heather Christine Steckenrider
Covington, Georgia

Brandon Matthew Sykes
Lexington, South Carolina

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Tyler Xavier Giles
Warner Robins, Georgia

Bryan John Hostetler †
Rome, Georgia

Ji You Oh
Macon, Georgia

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Thomas Paul Aiken
Barnesville, Georgia

Olaseni Ajibade
Macon, Georgia

Neena Alex ♦
Columbus, Georgia

Reena Anand ♦
Alpharetta, Georgia

Andrew Bernstein
Marietta, Georgia

Melody Louise Bowen ◊
Warner Robins, Georgia

Byron Angeli Brooks
Sandersville, Georgia

Virginia Louise Brown
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Jonathan Gustav Bulla
Dallas, Georgia

Fielding Callaway ◊†
Watkinsville, Georgia

Andrew Carlone ◊
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Joshua William Cash ◊
Newnan, Georgia

Clinton Matthew Cawley †
Ashburn, Georgia

Mudit Chowdhary
Valdosta, Georgia

Audra Leigh Cochran
Stockbridge, Georgia

Curran Dalal
Macon, Georgia

Ulysses Davila
Marietta, Georgia

Joshua Shaun Deal
Cumming, Georgia

Trenton Pace Dittmer ◊
Cartersville, Georgia

Aarti Duggal
Hampton, Georgia

Alexander Shae Ericksen
Cartersville, Georgia

Immaculate Fernandes
Leesburg, Georgia

Katherine Lenore Ford Daniels
Atlanta, Georgia

Wesley Allen Garland
Albany, Georgia

Mark Richard Hannay
Rome, Georgia

Christopher Wilkes Harper, Jr. ♦
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Joshua Warner Hornsby
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Lauren Saunders Hutts
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Robin Jacob
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Audrey Jernigan ◊♦
Atlanta, Georgia

Drew Carter Johnson
Atlanta, Georgia

Jenny Joseph ♦
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Ali Kamran
Kennesaw, Georgia

Khaled Kashlan
Suwanee, Georgia

Carson McCall Keck ◊♦
Dalton, Georgia

Farah Khan
Columbus, Georgia

Jin Sung Lee
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Daniel Kodyatu Mathew ♦
Snellville, Georgia

Brandy Colleen McCorvey ◊†
Marietta, Georgia

Jonathan Aaron Miller
Macon, Georgia

Elijah Harmon Mitchem
Manchester, Georgia

George Wright Mize, III
Columbus, Georgia

Sean Thomas Morris
Columbus, Georgia

Amit Surya Narayan
Johns Creek, Georgia

Amita Dilip Nawathe
Suwanee, Georgia

Chelsey Bayer Ortman
Atlanta, Georgia

Katherine Suzanne Pate
Atlanta, Georgia

Michelle Hamby Payne
Cumming, Georgia

Parin Pearl Rimtepathi
Smyrna, Georgia

Catherine Jordan Roe
Tifton, Georgia

Riley Nordin Sanders ◊
Perry, Georgia

Erika Janelle Sigman ◊♦†
Dallas, Georgia

David Andrew Sorensen ◊♦†
Columbus, Georgia

Patricia Angeles Tran ♦
Warner Robins, Georgia

Daniel Clayton Turk
Macon, Georgia

Audrey Claire Mueller Williams ◊
Woodstock, Georgia

Nicole Evelyn Wischmeyer
Chamblee, Georgia

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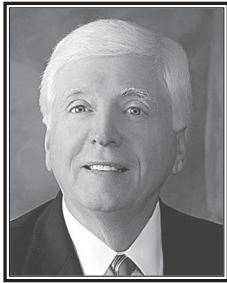
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Benediction*	Rachel Butler Greiner
Academic Recession**	Levi Mitze, <i>violin</i> , and Teodora Circiumaru, <i>piano</i>

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Natalie Pippin Britt ♦ <i>Augusta, Georgia</i>	Cassandra Elizabeth Dean ◊ <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i>	Rebecca Halsted Marshburn <i>Commerce, Georgia</i>	William Walton Roberts ♦ <i>Dacula, Georgia</i>	<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>
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GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE OF NURSING

PENFIELD COLLEGE OF MERCER UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

Upper Field, Atlanta Campus | Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 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*	James Sidney Netherton <i>Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Introduction of the Speaker	The President of the University
Commencement Address	Edward Schutter <i>President and CEO, Arbor Pharmaceuticals</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 Master of Science</i>
Tift College of Education	Dean James Jon Barta <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy</i>
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Commencement Speaker



Ed Schutter is a 30-year veteran of the pharmaceutical industry currently serving as president and CEO of Arbor Pharmaceuticals. Arbor was generating about \$2 million in annualized sales when it was acquired in March 2010 by an investor group led by Schutter, Jason Wild and Allen Chao. The company revenue exceeded \$350 million in 2015. Arbor currently markets 19 FDA-approved products and focuses its brand business primarily in the cardiovascular, hospital and pediatric markets. Arbor's generic products are marketed through its wholly owned subsidiary, Wilshire Pharmaceuticals. The company has more than 500 employees and has a pipeline of five innovative branded products (one filed with the FDA) and 35 generic products (12 filed).

Prior to Arbor, Schutter served as president of Sciele Pharmaceuticals (SCRX), which was sold to Shionogi & Co. Ltd. in 2008 for \$1.3 billion. Prior to his Sciele experience, Schutter served as vice president of global business development and licensing at Solvay Pharmaceuticals based in Basel, Switzerland. He also held several senior management roles at the U.S. subsidiary of Solvay during his 20 years with the organization. Schutter began his pharmaceutical career with Reid-Provident Laboratories, a small entrepreneurial pharmaceutical company based in Atlanta.

In addition to his board duties with Arbor Pharmaceuticals, Schutter is a member of the Mercer Board of Trustees, immediate past chair of Georgia Bio, a member of the Emory University New Venture Advisory Board, a founding member and executive director of the Atlanta-based Bio/Med Investor Network Inc., a board member of Knight Therapeutics (GUD.TO), Vensun Pharmaceuticals and Establishment Labs. Schutter holds a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences from Mercer, a Master of Business Administration from Kennesaw State University and has also completed postgraduate work in international business at Nyenrode University in the Netherlands. Schutter is currently an angel investor in several companies, including information technology-based, medical device, biotech, branded and generic pharmaceutical companies.

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Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 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 Wesley 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	Robert J. Kauffman, '88 <i>President, State Bar of Georgia</i>
University Award	D. Scott Davis
Student Awards	Mary Stewart Donovan <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
Special Recognitions	
George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence	Daisy Hurst Floyd
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Conferring of the Juris Doctor	D. Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Charge to Graduates	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Presentation of the Class of 2016	James Forrest Banter <i>President, Student Bar Association</i>
Hooding Ceremony	D. Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Alumni Welcome	Anton F. Mertens, '87 <i>President, Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
Benediction*	Timothy Wesley Floyd
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

* The audience is requested to rise.

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ROBERT J. KAUFFMAN

Commencement Speaker



Robert J. “Bob” Kauffman was installed as the 53rd president of the State Bar of Georgia on June 20, 2015.

Kauffman is the managing partner of Hartley, Rowe & Fowler, P.C., located in Douglasville, and has been practicing there for more than 25 years. He concentrates his law practice in the areas of commercial real estate transactions, real estate finance and estate planning.

Since arriving in Douglasville after law school, Kauffman has been an active member of his church, leading various committees, as well as in his community with his leadership and participation in a number of local civic and professional organizations, including consecutive terms as president of the Douglas County Bar Association. Kauffman has served the State Bar as a member of the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the State Bar since 2004, as secretary (2012-13), treasurer

(2013-14) and president-elect (2014-15). He is also past chair of the Bar’s Communications/Cornerstones of Freedom Committee (2008-10), and served on the Advisory Committee on Legislation, Bar Center Committee, Law-Related Education Committee, Main Street Lawyers Committee, Member Benefits Committee, Personnel Committee, Continuity of Law Practice Committee, Law Practice Management Committee and Finance Committee, as well as a trustee of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia and the State Bar of Georgia Foundation.

Kauffman received his B.A. in business with an emphasis in finance from Western Illinois University and his J.D. in 1988 from the Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law (Phi Alpha Delta). He was admitted to the Bar in 1988. Kauffman and his wife, Sue, have been married for 23 years and have two children, Joey and Chris.

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Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 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
Special Music, <i>If With All Your Hearts</i>	John Clayton Young, tenor <i>Bachelor of Music Education, Class of 2016</i> Accompanied by Jack Mitchener
Composed by Felix Mendelssohn	
Message to the Graduates	The Honorable Jimmy Carter <i>39th President of the United States</i>
Special Music	Gregg Allman
University Honors	The President of the University
Student Awards	Douglas Ralph Pearson <i>Vice President and Dean of Students</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
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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	Dean James Jon Barta <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education Specialist in Education</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</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 James 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

* The audience is requested to rise.

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

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

Message to Graduates



James Earl Carter Jr., 39th president of the United States, was born Oct. 1, 1924, in the small farming town of Plains and grew up in the nearby community of Archery. His father, James Earl Carter Sr., was a farmer and businessman; his mother, Lillian Gordy Carter, a registered nurse. He was educated in the public school of Plains, attended Georgia Southwestern College and the Georgia Institute of Technology, and received a B.S. degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1946. In the Navy, he became a submariner, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and rising to the rank of lieutenant.

On July 7, 1946, he married Rosalynn Smith of Plains. When his father died in 1953, he resigned his naval commission and returned with his family to Georgia. He took over the Carter farms, and he and Rosalynn operated Carter's Warehouse, a general-purpose seed and farm supply company in Plains. He quickly became a leader of the community, serving on county boards supervising education, the hospital authority, and the library. In 1962, he won election to the Georgia Senate. He lost his first gubernatorial campaign in 1966, but won the next election, becoming Georgia's 76th governor on Jan. 12, 1971. He was the Democratic National Committee campaign chairman for the 1974 congressional and gubernatorial elections.

On Dec. 12, 1974, he announced his candidacy for president of the United States. He won his party's nomination on the first ballot at the 1976 Democratic National Convention, and was elected president on Nov. 2, 1976.

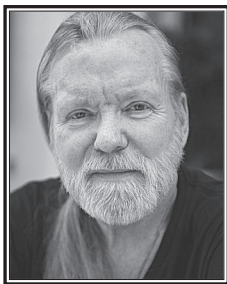
Carter served as president from Jan. 20, 1977, to Jan. 20, 1981. Significant foreign policy accomplishments of his administration included the Panama Canal treaties; the Camp David Accords, the treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel; the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union; and the establishment of U.S. diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. He championed human rights throughout the world. On the domestic side, the administration's achievements included a comprehensive energy program conducted by a new Department of Energy; deregulation in energy, transportation, communications, and finance; major educational programs under a new Department of Education; and major environmental protection legislation, including the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

On Dec. 10, 2002, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2002 to Carter "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."

President Carter was elected to serve on the Mercer University Board of Trustees in December 2011.

GREGG ALLMAN

Doctor of Humanities



It is almost impossible to discuss the history of rock music without mentioning the renowned Allman Brothers Band. In 1969, brothers Gregg and Duane Allman formed the band in Jacksonville, Florida, and the band moved to Macon and took up residence in the "Big House" on Vineville Avenue in 1970.

Recording with Mercer alumnus Phil Walden's Capricorn Records, the band became the principal architects of Southern Rock in the 1970s and changed the course of American music history. Their breakthrough came in 1971 with the release of "At Fillmore East," described by many music critics as the best live album of all time.

The band spent countless hours in Rose Hill Cemetery, where they would write songs. In 1970, they performed more than 300 dates on the road. Their second record, "Idlewood South," was named after a farmhouse they rented on a lake outside Macon.

Following the deaths of his brother Duane in 1971 and bassist Berry Oakley in 1972 — both to motorcycle crashes in Macon — Gregg Allman pursued a solo career. He was married to pop star Cher from 1975-79.

The Allman Brothers Band actively campaigned for Jimmy Carter in 1975 and 1976 when he successfully ran for president. "I'd like to say one thing," he'd yell to a stadium full of fans anticipating the band. "My name is Jimmy Carter, and I'm running for president. I'd like to introduce you to my friends, the Allman Brothers."

The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995 and earned a Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award in 2012. In 2014, Gregg Allman recorded the live album and DVD "Back to Macon, Georgia" at The Grand Opera House. Earlier this year, he performed four sold-out shows at The Grand.

His distinctive voice earned him 70th place on the *Rolling Stone* list of the "100 Greatest Singers of All Time."

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MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

May 2016

Welcome to the Mercer University Alumni Association! By virtue of your graduation, you join the ranks of more than 74,000 Mercerians in a common fraternity that began over 180 years ago. Like each graduate before you, you will leave here today with aspirations for yourself, your career and your family. Mercer would be honored to remain a central part of your story — especially the new chapter that begins today.

The Alumni Association is a non-dues membership organization. You are a member for as long as you desire to be. We ask only that you stay in touch by keeping your contact information current, and that you support Mercer with your time, talent and resources as you feel led.

We look forward to celebrating the milestones of your life with you, and to being a resource for your lifelong learning.

Go Bears ... but please come back to visit often!

Sincerely,



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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



PHI BETA KAPPA ZETA OF GEORGIA

THE PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY — THE NATION'S OLDEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETY — CHARTERED MERCER UNIVERSITY TO SHELTER THE ZETA CHAPTER OF GEORGIA IN 2015. In recommending Mercer for membership, the Society's Committee on Qualifications described Mercer as a "quintessentially Phi Beta Kappa institution" in its values and mission, in its curriculum and general education requirements, in the variety of opportunities it provides its students, in the quality of its best undergraduates, and in the dedicated engagement of the faculty in all aspects of undergraduate education.

Phi Beta Kappa was founded Dec. 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary by five undergraduates who sought to create a student society that would be more serious-minded than others that had previously existed at the Williamsburg, Virginia, institution.

The first college society with a Greek-letter name, Phi Beta Kappa is derived from the initials for the society's motto, "love of learning is the guide of life." ΦΒΚ introduced the essential characteristics of the numerous Greek societies that would follow. These included a badge, mottoes in Greek and Latin, a code of laws, an elaborate form of initiation, and a seal.

Phi Beta Kappa is not awarded simply on the basis of high grade point average or class rank, but on a student's breadth of knowledge and coursework, including foreign language, math and sciences, and humanities and fine arts. An inductee into Phi Beta Kappa has taken a wide range of courses beyond a major. In addition to seeking out a broad range of academic interests, the ideal Phi Beta Kappa member has demonstrated intellectual inquiry and integrity as well as tolerance for freedom of thought and varied points of views. These are the distinctive elements of Phi Beta Kappa that distinguish it from Latin honors such as *summa cum laude* or department honors in a discipline.

Only 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher education have been awarded chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, and only 10 percent of its seniors may be inducted, making Phi Beta Kappa one of the most competitive and distinguished honors a student may achieve. Since ΦΒΚ's founding, 17 U.S. presidents, 39 U.S. Supreme Court justices and more than 130 Nobel laureates have been inducted as members, along with countless authors, diplomats, athletes, researchers, actors and business leaders.

The first 26 student members from the College of Liberal Arts were inducted on April 9, 2016:

PHI BETA KAPPA INAUGURAL INDUCTEES 2016

Natalie Elizabeth Biel Senior <i>Cumming, Georgia</i>	Victoria Wynn Konrad Senior <i>Huntington, West Virginia</i>	Utkarsh Parwal Senior <i>Johns Creek, Georgia</i>	Joshua David Wildes Senior <i>Valdosta, Georgia</i>
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Christopher William Isenock Junior <i>Douglasville, Georgia</i>	Min Hyun Oh Senior <i>Daegu, South Korea</i>	Kara Marie Styers Senior <i>Dublin, Ohio</i>	
Jasbir Kaur Senior <i>Chattanooga, Tennessee</i>	Kaydren Bailey Orcutt Junior <i>Mount Pleasant, South Carolina</i>	Ansley Shelton Whiten Senior <i>Fayetteville, Georgia</i>	

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
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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 8,600 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 three 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*. Our more than 74,000 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 is Mercer's cornerstone. The College offers an array of baccalaureate programs in the humanities, fine arts, sciences and social sciences, along with a vast array of interdisciplinary options.

School of Law (Macon): Founded in 1873, Mercer University School of Law 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. Mercer Law School's educational philosophy is based on a commitment to preparing students for high-quality, general practice in a day-to-day learning environment that is both supportive and professional.

Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics (Macon, Atlanta, Douglas County Center and Henry County Center): Established in 1984, the School is named for Eugene W. Stetson, a 1901 Mercer graduate and business pioneer who leveraged the first major buyout in corporate history. Over the past 80 years, Mercer has granted more than 12,000 business degrees, and many of its graduates hold senior leadership positions in companies around the world.

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 and Centers): The College prepares more professional educators than any other private institution in Georgia. It offers certificate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees for initial certification, teacher preparation and educational leadership.

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 and Centers): The College is committed to serving adult learners and currently enrolls more than 1,300 students. Undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs are offered to adult students seeking professional advancement into leadership roles in and beyond their communities. Educational programs provide students with distinctive, multidisciplinary programs that integrate theory and practice.

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): MERC is the non-profit applied research operating unit of Mercer University. MERC's core competencies include electronic, mechanical and electromechanical systems design, development and test; complex system modeling and simulation; information systems technology; structural analysis; reverse engineering and modernization; industrial systems design; materials testing; biomechanics and human factors; and cyber security.

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School of Medicine (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah and Columbus): The School was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health care 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: Navicent Health in Macon, Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, and The Midtown Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Columbus.

College of Pharmacy (Atlanta): The College of Pharmacy continues to build on its rich history, tradition of excellence, and legacy of offering quality degree programs that provide students with the necessary education and skills for their careers in pharmacy. Mercer is ranked among the top five private pharmacy schools in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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

College of Health Professions (Atlanta): The College is comprised of three departments: Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies and Public Health. In addition to its degree offerings, 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 and competes in the historic Southern Conference. In the 2014-2015 academic year, 68.1 percent of Mercer student-athletes achieved a grade-point-average of 3.0 or better. The grade-point-average for all student athletes for the year was 3.260. Mercer's 18 intercollegiate teams include: men's baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer and tennis; and women's basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball.

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