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Message from the President



May 2017

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,

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 four ceremonies in May.

Each ceremony will be unique and will reflect the schools and colleges represented.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Saturday, May 6, 2017 | 2:00 p.m. Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

Speaker: Peter Thomas Scardino, M.D. Chair, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

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 13, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. Upper Field | Atlanta Campus

Speaker: Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean, College of Pharmacy

WALTER F. GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Saturday, May 13, 2017 | 10:00 a.m. Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

Speaker: The Honorable W. Louis Sands, B.A. '71, J.D. '74

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 | College of Health Professions

> Saturday, May 13, 2017 | 3:30 p.m. Hawkins Arena, University Center | Macon Campus

> > Speaker: J. Reginald Murphy Publisher and Business Executive

Student Speaker: Alayna Celeste Williams International Affairs, Spanish, Women's and Gender Studies; Class of 2017

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MERCER TRADITIONS

Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and over 184 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.



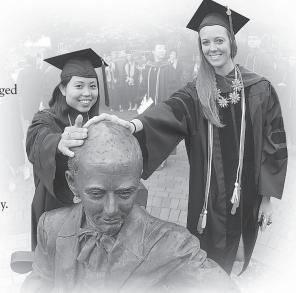
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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 Mercer's 17th president, Dr. 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 at the beginning of their academic careers, and at the conclusion of their Mercer tenures.

The statue was unveiled in 1995 in conjunction with the re-introduction of the tradition of Founders' Day. The statue 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



n 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.

2017 GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

MATTHEW MACKENZIE KAHRMANN

School of Medicine



Matthew Mackenzie Kahrmann exemplifies the attributes of community service and professionalism represented by the Griffin B. Bell Award for Community Service. During his time at the School of Medicine, his tireless efforts led to the founding of the Georgia Chapter of international nonprofit myTEAM TRIUMPH Inc.

Entering medical school at the age of 19, Kahrmann successfully navigated its challenges, and his confidence levels soared, allowing his leadership skills to shine through. He volunteered for various student-run community service projects, including Miracle League of Macon, Mentoring in Healthcare and Macon Volunteer Clinic. Additionally, he spent time with Habitat for Humanity, the Methodist Home and Loaves and Fishes while in Macon.

When he opted to attend the School of Medicine campus in Columbus for his third and fourth years, he took on significant and often demanding leadership roles. He wanted to combine his passion for running, biking and swimming with a service project for individuals physically unable to lead active lifestyles. He made contact with the nonprofit myTEAM TRIUMPH Inc., and local chapter myTEAM TRIUMPH — Wings of Columbus, Georgia, was founded in December 2015. The organization provides physically limited children — the "Captains" — an opportunity to participate in endurance races through the assistance of specialized wheelchairs and teams of able-bodied runners — the "Angels." The mission is "to enhance the health and well-being of individuals with physical limitations by fostering lasting, authentic relationships through the teamwork environment of endurance athletes."

After successfully overseeing five racing opportunities for 15 Captains and nearly 50 Angels in 2016, he is gearing up with fellow medical students to host 10 racing events in 2017. Acknowledging his success and leadership capabilities, Kahrmann was personally selected by CEO and founder of myTEAM TRIUMP Inc. Ronald Robb to spearhead and chair the Board of Directors in the creation of a statewide chapter.

When asked about his role in helping others, Kahrmann's response is always the same, "Medical students are given a platform to serve, and we have a natural instinct to help others. As long as we are able and capable, we should not ignore that."

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2016	2012	2008	2005	2003
Ebony Jervonne´ Brown Walter F. George School of Law	Chelsea Marie Flieger College of Liberal Arts	Grant Michael Jenson Walter F. George School of Law	John Michael Carroll College of Liberal Arts	Caroline Gary Walter F. George School of Law
2015	2011	2007	Dennis Drummond Tift College of Education	2002
Ashley Wilkerson Finney College of Pharmacy	Andi Thomas Sullivan McAfee School of Theology	Chpryelle Carr School of Medicine	2004	Rachel Gunter Shapard McAfee School of Theology
2014	2010	Steuart Hutchings Botchford	Amanda Elaine Meloun Walter F. George School of Law	2001
Gary Wall College of Liberal Arts	Gloria Ann Jordan College of Continuing and Professional Studies	College of Liberal Arts	Leah Marie Phanco College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Stephanie Anne Shelton College of Liberal Arts
2013		Hollie Benet Preston	neuitii sciences	2000
Nancy Boore College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	2009 Shannon Louise Moon Georgia Baptist College of Nursing	Georgia Baptist College of Nursing		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.

AARON MICHEAL SCHERF

Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics



Aaron Micheal Scherf is not only exceptionally strong academically but has visionary leadership qualities. Scherf, who is a triple-major in international business, finance and economics, as well as a minor in global development studies and management, has worked with multiple organizations in an effort to improve the local and global communities. He has worked with NewTown Macon LLC, an urban revitalization and property investment firm; Bloomfield Community Empowerment Center; Tembeka Social Investment Co. Ltd., a South African microfinance institution where he conducted summer research; and the Historic Macon Foundation, a preservation and property development firm.

Scherf exhibits a genuine professional attitude, firmness of purpose, persistence in pursuit of goals and a solid commitment toward achieving his goals. He has the ability to relate well with his peers, classmates, faculty and staff, winning their respect and admiration.

The recipient of a Fulbright Award to conduct research in Germany, he has also earned such honors as the James T. McAfee Endowed Vision and Leadership Scholar research grant, Mercer "Research that Reaches Out" Visionary Student research grant and Knight Neighborhood Challenge Grant, and he has been selected as a Humanity in Action Fellow, International Honors Scholar, Stamps Foundation Leadership Scholar, Mercer University Presidential Scholar and Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2016	2012	2008	2005 and	Blair Cox College of Liberal Arts	Jimmy Thomas Howell Stetson School of Business	Larissa Spell College of Liberal Arts
Joseph Knight Wozniak College of Liberal Arts	John Andrew Jones School of Engineering	Stephanie Ard Stetson School of Business and Economics	EARLIER William Arnold College of Liberal Arts	Daniel Crager College of Liberal Arts	and Economics Andy Lane College of Liberal Arts	Eric Trivett College of Liberal Arts
2015 Kaitlin Chance	2011 Margaret McCampbell	James Derek Cook School of Engineering	Julia Bowen College of Liberal Arts	Ben Drew Cravey, III School of Engineering	Adam Neal College of Liberal Arts	Jamanda Turner College of Liberal Arts
College of Nursing	College of Liberal Arts	2007	Megan Boyd Stetson School of Business	John Christopher Elder Stetson School of Business and Economics	Frank Nelson College of Liberal Arts	Jamila Wideman College of Liberal Arts
2014	2010	Stacey Irene Harwell	and Economics		,	Becky Wilcox
Michael Tekesky College of Nursing	Amy Carol Abel College of Liberal Arts	College of Liberal Arts	Michael Bryan College of Liberal Arts	Rhett Fraser College of Liberal Arts	Pamela Popwell Stetson School of Business and Economics	Stetson School of Busines. and Economics
2013	2009	2006 Samson Julius Alva	Kala Cartwright School of Engineering	Crystal Garmon College of Liberal Arts	Emily Salman College of Liberal Arts	Megin Lea Williams College of Liberal Arts
Noah Maier College of Liberal Arts	John Christopher Elder Stetson School of Business	College of Liberal Arts	James Derek Cook School of Engineering	Tiffany Gibson College of Liberal Arts	Amber Sandlin College of Liberal Arts	Gary Wood College of Liberal Arts

and Economics

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.

ALAYNA CELESTE WILLIAMS

College of Liberal Arts



Alayna Celeste Williams is a triple-major in international affairs, Spanish, and women's and gender studies — all demanding fields of inquiry — while achieving something that few undergraduates do — a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. Williams brings zest to all she does, from teaching dance at a local studio that caters to minority students to cheering on the Bears as co-captain of the Mercer

Williams has real intellectual passion and a desire to apply her knowledge, often for the betterment of the communities she inhabits. In her research methods course in women's and gender studies, she conducted a service-learning research project where she expertly designed and carried out qualitative research among a predominantly African-American dance company in Macon. She selected this topic because racial and gendered justice are issues she cares about strongly, and she chose to conduct the

research at a studio where she teaches, with specific children for whom she cares deeply.

For three years, Williams has applied her growing expertise in international affairs by acting as co-president of the Mercer Model Arab League and serving as head delegate at National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations competitions, both regionally and nationally. She also sought out further international experiences, participating as a Mercer Service Scholar in a Mercer On Mission (MOM) experience to India as a rising junior and another MOM trip to Cape Town, South Africa, as a rising senior, where she worked in racially segregated townships still defined by the structures of apartheid.

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.

TIMOTHY MARTIN LEWIS

College of Liberal Arts



Significant in Timothy Martin Lewis' decision to attend Mercer was a sense that he felt "called" to be here. He wanted to continue to have the opportunity to make a difference in the community, specifically working to improve educational opportunities for public school students like himself in Bibb County. That sense of calling also explains why he has decided to pursue graduate study in higher education and student affairs.

Lewis has invested an enormous amount of positive energy during his time at Mercer as a peer advisor; Mercer Service Scholar; director of student staff, director of campus tours and a member of the special events team in the Office of Admissions; vice president of membership and communication for the Mercer Maniacs; and senator-at-large, campus safety chair and external relations chair for the Student Government Association.

Lewis has a passion and vision for developing the leadership abilities of future Mercer students and was able to make that vision a lasting reality by founding the Leadership Mercer program, which he also directs. His character, outstanding academic reputation and the ongoing energy he gives to Mercer as a student inspired the Office of Admissions to feature him in a recent promotional video, titled "Your Mercer Story: Anything But Typical."

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 a member of the Board of Trustees. He was a generous benefactor of the University, and Mercer's School of Theology in Atlanta is named for him and his wife, Carolyn, a former member of the University's Board of Trustees. A nationally recognized leader in the healthcare 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

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Timothy M. Lewis College of Liberal Arts

Emma R. Peel College of Liberal Arts

Aaron M. Scherf Stetson School of Business and Economics

Jessy Togba-Doya
McAfee School of Theology

2015

Andrew T. Eck
School of Engineering

2014

Emily Caitlin Dowling Townsend School of Music

Dalton E. Turner College of Liberal Arts

2013

Alison L. Smith School of Medicine

Ryan C. Bartholomew School of Engineering

2012

Abraham A. Deng
McAfee School of Theology

Kaitlyn T. Schmitt Stetson School of Business and Economics

2011

Christopher L. Gaunder School of Medicine

Matthew G. Townsend Stetson School of Business and Economics

2010

Ashley J. 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.

MARYGRACE BENDER

Townsend School of Music



As one of 12 children, MaryGrace Bender arrived at Mercer already possessing many of the skills that the scholarship values. Her musically-inclined family is very important to the cello player. She has been a strong, positive influence on her fellow McDuffie Center for Strings students, modeling a quiet leadership and a sense of shared responsibility. In addition to being a full-time student and putting in the four hours of daily practice time required by the Center, Bender works part-time at Jittery Joe's to help finance her education. Her heart for service is revealed in the time she donates to local schools, where she teaches music and provides cello lessons to underserved students. She approached the schools on her own to offer her time and talents and has been volunteering since her freshman year. She says that music is a gift she wants to share with others, which is why she volunteers not only at local schools, but also at nursing homes. She was accepted to the Meadowmount summer program and raised the money to attend

by creating a summer camp to give horseback riding lessons to children. Bender, who aspires to attend graduate school and work as a performer, has also traveled to Tanzania, where she shared classical music with people who not only had never heard it, but had never seen instruments. She has performed as a young artist at the Rome Chamber Music Festival in Italy, at the Chautauqua Institute in New York and, in February, at Carnegie Hall with the Townsend School of Music.

PARTH NITIN DESAI

School of Medicine



In addition to being an exemplary medical student, Parth Desai is an avid inventor of software and medical devices. During his first year of medical school, he founded a health IT nonprofit organization, ICD-10 Charts Inc., which provides free online software for hospitals and medical practices struggling with a difficult healthcare legislative change called ICD-10. He continued to build unique online tools, educational resources and mobile apps, which were heavily endorsed following several large hospital pilot programs, but because of financial constraints the reach was initially limited. Then, in 2015, Desai was awarded two grants totaling \$100,000. Sleeping only a few hours each night to juggle both medical school and the management of his growing nonprofit, he was determined to aid the healthcare industry during its time of need. He worked tirelessly for three years, and, by 2016, Desai's free online resources had successfully reached more than 80,000 medical personnel nationwide. He has been described in

Forbes magazine as a "brilliant and dedicated medical student." His work has impacted medical practices throughout the country. In the summer of 2015, following the devastating earthquake in Nepal, Desai went on a 10-day medical mission trip to work in a nonprofit hospital. While an undergraduate student, he spent three weeks volunteering at a free clinic in India.

Andrew J. Kelley

School of Engineering



Andrew Kelley's strength of character is apparent in how he lives out his faith and love of others through service. He thinks deeply and carefully about human impacts on the environment, and his projects show a dedication to leadership and service to humanity. Kelley worked with the Fuller Center for Housing during a 2016 Mercer On Mission trip to Peru with the Mercer Service Scholars. Knowing there was no running water or electricity, Kelley found a company that produced affordable, collapsible solar lights, called Luci lights, in advance of making the trip. He worked with classmates to organize a fundraiser and, once in Peru, held a "children's day" where local children each received a Luci light for their homes. One grandmother responded, "We have no light at home, and this will be beautiful."

Because he is a visionary leader, Kelley realized during a research project in the summer of 2016 that new environmentally sustainable and innovative energy sources will not be effective until citizens

understand them and find them valuable. Since then, he has focused on the idea of "social marketing" — meeting people where they are — to help them to better understand technological innovations. He also worked with Mercer's Student Government Association to support "Greener Mercer" projects on campus, and has worked with Habitat for Humanity and the School of Engineering to install a Gray Water Treatment system to reduce water usage for irrigation at the residential level.

ABIGAIL ELIZABETH PARIS

Townsend School of Music



Abigail Paris has already made a profound difference in the lives of many people, but perhaps her most significant and unique work has come as a counselor with disabled children the past two summers at the Center for Courageous Kids (CCK) in Kentucky. Through music and theatre, Paris has brought the excitement and enjoyment of the arts to children who might not otherwise experience it because of their medically fragile health situations. When she returned to campus, she organized a trip for 23 members of Mercer's Alpha Gamma Delta sorority to travel to Kentucky and volunteer for a weekend at CCK. She received the National Residence Hall Honorary Spotlight Award for this effort. Continuing her vision for what she hopes to accomplish in her professional life, Paris plans to pursue graduate study in community relations for nonprofit organizations and arts administration. She wants to bring the arts to disabled children through organizations such as the Center for Courageous Kids and St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital. She embraces the idea that this type of work will require creation of a new position, even hoping to act as a catalyst for organizations across the country to follow the model she will create. Paris is the first to volunteer for any service from ticket sales to T-shirt orders to serving as an advisory board member at Macon's Crisis Line and Safe House to something as simple as helping a faculty member sort and organize music. No job is too small or too daunting for her.

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.

EIMAD C. HOURY

College of Liberal Arts



Eimad Houry best exhibits the qualities and virtues that were modeled by both Joe and Jean Hendricks. He, too, is an excellent facilitator and guide to Mercer students. As he goes about his work in the classroom, the local community and the global community, Dr. Houry does not seek out the spotlight, nor does he yearn for accolades. However, he always rises to the top to take on numerous leadership roles in the College of Liberal Arts, including the development of 20 Mercer courses and numerous Study Abroad and Mercer On Mission trips to destinations such as Costa Rica, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Dubai, South Africa and the Republic of Georgia. He is described by colleagues and students alike as an excellent teacher who teaches broadly.

Dr. Houry has supervised multiple undergraduate student research projects. Two of his students recently presented their work at the World Congress of Undergraduate Research in Doha, Qatar.

To junior faculty, Dr. Houry serves as an excellent model. He has created a program and departmental culture of hard work and excellence.

Alongside his exceptional work with students and colleagues, Dr. Houry has been entrusted with a wide variety of administrative roles, and he has executed each with distinction. He has emerged as a faculty leader and trusted adviser to the administrative leadership in the College of Liberal Arts and across the University.

Outside the classroom, Dr. Houry serves as faculty adviser to many student organizations, including the Association of Muslim Students and the award-winning Model Arab League and the Mock World Health Organization. He has sought to culturally educate the Mercer and Macon communities through his organization and participation in seminars such as "Muslims in America" and "Identity in America."

Dr. Houry has been, and continues to be, an active and productive member in the Mercer, Macon and global communities. Like Joe and Jean Hendricks, Dr. Houry has invested himself most thoroughly in his teaching. He takes great pride in making a difference in the manner in which Mercer students understand the world in which they live. The essence of his teaching philosophy is to "light the fuse of curiosity in students so that they are never content with what they think they already know." His purpose is "not to persuade them of any specific worldview, but to empower them to become active and independent thinkers who care."

Dr. Houry's teaching, interactions with students and nurturing of junior faculty members exemplify the ethos that Joe and Jean Hendricks have bequeathed to Mercerians.

School of Medicine Commencement

School of Medicine Commencement

Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 6, 2017 | 2:00 p.m.

Presiding	
Prelude	Jack Mitchener University Organist
Academic Procession*	
Invocation*	James Charles Elder, Jr. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia
Welcome	
Greetings from the School	Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D. Dean, School of Medicine
Greetings from the Board of Governors	Jack Hanson Powell, M.D. Chair, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Macon
	Julius Curtis Lewis, III, J.D. Member, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Savannah
Special Music, Here I Am, Lord	Townsend School of Music, Class of 2018 Accompanied by Jack Mitchener
Introduction of Speaker	
Commencement Address	Peter Thomas Scardino, M.D. Chair, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
University Honors	
Special Awards	Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D.
Master of Family Therat	The President of the University by Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Biomedical Sciences Doctor of Medicine
Awarding of Diplomas	Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D.
Hippocratic Oath	
Introduced by	D. Scott Davis, Ph.D. Provost
Led by	Ramon Vernon Meguiar, M.D. Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Memorial Health Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Savannah Campus
Alumni Welcome	Jennifer Nunn Tarbutton, M.D. '01 School of Medicine Alumna
Benediction*	James Charles Elder, Jr.
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

^{*} The audience is requested to rise.

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Peter Thomas Scardino

Commencement Speaker



As chairman of the Department of Surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, Dr. Peter Thomas Scardino oversees a department widely recognized for its expertise and innovation in cancer surgery. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he is a surgeon specializing in the early detection, prognosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

In 2001, he received a National Institutes of Health grant to establish an ongoing Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in prostate cancer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. SPORE has an ambitious research program focused on developing therapies appropriate for patients with different types of prostate cancer at different stages of development.

Dr. Scardino's position at Memorial Sloan Kettering includes appointments as head of the Prostate Cancer Program, a member in the Sloan Kettering Institute's Molecular Pharmacology Program and the

incumbent of the David H. Koch Chair. He is also a professor in the Department of Urology at Weill Cornell Medical College and at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

Dr. Scardino has written many articles and book chapters and edited the Comprehensive Textbook of Genitourinary Oncology. In 2005, with Judith Kelman, he wrote Dr. Peter Scardino's Prostate Book, a guide to prostate cancer, prostatitis and benign prostate hyperplasia (BPH). He serves as editor-in-chief of Nature Clinical Practice Urology, and he is an editorial board member and reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Scardino is an active member of the National Academies' Institute of Medicine and of the American Urological Association. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and his M.D. from Duke University School of Medicine.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY MARSHAL

Martin Herbert Greenberg, M.D. Professor, Medical Education, Savannah Campus

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Family Therapy Program

Susan Dawn Cline, Ph.D.

Program Director, Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Program

Richard Olin McCann, Ph.D.

Program Director, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Program

Alice Aumann House, M.D.

Dean, Columbus Campus

William Frank Bina, III, M.D., M.P.H. Dean, Savannah Campus

Edwin Walker Grimsley, M.D. Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Macon Campus

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARDS

A key component of medical education is the compassionate and humanistic care of patients. In support of that premise, the NBI Healthcare Foundation initiated the Humanism in Medicine Awards to recognize and honor graduating students and faculty members who have demonstrated the highest standard of compassion and sensitivity in their interactions with patients. Mercer University School of Medicine graduating students and the faculty have, respectively, chosen a faculty member and a student who embody empathic, sensitive and respectful behavior in providing patient care.

FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

John Rieves Meadows, M.D.

Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, Macon/Columbus Campus

David Edward Carney, M.D.
Associate Professor, Surgery, Savannah Campus

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Kristen Leigh Kettelhut

Macon/Columbus Campus

Ekta Indra Bery Savannah Campus

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

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Megan Calderbank †
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Riverdale, Georgia Olga Vacariuc

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Gayle-Anne Hendricks Wright Newnan, Georgia

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I Swear to Fulfill, to the Best of My Ability and Judgment, This Covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure. I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

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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 13, 2017 | 8:30 a.m.

Presiding
Academic Procession*
Invocation*
Welcome
Introduction of the Speaker
Commencement Address
Conferring of the Degrees
College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy Doctor of Philosophy
Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics
Bachelor of Business Administration Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration Master of Science
Tift College of Education
Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy
James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology
Master of Arts Master of Divinity Doctor of Ministry
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Master of Science in Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice Doctor of Philosophy
Penfield College of Mercer University
Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Applied Science Bachelor of Science in Social Science Master of Science Doctor of Philosophy
College of Health Professions
Master of Public Health Master of Medical Science Doctor of Physical Therapy
Presentation of Graduates
Alumni Welcome
Benediction*
Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Academic Recession**

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HEWITT W. "TED" MATTHEWS

Commencement Speaker



Dr. Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews is senior vice president for health sciences and dean of the Mercer University College of Pharmacy. He has spent more than four decades on the faculty and is the University's longest-serving academic dean, having led the College of Pharmacy for the past 27 years.

Dr. Matthews began his association with Mercer as a student. He earned a degree in chemistry from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) in 1966 while already enrolled in Mercer's Southern School of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in pharmaceutical biochemistry in 1971 and 1973, respectively, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was a National Institutes of Health Pre-Doctoral Fellow and a Fellow of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education. He completed postdoctoral work at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Hospital

Infectious Disease Program.

Dr. Matthews joined the faculty of Mercer's School of Pharmacy in 1973. His commitment to teaching excellence earned him the Outstanding Teacher Award. Over the next decade, he held a number of administrative as well as faculty positions, including associate dean for the School of Pharmacy and assistant provost of the University. After serving for a year as interim dean, he was appointed dean of the School of Pharmacy in 1990. Over the years, he has received numerous awards from state and national pharmacy and pharmacy education organizations. In the fall of 2015, the University of Wisconsin-Madison awarded him a Citation of Merit, one of the highest honors given by his alma mater.

Dr. Matthews was instrumental in the establishment of the Mercer Health Sciences Center, and in 2012, he was named senior vice president for health sciences, in addition to his responsibilities as dean of the College of Pharmacy.

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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 of Mercer University, College of Health Professions

SPECIAL AWARDS

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2016 – 2017 CATHRYN FUTRAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD Carl E. Davis, Ed.D.

Assistant Professor of Education

GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE OF NURSING

2016 – 2017 Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year Award

Fran E. Kamp, M.S., RN

Clinical Associate Professor and Learning Resource Center Coordinator

Penfield College of Mercer University

2016 - 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award

Laurie L. Lankin, Ph.D.

Professor of Counseling and Human Sciences and Program Coordinator for Human Resources Administration and Development

College of Health Professions

2016 – 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award

Deborah M. Wendland, DPT, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

* Cum Laude | ** Magna Cum Laude | *** Summa Cum Laude | ~ Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

College of Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy

Ashley Kathleen Abbott *
Kansas City, Missouri

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Marietta, Georgia

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Lawrenceville, Georgia Thuy Thanh Nguyen Atlanta, Georgia

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Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 13, 2017 | 10:00 a.m.

Presiding	Dean and University Professor of Law and Ethical Formation
Prelude	Jack Mitchener University Organist
Academic Procession*	Jack Mitchener
Welcome	D. Scott Davis Provost
Greetings from the Law School	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Introduction of Speaker	Daisy Hurst Floyd
Commencement Address	
Student Awards	Mary S. Donovan
Special Recognitions	Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence	
Reynold J. Kosek, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award	
Conferring of the Juris Doctor	D. Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Charge to Graduates	
Presentation of the Class of 2017	
Hooding Ceremony	D. Scott Davis Daisy Hurst Floyd
Alumni Welcome	Anton F. Mertens, B.A.'84, J.D.'87 President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
Benediction*	
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

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Commencement Speaker



W. Louis Sands is a senior United States district judge for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. Born in Bradley, Georgia, Sands received a B.A. from Mercer in 1971 and a J.D. from Mercer School of Law in 1974. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Signal Corps in 1971, remaining in the Reserve until 1980 and reaching the rank of captain. After graduating from Mercer Law, he served as Assistant District Attorney for the Macon Judicial Circuit from 1975 to 1978, and later served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia from 1978 to 1987. He entered private practice in Macon in 1987 and was a judge of the Superior Court for the Macon Judicial Circuit from 1991 to 1993.

On February 9, 1994, Judge Sands was nominated by President Bill Clinton for 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. Sands served as chief judge from 2001 to 2006. He served on the Judicial Council for the Eleventh Circuit, both on the Personnel Committee and the Bankruptcy Committee, which he chaired. In April 2011, he was elected as the Eleventh Circuit's district judge representative to the Judicial Conference of the United States, the governing body for the United States Courts, chaired by the Chief Justice of the United States. After serving nearly 20 years on the federal bench, he assumed senior status on April 12, 2014. He has served as a board member for the Mercer University School of Law Alumni Association. Currently, he is a member of the Mercer University Board of Trustees, having previously served from 2002-2007 and 2008-2013.

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J. REGINALD MURPHY

Commencement Speaker



Reg Murphy is a renowned journalist and business executive who began his career as a reporter with *The Macon Telegraph* while attending Mercer's College of Liberal Arts in the 1950s.

The Gainesville, Georgia, native went on to serve as political editor of *The Atlanta Constitution* from 1961-1965 before being named editor of the newspaper in 1968. His other leadership roles included serving as editor and publisher of *The San Francisco Examiner* from 1975-1981 and publisher, president and CEO of *The Baltimore Sun* from 1981-1990. He was also chairman of *The Sun* from 1990-1992.

An avid golfer, Murphy served as president of the United States Golf Association from 1994-1995 and held leadership roles at the National Geographic Society from 1993-1998, initially serving as president and ultimately becoming vice chairman of the Society. Among the many boards on which he has served as a member and/or officer are: Board of Visitors, College of Journalism, University of Maryland; Board of

Trustees, The John Hopkins Hospital; Board of Trustees, San Francisco State University; Board of Trustees, California Institute of Technology; and the Baltimore Literacy Foundation. In 2012, he served as executive-in-residence at the College of Coastal Georgia, and he currently serves on Mercer's National Journalism Advisory Board and the boards of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society and Coastal Georgia Foundation.

Murphy, who resides with his wife, Diana, in Sea Island, Georgia, wrote a biography of another notable Mercer alumnus, former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell, titled *Uncommon Sense: The Achievement of Griffin Bell*. Murphy has remained a loyal alumnus and supporter of the University, having served three terms on the Mercer Board of Trustees from 1988-1991, 1994-1999 and 2008-2013. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University in 1975.

ALAYNA CELESTE WILLIAMS

Student Commencement Speaker



Alayna Celeste Williams is a triple-major in international affairs, Spanish, and women's and gender studies. It was announced last month that the Mercer dance team member earned a prestigious 2017 Fulbright Award to teach English in South Africa.

She also earned induction into Mercer's inaugural class of the Phi Beta Kappa Society in her junior year. She was awarded the Walter F. Dowling Award for Excellence in International Studies and is the recipient of the Women's and Gender Studies Scholarship for academic achievement in that department.

Williams has not only succeeded in the classroom, but she has been engaged in many co-curricular, service and community activities. She has served as co-captain of the Mercer Dance Team, co-president of the Mercer International Mock Conference Association, a Mercer Service Scholar and a Department

of Intercollegiate Athletics tutor. She participated in a Mercer On Mission (MOM) experience in India as a rising junior and another MOM trip to Cape Town, South Africa, as a rising senior, where she worked in racially segregated townships still defined by the structure of apartheid. While in South Africa, Williams conducted a quantitative research study, titled "Intergenerational Differences in Perceptions of Race Relations," at the schools where she served. She later presented this research at the World Congress on Undergraduate Research.

Williams has volunteer experience with Big Brothers, Big Sisters; the Girls Empowerment Program at Alexander II Elementary School; and Model United Nations. She has been accepted to Teach For America.

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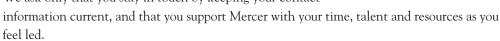


MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

May 2017

Welcome to the Mercer University Alumni Association! By virtue of your graduation, you join the ranks of more than 76,000 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



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,

Jill H. Kinsella **Executive Director**

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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 Godsey 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

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	
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

 $lap{1}$ HE PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY — THE NATION'S 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." ΦBK 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 ΦBK'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.

2017 PHI BETA KAPPA INDUCTEES

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Emily Loraine Anspach	Nora Wilfong Darling	Anna Lauren Johnson	Ashley Elizabeth Ray	Bristal Paige Thompson
Senior Fort Collins, Colorado	Senior <i>Peachtree City, Georgia</i>	Senior Westborough, Massachusetts	Senior I <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Senior <i>Doerun, Georgia</i>
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Senior I Savannah, Georgia	Junior I <i>Tyrone, Georgia</i>	Senior <i>LaGrange, Georgia</i>	Senior Fayetteville, Georgia	Senior <i>Rome, Georgia</i>
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Senior I <i>Houston, Texas</i>	Senior <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Senior <i>Macon, Georgia</i>	Senior <i>Portland, Oregon</i>	Senior I <i>Macon, Georgia</i>
Taylor Nicole Bischoff	Andrew Irving Hearn	Kaitlyn Mary McBride	Taylor Amanda Steen	Andrew Michael Winslett
Senior Grayson, Georgia	Senior Columbus, Georgia	Senior <i>Peachtree City, Georgia</i>	Senior <i>Peachtree City, Georgia</i>	Senior <i>Newnan, Georgia</i>
Anna Rose Cizek	Abby Marie Henry	Shannon Marie Merritt	Jamilah Tejan	
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THE MEDALLION OF PHI KAPPA PHI

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

ALMA MATER

MACON CAMPUS

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

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

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

ATLANTA CAMPUS

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

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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 76,000 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 continues to be ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top four 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 1,200 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.

MERCER HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

School of Medicine (Macon, Atlanta, Savannah and Columbus): The School was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and healthcare 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 and Coliseum Medical Center 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 exceptional leadership and professional development opportunities.

College of Health Professions (Atlanta): The College is composed of four departments: Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Public Health and Clinical Medical Psychology. 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 is a member of the historic Southern Conference. In the 2015-2016 academic year, 74 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 3.349. 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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