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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 2019

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 2,207 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 4, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

ATLANTA

College of Pharmacy | School of Business and Economics
College of Education | School of Theology | College of Nursing
Penfield College | College of Health Professions

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 8:30 a.m.
Campus Lawn, Atlanta Campus

SCHOOL OF LAW

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 2:30 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

MACON

College of Liberal Arts | School of Business and Economics
School of Engineering | College of Education
Penfield College | School of Music | College of Health Professions

Monday, May 13, 2019 | 8:15 a.m.
Five Star Stadium, Macon Campus

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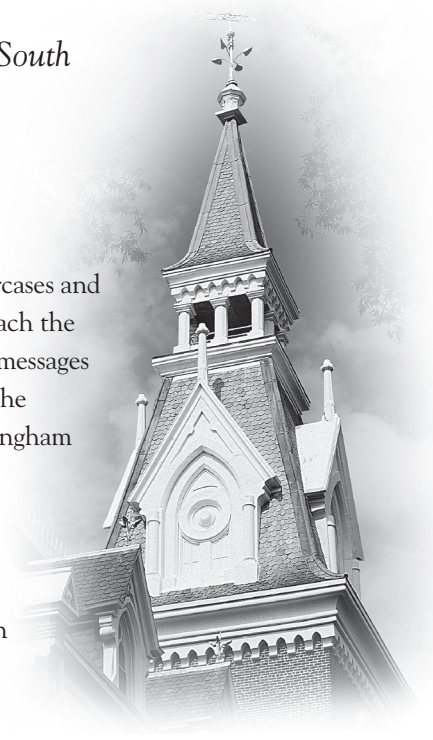
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MERCER TRADITIONS

Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and over 186 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.



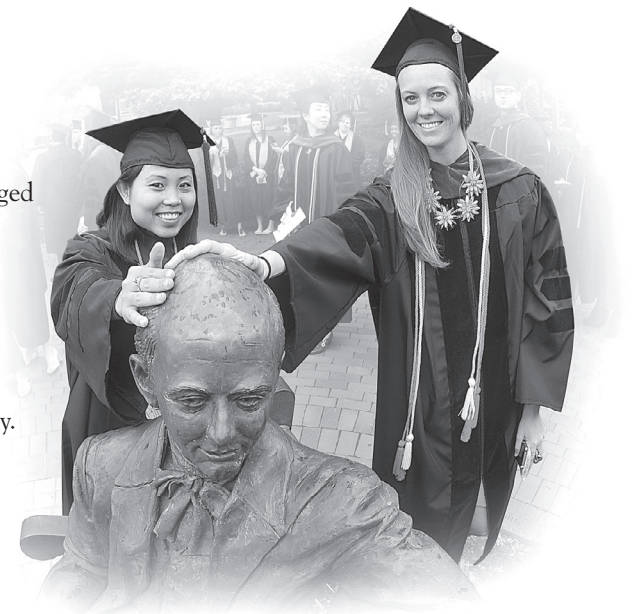
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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.

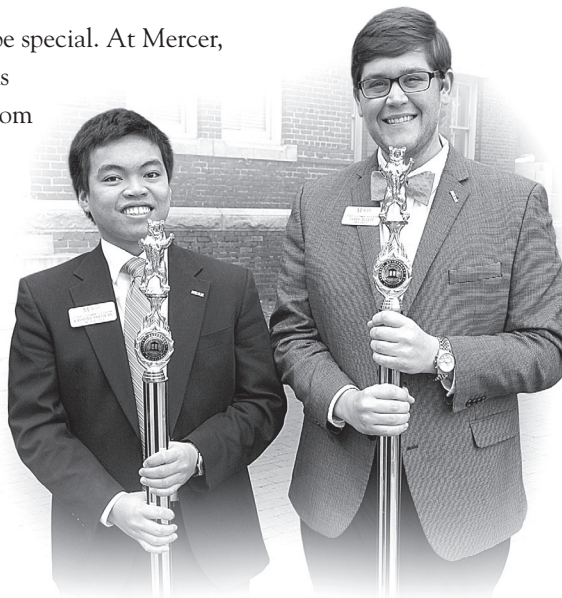
The statue was unveiled in 1995 in conjunction with the re-introduction of the tradition of Founders' Day. The statue was paid for by a Student Government Association fund established specifically for constructing the Jesse Mercer statue.

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 Dr. 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 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.

2019 GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

RYAN GUILBAULT

School of Medicine



While pursuing his Doctor of Medicine degree, Ryan Guilbault has exemplified his clear dedication to service by earning — among other honors — the School of Medicine’s Distinction in Service to the Community. He not only completed all of the requirements for his own project, but he also served his classmates as the class representative who helped guide others to gain the distinction.

Guilbault was active on the mission field prior to his admittance to the School of Medicine. He has continued his service by participating in a Mercer On Mission trip to Honduras. As a medical student care provider, he quickly took on other roles related to pharmacy, intake and education. With an overwhelming number of patients each day in cramped and extremely hot conditions, Guilbault demonstrated an ability to work comfortably with the team, and he quickly won the trust of his teammates.

His many community contributions include serving as the West Georgia Regional coordinator for MyTeam Triumph, assisting disabled persons participating in distance races and leading the organization as it grew into the lead chapter in the Southeast. Additional projects include assisting Hurricane Irma evacuees at a temporary shelter established at the Columbus Municipal Center and serving at the Give a Bear Save a Life organization, the Macon Volunteer Clinic, the Mulberry Market Health Screenings, the Teddy Bear Clinic and after-school nutrition project Snack Attack.

One of his classmates noted that he is “the most selfless, hardworking, genuine and humble student in the class” of 2019. Another student added it is clear that “Ryan’s consistent devotion to MUSM and sacrifice without reward reveals that he truly values the meaning of serving others.”

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018

Chelsea Fechter
School of Medicine

2017

Matthew Mackenzie
Kahrmann
School of Medicine

2016

Ebony Jervonne’ Brown
School of Law

2015

Ashley Wilkerson Finney
College of Pharmacy

2014

Gary Wall
College of Liberal Arts

2013

Nancy Boore
*College of Pharmacy and
Health Sciences*

2012

Chelsea Marie Flieger
College of Liberal Arts

2011

Andi Thomas Sullivan
School of Theology

2010

Gloria Ann Jordan
*College of Continuing and
Professional Studies*

2009

Shannon Louise Moon
College of Nursing

2008

Grant Michael Jenson
School of Law

2007

Chpyrrelle Carr
School of Medicine

Steuart Hutchings Botchford
College of Liberal Arts

2006

Hollie Benet Preston
College of Nursing

2005

John Michael Carroll
College of Liberal Arts

Dennis Drummond
College of Education

2004

Amanda Elaine Meloun
School of Law

Leah Marie Phanco
*College of Pharmacy and
Health Sciences*

2003

Caroline Gary
School of Law

2002

Rachel Gunter Shapard
School of Theology

2001

Stephanie Anne Shelton
College of Liberal Arts

2000

Virginia Campbell Leslie
School of Medicine

WALLACE ODELL DUVALL

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

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

MICA Q. DAVID

College of Nursing



Throughout her time at Mercer, Mica Q. David has been a remarkable contributor to student and university activities. Since arriving at Mercer, she served as an Ambassador to the College of Nursing and attended multiple programs associated with the recruitment of new students. Locally, she was involved in Atlanta campus activities associated with membership in the Georgia Baptist Association of Nursing Students, serving as publications director. At the state level, she was elected by her peers to serve as state first vice president of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students.

David was selected to participate in the inaugural Mercer On Mission trip to India, where she assisted with the clinical care of more than 300 children and 400 adults.

David was awarded the 2018 Student Nurse of the Year Award from the March of Dimes, the first time this category was offered by the organization.

She serves as a leader in many ways, including mentoring her peers within the undergraduate nursing program. Through her leadership, she has contributed to the development of her student community, while also participating in more than 350 hours of service to others.

In her own words, David said, "I have found that the best leaders are those individuals who can pay their purpose forward. I don't always seek to be a leader, but I do try to inspire others to find their purpose. I strive to use my gifts to help others find theirs."

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

<p>2018 Emily M. Thompson <i>School of Business and Economics</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>2007 Stacey Irene Harwell <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Michael Bryan <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Crystal Garmon <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Amber Sandlin <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
<p>2017 Aaron Micheal Scherf <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2013 Noah Maier <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>2009 John Christopher Elder <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2006 Samson Julius Alva <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Kala Cartwright <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Tiffany Gibson <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Larissa Spell <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
<p>2016 Joseph Knight Wozniak <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>2012 John Andrew Jones <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>2008 Stephanie Ard <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>2005 AND EARLIER</p>	<p>James Derek Cook <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Jimmy Thomas Howell <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Eric Trivett <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
<p>2015 Kaitlin Chance <i>College of Nursing</i></p>	<p>2011 Margaret McCampbell <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>William Arnold <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Julia Bowen <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Blair Cox <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Andy Lane <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Jamanda Turner <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
		<p>James Derek Cook <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>Megan Boyd <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Daniel Crager <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Adam Neal <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Jamila Wideman <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
			<p>Ben Drew Cravey, III <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p>John Christopher Elder <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Frank Nelson <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Becky Wilcox <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>
			<p>Rhett Fraser <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>John Christopher Elder <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Pamela Popwell <i>School of Business and Economics</i></p>	<p>Megin Lea Williams <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>
				<p>Emily Salman <i>College of Liberal Arts</i></p>	<p>Emily Salman <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.

BRYAN PARKER LAUE

School of Engineering



Bryan Parker Laue has accomplished much since arriving on campus. He maintains a 4.0 GPA and was one of two juniors at Mercer selected to be a walk-on Stamps Foundation Leadership Scholar. He is part of the Engineering Scholars Program, where he built a small unmanned aerial vehicle to perform aerial surveys. The project was sponsored by NASA, and Laue had a large role in securing the funds needed for building of the drone project. He was inducted in Tau Beta Pi Honor Society and spent the last summer working with Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt in Germany where he participated in the German Research Exchange Service (DAAD), He was able to link isolated weather stations to the university server and designed a website to present the data.

On campus, Laue worked as a peer advisor for three years and helped refine the current model of Mercer's three-day welcome week. He has been active with the Mercer Ambassador Program by training new ambassadors and providing on-campus tours for both alumni and corporate sponsors, including a new program, Shorelight, which will increase the presence of Mercer's engineering program in Atlanta.

On the global side, Laue worked with Mercer On Mission and Dr. Ha Vo to design tools to increase the efficiency of the prosthetic fitting process. He spent a month in Vietnam in 2017 with Dr. Vo where he personally helped to fit 25 amputees.

Throughout his collegiate career, Laue has proven a commitment to academics, leadership, service and faith.

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.

ELLIZA GUTA

College of Liberal Arts



Elliza Guta has an extensive record of community service and is committed to a career as an advocate for victims of domestic violence. Guta has the initiative and communication skills to be a change agent and has an impeccable academic record. In addition to her 4.0 GPA, she is a Stamps Foundation Leadership Scholar, Tift College Alumni Scholar and a Mercer Service Scholar.

One of her professors says the word that comes to mind when she thinks of Guta is "roots." "She is never satisfied with staying on the surface of an issue or with shallow analysis of a topic. She wants to dig down to the roots of a question, examine the conflicting values, and look for deeper connections."

Guta has a strong commitment to help women who are victims of intimate partner violence. This desire stems from her extensive experience working with the Crisis Line and Safe House in Macon. She also served on the Honor Council, participated as a volunteer with Read2Succeed, served as a Mercer Ambassador and participated in Leadership Mercer.

Even more impressive is that Guta has developed her own program to address what she sees as the deeper roots of the troubling societal problem of intimate partner violence. She is the program creator and director of Operation Lighthouse, which implements a comprehensive curriculum on teen dating violence prevention in local after-school programs. She is a leader who will selflessly make life better for countless women who need support.

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

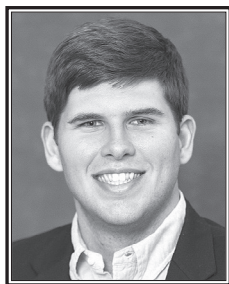
The James T. McAfee, Jr., Endowed Vision and Leadership Scholarship Fund recognizes outstanding leadership abilities of a junior, senior or graduate student in the College of Liberal Arts, School of Business and Economics, College of Education, School of Engineering, School of Music, College of Pharmacy, College of Health Professions, College of Nursing, School of Medicine, or School of Theology.

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 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 School of Business and Economics and a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

MACLAREN B. BRYDON

School of Business and Economics



Raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, Maclaren Brydon entered Mercer University as a preferred walk-on for the men's basketball team. He sharpened his time-management skills, effectively balancing the demands of school work, practices and games as a student-athlete during his freshman and sophomore years. Knowing that he would move on from basketball and needing a way to pay for school, Brydon started developing a business idea called Bear Food during his sophomore year. He then worked with professors and family to develop a pitch for the Mercer Innovation Center Fellowship Program and successfully launched Bear Food during the summer of 2018. Bear Food is a hand-cooked, gourmet Virginia peanut company that specializes in corporate gifting.

One of the most influential people in Brydon's life has been his brother, Miller, who has Down syndrome. Miller provided the inspiration for Bear Food to create work opportunities for young adults with special needs. Through its fulfillment center, Bear Food provides a workplace environment for special needs adults who are transitioning out of high school into self-sufficient roles. Bear Food is a thriving startup that reached its first-year sales goals in six months and repaid all investors within the same period. In 2018, Bear Food was selected as a Mercer Innovation Center Business in Residence. It not only gives Mercer students internship experience, but also employs two special needs adults who manage labeling, packing and shipping to clients. Through his vision and leadership with Bear Food, Mac Brydon is investing in the futures of young adults with special needs by providing them with job experience and training.

Brydon is a junior entrepreneurship major within the School of Business and Economics. He plans to pursue a MBA after graduating in 2020.

MACAYLA J. COOK

School of Music



MaCayla Cook's ability to blend academics and music were recognized when she received the John Phillip Sousa Award, a national band award, in high school. Though the award, which is based on leadership and musicianship, is given to one student per high school per year, as drum captain MaCayla received it twice — in 2015 and 2016. She earned both academic and music scholarships to attend Mercer University after graduating from Morgan County High School with a 4.0 GPA. Cook continues to successfully blend academics and music, maintaining a 4.0 GPA as a Bachelor of Music Education degree candidate within the School of Music. Cook sings and plays multiple instruments, with piano being her primary instrument. She serves as accompanist for the Mercer Women's Choir, worship music coordinator for Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Mercer and assistant worship leader for a local Methodist church. She is also worship leader for a local youth program.

Cook's heart for service has been demonstrated by her participation in mission work. She traveled to a special care center in Luoyang, China, with Show Hope, a non-profit adoption organization co-founded by contemporary Christian musician Steven Curtis Chapman. This organization — and international adoption — have personal significance for MaCayla, whose two younger sisters were adopted from China. She organized, promoted and performed two concerts for Show Hope, ultimately raising \$1,700 for the organization. As a participant in SendMeNow Summer Missions, a Southern Baptist-sponsored program, Cook worked as a recreation leader for music camps held at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa. She also led worship for children and youth at a church's summer camp. Throughout middle and high school, Cook took part in March Mission Madness, an annual missions retreat for church groups throughout Georgia.

One of Cook's other volunteer activities that may inform her future career path is a program called Music and Memory, with which she volunteered at Morgan Medical Center in Madison. Music and Memory brings personalized music therapy to elderly patients in nursing homes and care centers. While at Mercer, MaCayla has played music and led sing-alongs in local senior living communities and centers. Cook plans to volunteer with a music therapist and clinical team this summer.

Through her vision in the area of missions and music therapy and leadership as both a scholar and musician, Cook is making a positive difference in the lives of others.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018 Shane Buerster <i>School of Business and Economics</i>	Abigail E. Paris <i>School of Music</i>	Jessy Togba-Doya <i>School of Theology</i>	2013 Alison L. Smith <i>School of Medicine</i>	2011 Christopher L. Gaunder <i>School of Medicine</i>	2009 Chris L. Kiker <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2006 Rebekah Carol Duke <i>School of Theology</i>
2017 MaryGrace Bender <i>School of Music</i>	2016 Timothy M. Lewis <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2015 Andrew T. Eck <i>School of Engineering</i>	Ryan C. Bartholomew <i>School of Engineering</i>	Matthew G. Townsend <i>School of Business and Economics</i>	2008 Bailey Edwards Nelson <i>School of Theology</i>	James Christopher Geiger, Jr. <i>School of Music</i>
Parth N. Desai <i>School of Medicine</i>	Emma R. Peel <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2014 Emily Caitlin Dowling <i>School of Music</i>	2012 Abraham A. Deng <i>School of Theology</i>	2010 Ashley J. Mooney <i>School of Medicine</i>	Susan Elizabeth Yarbrough <i>College of Education</i>	
Andrew J. Kelley <i>School of Engineering</i>	Aaron M. Scherf <i>School of Business and Economics</i>	Dalton E. Turner <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	Kaitlyn T. Schmitt <i>School of Business and Economics</i>			

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.

ANDREW DOUGLAS DIGH

College of Liberal Arts



Dr. Andy Digh joined the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts in 1998 and quickly embraced the ethos of Mercer University as personified by Joe and Jean Hendricks. He has devoted his life's work to teaching, advising, challenging and mentoring students, both in the Computer Science Department and in the Integrative Studies/General Education Program where he serves as director of INT 101. First and foremost, Dr. Digh is a gifted classroom teacher. He inspires students and presents difficult material in ways that they find accessible. His teaching excellence is made possible by his extensive preparation and well-planned presentations. In addition to his teaching excellence, Dr. Digh encourages students to find their own passions and set high aspirations for themselves. He writes letters of recommendation for graduate schools, assists students in navigating summer research opportunities and, most importantly, helps them discover their own potential. It's in the area of mentoring that Dr. Digh shines. His students

remark on his caring attitude, his availability and his deep respect for them. Additionally, he continuously mentors faculty at all levels of their careers. He observes classroom teaching, helps new professors organize their classes and coordinates faculty development opportunities to ensure that the instructors meet the student learning outcomes established for the program. "Papa Joe" Hendricks would certainly embrace Dr. Digh's dedication to, passion for and love of lifetime teaching and learning.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018 Susan Sweat Gunby <i>College of Nursing</i>	2016 Margaret Eskew <i>Penfield College of Mercer University</i>	2014 Edward C. Klatt <i>School of Medicine – Savannah</i>	2012 Stanley Harris Pollock <i>College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences</i>
2017 Eimad C. Houry <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2015 Charles H. Roberts <i>Penfield College of Mercer University</i>	2013 Mary Ann Drake <i>College of Liberal Arts</i>	2011 William Otis Lacefield, III <i>College of Education</i>

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 4, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Prelude	Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i>
Academic Procession*	Mercer University Pipes and Drums
Invocation*	James Charles Elder, Jr. <i>Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the School	Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D. <i>Dean, School of Medicine</i>
Greetings from the Boards of Governors	Gustavus Holmes Bell, III <i>Chair, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Savannah</i>
Special Music, <i>Alleluia</i>	Rina Lucas Composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Accompanied by Arshak Sirunyan
Introduction of Speaker	D. Scott Davis, Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address	William Bradley Turner, Jr.
University Honors	The President of the University
Special Awards	Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D.
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University <i>Master of Family Therapy Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences</i> <i>Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Doctor of Medicine</i>
Awarding of Diplomas	Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D.
Hippocratic Oath	
Introduced by	D. Scott Davis, Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
Led by	Edwin Walker Grimsley, M.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Macon Campus</i>
Alumni Welcome	Hailey Nicole Robbins, M.D. '14 <i>School of Medicine Alumna</i>
Special Music, <i>Here I Am Lord</i>	Rina Lucas Composed by Dan Schutte Accompanied by Arshak Sirunyan
Benediction*	James Charles Elder, Jr.
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

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A reception in Heritage Hall hosted by the School of Medicine will follow the ceremony.

WILLIAM BRADLEY TURNER, JR.

Commencement Speaker



William Bradley Turner, Jr., is a lifelong resident of Columbus, Georgia, married to the former Sally Beth Little of Smithfield, Virginia, with four children and seven grandchildren. He was educated in the Muscogee County Public School System. Turner graduated from the University of Georgia in 1974 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He would go on to spend his entire working career employed with Synovus Financial Corporation (10 years) and W.C. Bradley Company (24 years), a private family owned company based in Columbus involved in consumer products and real estate development. He retired in 2008 as the chief operations officer. Turner is an active member of Saint Luke Methodist Church in Columbus and has served on various boards as a director or trustee, including W.C. Bradley Company, Synovus Financial Corporation, The Bradley-Turner Foundation, University of Georgia Foundation and Columbus State University Foundation.

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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

Natalie Menendez Hogan, M.D.

Associate Professor, Pediatrics

STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Zachary Russell McGalliard

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I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR AND AFFIRM IN FRONT OF MY FACULTY AND COLLEAGUES AS WITNESSES THAT I WILL KEEP THIS OATH AND THIS CONTRACT:

To hold those who taught me this art dear, and to freely teach this art, to those who wish to learn it. I will impart knowledge of the art to my own students.

I will use scientific foundations, which will benefit my patients according to my greatest ability and judgement, and I will knowingly do no harm or injustice to them. I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity. The health of my patient will be my first consideration. I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked, nor will I advise such a plan. I will not knowingly prescribe any drug that would do harm.

Into whatever homes or institutions I go, I will enter them for the benefit of the sick, avoiding any voluntary act of impropriety or corruption.

Whatever I see or hear in the lives of my patients, whether in connection with my professional practice or not, which ought not to be spoken of outside, I will keep in absolute confidence, as considering all such things to be private. I will respect the secrets which are confided in me, even after the patient has died.

I will not permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, party politics or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient.

So long as I maintain this Oath faithfully and without corruption, may it be granted to me to partake of life fully and the practice of my art, gaining the respect of all people for all time. However, should I transgress this Oath and violate it, may the opposite be my fate.

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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ATLANTA COMMENCEMENT

Campus Lawn, Atlanta Campus | Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 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
Greetings and Words of Encouragement	Nancy Grace <i>Mercer University Board of Trustees</i>
University Honors	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
College of Pharmacy	Dean Brian Louis Crabtree <i>Doctor of Pharmacy Doctor of Philosophy</i>
School of Business and Economics	Dean Susan Perles Gilbert <i>Bachelor of Business Administration Master of Accountancy</i> <i>Master of Business Administration Master of Science</i>
College of Education	Associate Dean Allison Cobb Gilmore <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching</i> <i>Master of Education Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy</i>
School of Theology	Interim Dean Clark Gregory DeLoach, III <i>Master of Arts Master of Divinity Doctor of Ministry</i>
College of Nursing	Dean Linda Ann Streit <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing Master of Science in Nursing</i> <i>Doctor of Nursing Practice Doctor of Philosophy</i>
Penfield College	Dean Priscilla Ruth Danheiser <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Applied Science</i> <i>Bachelor of Science in Social Science Master of Science Doctor of Philosophy</i>
College of Health Professions	Dean Lisa Murphey Lundquist <i>Master of Public Health Master of Medical Science</i> <i>Doctor of Physical Therapy Doctor of Psychology</i>
Presentation of Graduates	Readers
Alumni Welcome	Penny Loraine Elkins <i>Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
Benediction*	Kellie Raiford Appel <i>Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives</i>
Academic Recession**	

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Greetings from the Mercer Board of Trustees



Nancy Grace is founder and publisher of *CrimeOnline.com*, hosts *Crime Stories with Nancy Grace* on SIRIUS XM's Triumph Channel 111 and appears on *Dr. Oz*, *Dr. Phil*, *Daily Mail TV*, ABC's *Nightline* and *20/20*. She was a fan favorite and finalist on *Dancing with the Stars: Season 13* and her DWTS earnings went to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Grace is a *New York Times* bestselling author of *Objection!*, *Eleventh Victim*, *Death on the D-List* and *Murder in the Courthouse*. She executive produces the Hailey Dean Mysteries, a Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Network movie franchise. She prosecuted in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office for 10 years before joining Johnnie Cochran at Court TV for *Cochran & Grace*.

Grace became a crimefighter when her fiancé, Keith Griffin, was shot and killed. She got her B.A. from Mercer, became a *Law Review* grad of Mercer Law School and received her master's in constitutional and criminal law from New York University. Grace has served multiple terms on the Mercer University Board of Trustees. She and her husband, David Linch, also a Mercer alumnus and trustee, and their twins reside in Atlanta and New York City.

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2018 – 2019 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY
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Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus | Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 2:30 p.m.

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>President of the University</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	President of the University
Greetings from the Law School	Cathy Cox, '86 <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Richard A. Schneider, '81 <i>Partner, King & Spalding LLP</i>
Commencement Address	Sally Q. Yates <i>Partner, King & Spalding LLP</i>
University Honors	President of the University
Student Awards	Jenny Wright <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
Special Recognitions	
George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
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Conferring of the Juris Doctor	President of the University Cathy Cox
Charge to Graduates	Cathy Cox
Presentation of the Class of 2019	Maggie Louise Conerly <i>President, Student Bar Association</i>
Hooding Ceremony	President of the University Cathy Cox
Alumni Welcome	M. Anne Kaufold-Wiggins, '05 <i>President, Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
Benediction*	Timothy Wesley Floyd
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

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SALLY Q. YATES

Commencement Speaker
Doctor of Laws



Sally Q. Yates, former U.S. deputy attorney general, is a partner in King & Spalding's Special Matters and Government Investigations practice. Her practice focuses on counseling clients in complex and sensitive matters, including government enforcement and regulatory matters, compliance, corporate governance and crisis management.

Drawing upon her nearly three decades at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), she specializes in internal and independent investigations for public and private organizations and boards. As the second-highest ranking official at the Department of Justice and as Acting Attorney General, Yates was responsible for all of DOJ's 113,000 employees including all prosecutorial, litigating, and national security components. She also was responsible for all U.S. Attorney's offices and law enforcement agencies and the Bureau of Prisons. Yates oversaw DOJ's most significant matters and was instrumental in setting DOJ's

enforcement priorities and initiatives.

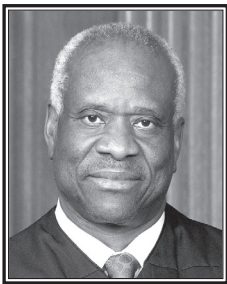
Prior to becoming Deputy Attorney General, Yates was the first woman to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. Before entering government service, Yates practiced as a civil litigation associate at King & Spalding. She has served as a visiting distinguished lecturer at Georgetown University Law Center and a frequent speaker on a variety of public policy issues.

Known for her lifelong, nonpartisan focus on public corruption, she is recognized worldwide for her integrity and credibility. An accomplished trial lawyer and Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, Yates has tried numerous white collar and public corruption cases, and she was the lead prosecutor of Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph.

A native of Atlanta, Yates earned her bachelor of arts in journalism and juris doctorate degrees from the University of Georgia, and served as executive editor of the *Georgia Law Review* while in law school. Yates and her husband, Comer, who is the executive director of the Atlanta Speech School, continue to live in Atlanta.

CLARENCE THOMAS

Doctor of Laws



Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, was born in the Pinpoint community near Savannah, Georgia, on June 23, 1948. He attended Conception Seminary from 1967-1968 and received an A.B., *cum laude*, from Holy Cross College in 1971 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1974. He was admitted to law practice in Missouri in 1974, and served as an Assistant Attorney General of Missouri, 1974-1977; an attorney with the Monsanto Company, 1977-1979; and Legislative Assistant to Senator John Danforth, 1979-1981. From 1981-1982 he served as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, and as Chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1982-1990. From 1990-1991, he served as a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. President Bush nominated him as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and he took his seat October 23, 1991. He married Virginia Lamp on May 30, 1987, and has one

child, Jamal Adeen, by a previous marriage.

The honorary degree was presented to Justice Thomas on March 11 following the dedication of the Griffin B. Bell and Frank C. Jones Courtroom at Mercer University Law School.

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MACON COMMENCEMENT

Five Star Stadium, Macon Campus | Monday, May 13, 2019 | 8:15 a.m.

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Academic Procession*	Verdi's <i>Aida: Grand March</i>
Invocation*	Craig Thomas McMahan <i>Minister of the University and Dean of the Chapel</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Cathy Callaway Adams <i>Mercer University Board of Trustees</i>
Special Music, <i>Passacaglia in G minor</i>	Keoni Bolding, violin <i>Bachelor of Music in Performance, Class of 2019</i>
George Frideric Handel/Johan Halvorsen	Atticus Mellor-Goldman, cello <i>Bachelor of Music in Performance, Class of 2019</i>
Introduction of the Speaker	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Message to the Graduates	Dorian T. Kithcart <i>Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Class of 2019</i>
Student Awards	Douglas R. Pearson <i>Vice President and Dean of Students</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
College of Liberal Arts	Dean Anita Olson Gustafson <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Health Science</i>
School of Business and Economics	Dean Susan Perles Gilbert <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Administration Master of Business Administration</i>
School of Engineering	Dean Laura Waneta Lackey <i>Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Engineering Master of Science Master of Science in Engineering</i>
College of Education	Associate Dean Kelly Elizabeth Reffitt <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education</i>
Penfield College	Dean Priscilla Ruth Danheiser <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Applied Science Bachelor of Science in Social Science Master of Science</i>
School of Music	Dean C. David Keith <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Music Education Master of Music</i>
College of Health Professions	Dean Lisa Murphey Lundquist <i>Bachelor of Science</i>
Presentation of Graduates	Edward J. Weintraut <i>Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 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, School of Music</i>
Benediction	Craig Thomas McMahan
Academic Recession**	Verdi's <i>Aida: Grand March</i>

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CATHY CALLAWAY ADAMS

Greetings from the Mercer Board of Trustees



Cathy Callaway Adams, B.A. (Piano) Tift, '81, and M.B.A. (Management) Georgia State University, '85, has served Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta for 32 years, most recently as executive vice president and chief operations officer, overseeing information technology strategies and operations, cyber and physical security, shareholder financial operations, human resources, property management, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and community engagement/volunteerism programs.

Adams is serving her fourth term on the Mercer University Board of Trustees, having previously chaired the board's Executive, Finance, and Audit committees. This year, she serves as chair of the board. She served as president of the Tift College Alumnae Association and was recognized with the Tift College Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010. She also chairs the external advisory council for Mercer's Center for Leadership and Ethics.

Adams is board chair of The Atlanta Opera and is on the boards of the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra and the Suzi Bass Theatre Awards. She is a member of the International Women's Forum, Downtown Atlanta Rotary Club and Georgia State University's Women in Philanthropy organization. Adams is an active pianist, primarily collaborating with choral groups and vocal/instrumental soloists, and serving as church pianist since age 11. Since 1995, she has accompanied The Georgia Festival Chorus, a 100-voice choral performing group, with numerous recordings and international performances to their credit, including performing at Royal Albert Hall in London in April. Adams was recently awarded Emory's Women of Goizueta Bridge Award, and she volunteers in formal mentoring programs for college and professional women through Georgia State University and Pathbuilders.

DORIAN T. KITHCART

Student Commencement Speaker



Dorian Kithcart is an engineering major with a specialization in mechanical engineering. In addition to earning his bachelor's degree in May, he is also enrolled in the Integrated Master of Science Program. Through his coursework and individual or team projects, Kithcart has designed software to construct loft beds for college students; proposed software and data packaging solutions for a medical facility in Honduras; designed exercise equipment; drafted a coffee shop schematic; and developed an instructional video to assist other Mercer student-athletes in completing the Jump Forward program for assigning tickets, signing documents and completing practice logs. He has been a leader in the Macon Crosswalk Safety Improvement Project and has been working on a project related to helmet safety.

Kithcart excels in the classroom, and he also excels as a student-athlete. He has been a member of the Mercer football team since 2015 and is a three-year starter at nose guard. He made the 2016 Freshman All SoCon Team and the SoCon All-Academic Team from 2016 to 2018. He will be back on the gridiron this fall as the starting nose guard with one year of eligibility remaining while he is working on his master's degree.

Kithcart was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina, but he and his family now reside in Norcross.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

May 2019

Welcome to the Mercer University Alumni Association! By virtue of your graduation, you join the ranks of almost 80,000 Mercerians in a common fraternity that began over 185 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill H. Kinsella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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 granted.

The following colors are associated with the various faculties:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
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PHI BETA KAPPA ZETA OF GEORGIA

THE 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.” 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 an institution’s 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.

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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,
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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 — while no longer formally denominationally affiliated — remains committed to an educational environment that embraces the historic Baptist principles of intellectual and religious freedom.

With more than 8,700 students enrolled in 12 schools and colleges, on major campuses in Macon and Atlanta; medical school sites in Macon, Savannah and Columbus; and at regional academic centers in Henry and Douglas counties, Mercer is ranked among the top tier of national research universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. Our nearly 80,000 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 and largest of the University's academic units, the College of Liberal Arts is Mercer's academic cornerstone. The College offers baccalaureate programs in the humanities, fine arts, natural sciences and social sciences, along with a variety of interdisciplinary options. Offering a multitude of pre-professional programs in health, law and theology, the College also provides students a strong liberal arts foundation. The core curriculum blends practical skills, such as critical thinking, clear writing and effective communication, along with a deep engagement with the diversity and richness of the peoples, faiths, cultures, and natural processes in the world. The College's Great Books Program, which provides students the opportunity for focused study of classic writers and thinkers of the Western world, is recognized among the 21 Best Great Books Programs by Best College Reviews. The Integrative Program combines traditional disciplinary course requirements with three multidisciplinary integrative courses, which require students to wrestle with challenging questions from multiple perspectives and prepare them to make meaningful contributions in a complicated and deeply interconnected world. Students in the College take advantage of a variety of study-abroad opportunities, both through faculty-led programs and those organized through the Mercer On Mission program. In 2015, Mercer was awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious academic honor society.

School of Law (Macon)

Founded in 1873, Mercer University's 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. The Law School is named after Walter F. George, a 1901 Mercer Law School graduate who became a justice of the Georgia State Supreme Court and later a U.S. Senator. 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. Mercer Law School is a two-time recipient of the prestigious ABA Gambrell Professionalism Award for excellence and innovation in ethics and professionalism throughout the curriculum. With an enrollment of approximately 395 students, taught by an outstanding faculty, Mercer Law School is nationally

recognized for its programs in legal writing, advocacy training, experiential education and ethics and professionalism.

School of Business and Economics (Macon, Atlanta and Centers)

Established in 1984, Mercer University's School of Business and Economics 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. Mercer's business school delivers career-focused business education programs and develops entrepreneurial leaders and responsible global citizens.

School of Engineering (Macon)

Mercer's innovative and academically challenging engineering and 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 30th anniversary in 2015 and its undergraduate program is ranked 30th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Known for its breadth of instruction in its undergraduate program and its 4+1 integrated bachelor's and master's degree program, Mercer combines technical education with hands-on laboratory experience.

College of Education (Macon, Atlanta and Centers)

Mercer's Tift College of Education prepares more professional educators than any other private institution in Georgia. It offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees for teacher education, including initial certification and teacher advancement, and educational leadership. The College of Education offers programs approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Guided by the conceptual framework of the "Transforming Educator," the College supports those who aspire to grow professionally throughout their careers, while also seeking to transform the lives of students. Programs are offered on the Macon and Atlanta campuses, as well as regional academic centers in Douglas County and Henry County. In addition, the College offers some online and hybrid graduate-level programs.

School of Theology (Atlanta)

Established in 1996, James and Carolyn 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 ministry in the church and beyond. The School of Theology shares Jesse Mercer's concern that churches have pastor-leaders who understand Scripture and can clearly articulate their Christian beliefs. The School offers master's and doctoral degrees, along with several ministry concentrations. The innovative, fully-integrated curriculum is taught by nationally recognized scholars who are committed Christians. Along with a network of partner churches, McAfee is affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Penfield College (Macon, Atlanta and Centers)

Mercer University's Penfield College is committed to serving adult learners and currently enrolls more than 1,100 students. Undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs are offered to adult students seeking professional advancement into leadership roles in and beyond their communities. Educational programs support the needs of statistical high-growth and high-demand employment sectors and provide students with a distinctive, multidisciplinary curriculum that integrates theory and practice. Areas of study include counseling and human services, healthcare leadership

and administration, liberal arts, public safety and technology. Programs are offered on Mercer's campuses in Atlanta and Macon, at regional academic centers in Douglas County and Henry County, and online.

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. The School of Music offers a thorough and rigorous curriculum, providing a conservatory-quality music education within a university environment. Students benefit from small class sizes and individual instruction from faculty who regularly perform on campus and at major national and international venues. Specialized music programs include the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings and the Townsend-McAfee Institute for Graduate Church Music Studies.

Mercer University Library

The mission of the Mercer University Library is to serve as a learning-centered gateway of information resources through robust collections and innovative, technology-rich patron services to support the educational, research and service endeavors of the University community. The Mercer Library offers a wide range of print, non-print and electronic resources, including large collections of electronic books and journals available to Mercerians from any location.

The library is actively engaged in the academic enterprise through teaching research and information skills in the classroom, providing effective one-on-one research assistance, consulting with faculty on designed research assignments and offering liaison support and activities to build strong ties between the library and the academic community.

MERCER HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

The Mercer Health Sciences Center, a multi-campus academic health center, encompasses the School of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing and College of Health Professions. The Health Sciences Center enrolls more than 2,000 students, employs 400 full-time faculty and staff and annually graduates more than 500 physicians, nurses and nurse educators, as well as family nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants, pharmacists, physical therapists, family therapists, public health professionals and biomedical scientists.

■ School of Medicine (Macon, Savannah and Columbus)

The School of Medicine 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 Mercer School of Medicine Doctor of Medicine program utilizes a problem-based education that provides early patient care experiences. The School's academic environment fosters the development of clinical problem-solving and instills in each student an awareness of the place of the basic medical sciences in medical practice. The School of Medicine 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 Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Campus and St. Francis Hospital in Columbus. Students also experience clinical and population health clerkships in rural areas of Georgia.

■ College of Pharmacy (Atlanta)

The College of Pharmacy continues to build on its rich history, tradition of excellence and legacy of caring by offering quality degree programs that provide students with the necessary education and skills for their careers in pharmacy. Mercer is ranked among the top six private pharmacy schools in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*. With an enrollment of more than 600 students and a distinguished faculty of scientists and clinicians, the College houses several centers focusing on research, teaching

and learning. The College's motto, "A Tradition of Excellence, A Legacy of Caring," frames its philosophy of providing excellent academic programs in an environment where every student matters and every person counts.

■ College of Nursing (Atlanta)

Mercer's nationally recognized Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, the oldest nursing program in Georgia, is grounded in the heritage of educating students to provide superior nursing care. All undergraduate nursing students are members of the National Student Nurses Association, thus providing them excellent leadership and professional development opportunities. Mercer's distinguished nursing faculty is dedicated to the development of professional nurses committed to scholarship, leadership, practice, research and service within a culture of academic excellence.

■ College of Health Professions

The College of Health Professions is composed of five disciplines: physical therapy, physician assistant studies, public health, clinical psychology and athletic training. In addition to its degree offerings, the College offers post-professional residencies and fellowships and operates an onsite physical therapy clinic. With an overall enrollment of more than 540 students, the College seeks to improve the health and quality of life of individuals and society through excellence in teaching, research and service.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Mercer University is the only NCAA Division I private institution in Georgia and competes in the historic Southern Conference. In the 2017-2018 academic year, 76 percent of Mercer student-athletes achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better. The GPA for all student-athletes for the year was 3.434. Mercer athletes led the SoCon with 314 named to the Academic Honor Roll, including 31 who earned a 4.0 GPA. Mercer's 18 intercollegiate teams include men's baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer and tennis; and women's basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, beach volleyball, track and volleyball. Other members of the Southern Conference include: the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, East Tennessee State University, Furman University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Samford University, The Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.

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Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) is the nonprofit applied research operating unit of Mercer University. MERC's core competencies include electrical, mechanical and electromechanical systems design, development and testing; complex system modeling and simulation; information systems technology; structural analysis; reverse engineering and modernization; industrial systems design; materials testing; biomechanics and human factors; and cybersecurity.

MERC also offers internships for Mercer students. Interns work closely with MERC engineers and scientists in a broad range of areas supporting the execution of contracts. This opportunity allows students to obtain hands-on experience, adding depth to their education while gaining a better understanding of expertise provided to customers in solving real-world problems.

Mercer University Press

Mercer University Press has published more than 1,550 books since its establishment in 1979. The press publishes approximately 30 to 32 new books each year in the areas of religion, philosophy, Southern history, regional studies and creative writing and holds membership in the Association of University Presses.

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