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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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, 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, written in a cursive style. The signature reads "William D. Underwood".

William D. Underwood
President

MERCER UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

Approximately 2,223 students will participate in Mercer University's 2021 commencements.
To make graduation a special day for these students and their families, Mercer University will conduct five ceremonies in May.
Each ceremony will be unique and will reflect the schools and colleges represented.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Saturday, May 8, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

SCHOOL OF LAW

Saturday, May 15, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

ATLANTA

Sunday, May 16, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.
Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, Georgia
*School of Business | College of Education
College of Professional Advancement | School of Theology*

Sunday, May 16, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.
Infinite Energy Center, Duluth, Georgia
*College of Nursing | College of Pharmacy
College of Health Professions*

MACON

Monday, May 17, 2021 | 8:15 a.m.
Five Star Stadium, Macon Campus
*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
School of Business | School of Engineering
College of Education | College of Professional Advancement
School of Music | College of Health Professions*

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MERCER TRADITIONS

Mercer University is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the South and in over 188 years has developed a number of cherished traditions.

SPIRES AND TOWERS

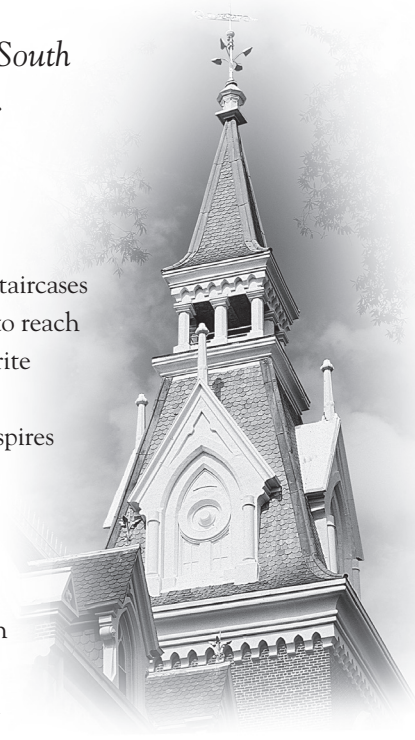
Each fall, part of new-student orientation includes a trek up a combination of ladders, spiral staircases and wooden stairs in the Godsey Administration Building, the Macon campus' oldest structure, to reach the tower overlooking campus. Students write their names, graduating years and sometimes favorite 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 first-year 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.



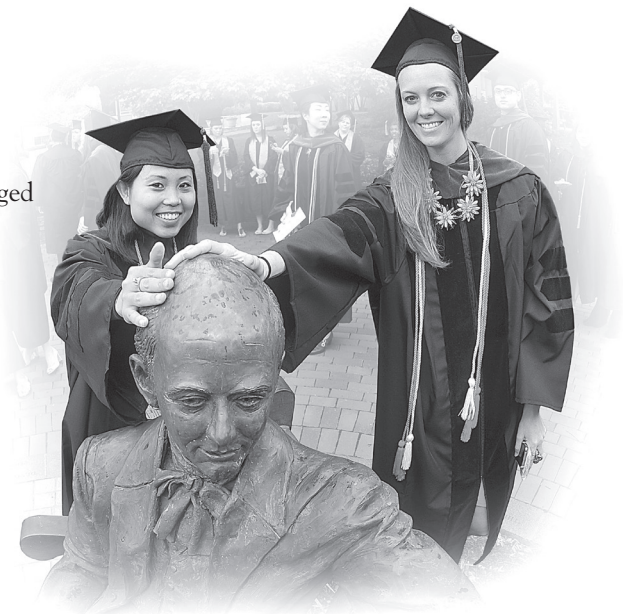
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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 selected 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, first-year students, 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.

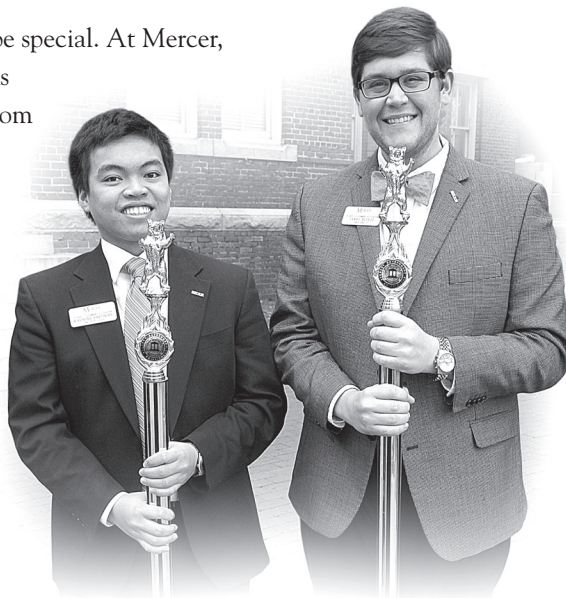
The statue was unveiled in 1995 in conjunction with the re-introduction of the tradition of Founders' Day. The statue was paid for by a Student Government Association fund established specifically for constructing the Jesse Mercer statue.

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. 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 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.

GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD RECIPIENT

WENDY SARAH MILLER

College of Nursing



As a proud Jamaican, Wendy Sarah Miller exemplifies the term servant leader. Even after obtaining a degree in managerial economics, entering the workforce and working with her family to build a personal business in homecare, she placed that opportunity on hold to pursue her desire and interest to become a registered nurse.

Since arriving at the College of Nursing, she has maintained her dedication to Atlanta's homeless and disadvantaged community through the organization On My Mother's Shoulders. She also offers volunteer hours by providing toiletries on college campuses for students not able to purchase these items.

Miller has been selected for multiple scholarships, including a competitive award from the Atlanta Black Nurses Association. She also received support from a highly competitive program funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded to select nursing students to increase nursing educational opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities who are underrepresented among registered nurses. As an engaged learner and scholar in the HRSA program, she supports her own personal learning and professional success and has placed herself in a position to successfully complete the program and contribute to the diversity of the RN workforce.

She quietly leads by example and actively seeks opportunities to serve and mentor others. Through her involvement with the National Student Nurses Association, she has expanded her vision of service and recognizes the role of advocacy at the local, national and international levels.

Mercer University's vision is to change the world, one student at a time. Miller seeks to change the world through her acts of compassion, service, education and advocacy.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020 Sheknila Davis <i>School of Theology</i>	2014 Gary Wall <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	2009 Shannon Louise Moon <i>College of Nursing</i>	2004 Amanda Elaine Meloun <i>School of Law</i>
2019 Ryan Guilbault <i>School of Medicine</i>	2013 Nancy Boore <i>College of Pharmacy</i>	2008 Grant Michael Jenson <i>School of Law</i>	Leah Marie Phanco <i>College of Pharmacy</i>
2018 Chelsea Fechter <i>School of Medicine</i>	2012 Chelsea Marie Flieger <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	2007 Chpryelle Carr <i>School of Medicine</i>	2003 Caroline Gary <i>School of Law</i>
2017 Matthew Mackenzie Kahrman <i>School of Medicine</i>	2011 Andi Thomas Sullivan <i>School of Theology</i>	Steuart Hutchings Botchford <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	2002 Rachel Gunter Shapard <i>School of Theology</i>
2016 Ebony Jervonne' Brown <i>School of Law</i>	2010 Gloria Ann Jordan <i>College of Professional Advancement</i>	2006 Hollie Benet Preston <i>College of Nursing</i>	2001 Stephanie Anne Shelton <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>
2015 Ashley Wilkerson Finney <i>College of Pharmacy</i>		2005 John Michael Carroll <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	2000 Virginia Campbell Leslie <i>School of Medicine</i>
		Dennis Drummond <i>College of Education</i>	

WALLACE ODELL DUVALL EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

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

ELIZABETH MERCHANT

School of Business



Elizabeth Merchant, in addition to embodying academic excellence, has exceptional leadership skills, the ability to influence and inspire others and strong, masterful stewardship. While managing the responsibilities of being a student-athlete on Mercer's Division I beach volleyball team, she also holds and honorably serves in several leadership positions, including president of the *Bear Market Newsletter*, unifying a team of 20 student writers to produce three, 30-page newsletter issues per year; president of Beta Alpha Psi, leading more than 25 of the highest achieving accounting and finance students in hosting professional networking events and educational seminars; president and executive board member of the Financial Management Association, organizing and hosting monthly educational talks by financial professionals and alumni; and Supplemental Instructor leader at the Academic Resource Center, tutoring two class sections of managerial accounting to help accounting majors increase their test and class averages.

As co-captain of the beach volleyball team, she spends an average of 20 hours per week year-round training through weightlifting, practicing and conditioning. All the while, Merchant has remained on the Dean's List, President's List and academic honor roll for the Atlantic Sun Conference and maintained a Mercer academic scholarship.

Merchant is very well regarded and respected by her peers and leads with humility, dedication and firmness of purpose. She is most deserving of this award in leadership.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adam Penland <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kaitlin Chance <i>College of Nursing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amy Carol Abel <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Samson Julius Alva <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">James Derek Cook <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jimmy Thomas Howell <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Larissa Spell <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2019</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mica Q. David <i>College of Nursing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Tekesky <i>College of Nursing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Christopher Elder <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND EARLIER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">William Arnold <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blair Cox <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Andy Lane <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eric Trivett <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emily M. Thompson <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noah Maier <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephanie Ard <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Julia Bowen <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Daniel Crager <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Adam Neal <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jamanda Turner <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aaron Micheal Scherf <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Andrew Jones <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">James Derek Cook <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Megan Boyd <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ben Drew Cravey, III <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Nelson <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jamil Wideman <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Knight Wozniak <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Margaret McCampbell <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stacey Irene Harwell <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Michael Bryan <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John Christopher Elder <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pamela Popwell <i>School of Business</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Becky Wilcox <i>School of Business</i></p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Kala Cartwright <i>School of Engineering</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rhett Fraser <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emily Salman <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Megin Lea Williams <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Crystal Garmon <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tiffany Gibson <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amber Sandlin <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gary Wood <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</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.

McPHERSON NEWELL

School of Engineering



Transgender and disabled, McPherson Newell understands personally that bodies are complicated. Newell is studying biomedical engineering to develop devices and therapies that help adapt complicated bodies to the physical world. They are also taking classes in disability studies and advocating for transgender and disability rights because they understand that policy decisions also determine how people with complicated bodies live, so advocacy is crucial to ensuring that all people can live safe, productive lives.

Newell has been an extremely effective advocate for equality and accessibility at Mercer. In their first year at Mercer, they were elected president of LGBTQ student organization Common Ground. They have shown extraordinary leadership ability, using this organization to develop a visible and welcoming community for LGBTQ students at Mercer.

Newell's most significant intervention is a program called Rainbow Connection that teaches faculty and staff how to support LGBTQ students. Since the program developed, dozens of faculty and staff members have undergone training, safe spaces have appeared across campus and many campus restrooms have been designated gender neutral.

Newell has been named a Goldwater Scholar and Newman Civic Fellow and was selected as a finalist for the Truman Scholarship. This past fall, they were chosen as a finalist for the extremely prestigious Marshall Scholarship, making them the third Mercer student to achieve that distinction and one of the most highly decorated students in the University's history.

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.

SHAILEY SHAH

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



Shailey Shah is an exceptional student with a profound sense of service. Before coming to Mercer, Shah traveled to India with her family and saw a young boy drinking water out of a stagnant pool on the roadside because he lacked access to clean water. When she returned home, she was inspired to begin experimenting in her high school lab to create a low-cost water filtration device.

Now as a pre-med student with a mindset to tackle global issues, she is majoring in biochemistry and has worked on a research project combating antibiotic resistance that was recently published. Her sophomore year, she was awarded a research grant at the Institute for Bioorganic Chemistry in Jülich, Germany, where she worked to characterize the antimicrobial potential in rice protein. Shah has also traveled abroad to learn about global health issues directly. In Vietnam she served amputee patients as a prosthetic fitter, in Cuba she engaged with community medical professionals to understand their national healthcare system, and in India she shadowed physicians and learned about alternative medicine.

Though she has clearly prioritized her academic work at Mercer, Shah has also devoted significant time and energy to Mercer's community through her leadership. She participated in Leadership Mercer, the Mercer Ambassador Program, and the Mercer Prosthetics and Orthotics Club as Research Lab Secretary. However, her most significant contribution is Real Talk: Student Edition, a platform she co-founded where students share their stories and normalize conversations about mental illness and life challenges.

Shah embodies the characteristics that Mercer aspires to cultivate in students — engaged learning, community service and a vision to change the world.

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

MATTISON BAILEY KERNEA

School of Medicine



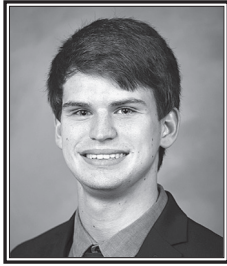
Mattison “Bailey” Kernea is a graduating fourth-year medical student from Chickamauga who exemplifies the spirit of the McAfee Scholarship through her willingness to take risks and step outside of the academic realm to make a difference in the lives of others. Kernea has shown grit and determination over challenges throughout her life and exhibited a lion’s heart for service.

She earned the medical school’s Distinction in Service to the Community (DISC) recognition for the creation and implementation of the Dalton Middle School Medical Camp, a day camp designed to provide service to an underserved area of her northwest Georgia community. Through the project, Kernea planned and led a weeklong camp for 30 Whitfield County middle school students that helped them with study skills, especially with final exam preparedness, and introduced them to animal dissection. The goal of the camp was to instill confidence in the participants and spark an early interest in the field of medicine. She has also volunteered with Feed the Front Lines Georgia to provide hot meals from local restaurants to frontline health care workers during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the Teddy Bear Clinic, whose goal is to introduce local elementary school students to science. Additionally, Kernea has spent the last 10 years volunteering at T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital. This experience influenced her interest in pediatrics. She intends to complete her residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston Salem, North Carolina, before returning to Georgia to practice.

Kernea’s academic record places her comfortably in the top 10% of her class, and she has earned induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society and nomination to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She was also selected based on academic merit to serve as a peer tutor for the School of Medicine.

COLIN PETHERBRIDGE

School of Engineering



Colin Petherbridge is a junior double-major in computer and electrical engineering from Jonesboro whose passion for learning and leadership has enabled him to excel academically as well as in the areas of research and service.

Petherbridge plays an integral role in both the Mercer Robotics Club (MRC), where he currently serves as vice president, and the School of Engineering's Machine Intelligence and Robotics Laboratory. Petherbridge is a lifelong tinkerer who, as a first-year Mercer student, designed and built an electric longboard that he presented at the Atlanta Science Festival and also rides around campus. He is currently leading a project to design new and more accurate weather balloon payloads, base tracking station, hardware and software for NASA's High Altitude Research Platform, a program that allows students and their universities to launch research up to 100,000 feet into the atmosphere. Additionally,

Petherbridge works at Mercer Engineering Research Center, where he has found a crucial link between two major databases used by the United States Air Force.

Because he wanted to help others when the COVID-19 pandemic began last spring, Petherbridge remained on campus to work with one of his engineering professors in designing and 3D printing masks for local hospitals. He also worked on the design, testing and implementation of a reusable filter adapter for a full-face snorkel mask for surgical teams. Petherbridge has participated in two Mercer On Mission trips — to South Korea, where he taught English and LEGO Robotics to North Korean refugees, and to Rwanda, where he surveyed and performed feasibility analysis on engineering-based community projects and taught business plans to women affected by the genocide.

As president of Mercer's chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Petherbridge led a team that competed in the IEEEExtreme programming competition, placing in the top 30% of 5,000 universities. Outside of Mercer, he assists churches and non-profits through his audio, video and lighting company.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020 Jordan Teng <i>School of Engineering</i>	Parth N. Desai <i>School of Medicine</i> Andrew J. Kelley <i>School of Engineering</i>	2015 Andrew T. Eck <i>School of Engineering</i>	2012 Abraham A. Deng <i>School of Theology</i> Kaitlyn T. Schmitt <i>School of Business</i>	2009 Chris L. Kiker <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>
2019 Maclaren B. Brydon <i>School of Business</i> MaCayla J. Cook <i>School of Music</i>	Abigail E. Paris <i>School of Music</i>	2014 Emily Caitlin Dowling <i>School of Music</i> Dalton E. Turner <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	2011 Christopher L. Gaunder <i>School of Medicine</i> Matthew G. Townsend <i>School of Business</i>	2007 Bailey Edwards Nelson <i>School of Theology</i> Susan Elizabeth Yarbrough <i>College of Education</i>
2018 Shane Buerster <i>School of Business</i>	Emma R. Peel <i>College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>	2013 Alison L. Smith <i>School of Medicine</i> Ryan C. Bartholomew <i>School of Engineering</i>	2010 Ashley J. Mooney <i>School of Medicine</i>	2006 Rebekah Carol Duke <i>School of Theology</i> James Christopher Geiger, Jr. <i>School of Music</i>
2017 MaryGrace Bender <i>School of Music</i>	Aaron M. Scherf <i>School of Business</i> Jessy Togba-Doya <i>School of Theology</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 Sciences, 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 and Sciences, 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 Sciences, and taught for years in the Department of Christianity in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

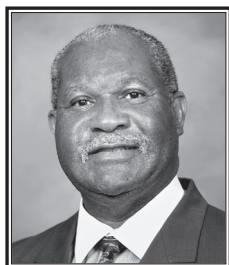
The Joe and Jean Hendricks Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes a full-time teacher in one of Mercer's 12 schools and colleges who best exemplifies the qualities that distinguished Joe and Jean Hendricks as teachers and mentors to generations of Mercer students:

- 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.

KEDRICK HARTFIELD

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



Dr. Kedrick Hartfield, Professor of Mathematics, best exhibits the qualities and virtues that were modeled by both Joe and Jean Hendricks. As an educator at Mercer University for 40 years, he is the longest-serving full-time faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the longest-serving Black professor at the University. Dr. Hartfield inspires and develops within students the practices of diligent study and grit in their pursuit of academic success. He also puts forth the effort as well by investing his own time in working with students. Dr. Hartfield explained, "There is nothing like understanding. That is more valuable than silver or gold. And to have someone understand something which they previously did not is just rewarding. And that's why I fell in love with teaching."

He has a reputation for being a tough and demanding teacher but at the same time a humble and caring mentor. Since 1982, Dr. Hartfield has supported the Upward Bound program by tutoring participants during the school year and teaching in its summer program. He welcomes Upward Bound and Mercer students to his office hours, helping the Upward Bound students believe that they, too, belong in a college environment and can accomplish any goal with hard work.

Dr. Hartfield commits himself to the success of the lesser-prepared students. He is often the first to arrive in his office in the morning and the last to leave in the evening, making himself widely available to help students. He builds learning communities by encouraging students to work together and hold peers accountable. His scholarship connects his passions for teaching mathematics, employing effective pedagogies, and improving the success rates of underrepresented students. He uses his personal story of perseverance as a motivator during talks with high school and college students.

Minority students at Mercer consistently call upon Dr. Hartfield as an essential resource and trusted adviser. He participates frequently in faculty-student mentoring functions hosted by the Organization of Black Students and other minority fraternities and sororities. In addition, other faculty seek his advice, whether it is a junior colleague asking for feedback on a tenure packet or an experienced faculty needing tips on how to connect with a struggling student.

His colleagues agree that Dr. Hartfield embodies the spirit and legacy of Papa Joe Hendricks, a spirit of sacrificial and relentless service, fearless perseverance in the face of opposition and difficulty, and constant focus on the well-being of students and the University. Dr. Hartfield is a true asset to the Mercer community and most worthy of this recognition.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
COMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 8, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

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., D.D. <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	Jennifer Tarbutton, M.D. <i>Chair, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Macon</i>
Introduction of Speaker	D. Scott Davis, Ph.D. <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address	Delvecchio S. Finley <i>President and Chief Executive Officer of Atrium Health Navicent</i>
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	J. David Baxter, M.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Savannah</i>
Led by	Maurice M. Solis, M.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Columbus</i>
Military and Special Programs Recognition	Edwin Walker Grimsley, M.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Macon</i>
Alumni Welcome	Patrice Walker, M.D. <i>Chief Medical Officer, Atrium Health Navicent</i>
Special Music, <i>Here I Am Lord</i>	Mary Grace Roark, <i>mezzo soprano</i> <i>Composed by Dan Schutte</i> <i>Graduate Student in Vocal Performance, Townsend School of Music</i>
Benediction*	James Charles Elder, Jr., D.D.
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchner

**The audience is requested to rise.*

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Military Induction at the MUSM Auditorium immediately following – Invitation Only.

DELVECCHIO S. FINLEY

Commencement Speaker

Doctor of Science



Delvecchio S. Finley, President and CEO of Atrium Health Navicent, has more than 15 years of healthcare leadership experience. A Georgia native, Finley received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Emory University in Atlanta before obtaining a master's degree in public policy from the Sanford Institute for Public Policy at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Through hard work and a solid educational foundation, Finley quickly established himself within the healthcare industry, becoming a first-time CEO in his mid-30s.

A Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Finley serves on the American College of Healthcare Executives Board of Governors. He is also a board member for the American Hospital Association, member of the Council on Healthcare Spending and Value and the immediate past-chair of the America's Essential Hospitals Institute. He was also the chair-elect of the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems and a member of the California Hospitals Association board of directors, as well as multiple locally-based health boards, prior to his selection to lead Atrium Health Navicent.

Finley has been recognized by industry peers for several awards and commendations, including *Modern Healthcare's* Top 25 Minorities in Healthcare Watch List and its Up and Comers Award, *Becker's Hospital Review* Top Healthcare Executives under 40 and received the Robert S. Hudgens Young Healthcare Executive of the Year Award by the American College of Healthcare Executives.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

FACULTY MARSHAL

James Knapp, Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

READERS

Andrea Meyer Stinson, Ph.D.

Program Director, Master of Family Therapy Program

Susan Cline, Ph.D.

*LCME Faculty Accreditation Lead
Director, Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Program
Professor of Biochemistry*

Christy C. Bridges, Ph.D.

*Director, Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Program
Professor of Histology*

Maurice M. Solis, M.D.

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J. David Baxter, M.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Savannah Campus

Edwin Walker Grimsley, M.D.

Senior Associate Dean, 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.

2021 FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

John Henderson, M.D.

Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine

2021 STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Lara Michelle Khoury

DR. ANNA N. WALKER AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The Dr. Anna N. Walker Award for Teaching Excellence was developed in 2018 upon Dr. Walker's retirement and is deemed the highest award bestowed on a School of Medicine faculty member. The award acknowledges Dr. Walker's exceptional contributions to the School of Medicine and will annually recognize a faculty member who is an outstanding teacher and mentor dedicated to Mercer's mission.

2021 AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Gretchen Bentz, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Biomedical Sciences

Joyce Gulle, M.D.

Associate Professor, Pathology and Clinical Sciences Education

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

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Peachtree City, Georgia

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Tallahassee, Florida

LeTese Zahreya Council
Alpharetta, Georgia

Julieta Flores
Cumming, Georgia

Jasmine Marie Gosha †
Albany, Georgia

Veronica Rachel Hall †
Marietta, Georgia

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Michele Caye Hodges
Decatur, Georgia

Kenshayala Johnson
Warner Robins, Georgia

Nea Krpo
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Madison Marie Norris †
Smarr, Georgia

Olivia Michelle Pitzini †
Decatur, Georgia

Siranem Rodriguez
Lawrenceville, Georgia

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Aiken, South Carolina

Hannah Christine Simmons
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Patrick Christopher Tremaglio
Richmond, Virginia

Mikayla Chanteria Wimbush
Macon, Georgia

Christopher Phillip Woody †
Sharpsburg, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRECLINICAL SCIENCES

Daniel Akuoko
Tema, Ghana

Gabriela Barr
Watkinsville, Georgia

Rishi Bombaywala
Snellville, Georgia

Areasha Charania
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Senoia, Georgia

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Hahira, Georgia

Zachery Neil
Cumming, Georgia

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Suwanee, Georgia

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McDonough, Georgia

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Madeline Leola Weaver
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Dallas, Georgia

Katherine Hilton Wells
Thomson, Georgia

Marion O'Neil Williams, III
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Rachel Denise Williams
McDonough, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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Richmond, Georgia

Violet I. Iyahan
Hampton, Georgia

Jessica LaShae Jenkins
Memphis, Tennessee

Dakota Jordan Nale Lovett
Harlem, Georgia

Dina Michael †
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Elizabeth Holland Pittman
Nashville, Georgia

Elizabeth Omolara Shooaga
Dallas, Georgia

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Carrollton, Georgia

Ryan Taylor Foster
Brookhaven, Georgia

Taylor Hollingsworth ♦
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Ankita Kanwar
LaGrange, Georgia

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Buford, Georgia

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Peachtree City, Georgia

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Valdosta, Georgia

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Lawrenceville, Georgia

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Ball Ground, Georgia

Austin Reed Satterfield
Ball Ground, Georgia

Clayton Scott Seigel
Warner Robins, Georgia

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The Rock, Georgia

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Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia

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HIPPOCRATIC OATH

(MERCER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE VERSION)

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.

SCHOOL OF LAW
COMMENCEMENT

SCHOOL OF LAW COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 15, 2021 | 10:00 a.m. | Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>President of the University</i>
Prelude	Davis Badaszewski <i>University Organist</i>
Academic Procession*	Davis Badaszewski
Invocation*	Sarah Gerwig-Moore <i>Professor of Law</i>
Welcome	President of the University
Greetings from the Law School	Cathy Cox, '86 <i>Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Cathy Cox
Commencement Address	The Honorable M. Yvette Miller, '80 <i>Presiding Judge, Georgia Court of Appeals</i>
Student Awards	Alyssa Leffall <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
Special Recognitions	
George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence.....	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Reynold J. Kosek, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award	Lauren Nicole James <i>Editor in Chief, Mercer Law Review</i>
Conferring of the Juris Doctor	President of the University Cathy Cox
Charge to Graduates	Cathy Cox
Presentation of the Class of 2021	R. Stephen Poydasheff <i>President, Student Bar Association</i>
Hooding Ceremony	President of the University Cathy Cox
Benediction*	Sarah Gerwig-Moore
Academic Recession**	Davis Badaszewski

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JUDGE M. YVETTE MILLER

Commencement Speaker



Judge M. Yvette Miller is a Presiding Judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals. She was appointed to this court in 1999, making her the first African American woman to serve on the court in the history of the State. In 2009, Judge Miller became the first African American woman to serve the court as Chief Judge. One of the many highlights of her tenure as the Chief is that she implemented the e-filing initiative, which greatly improved access to the appellate court for attorneys and parties throughout the state of Georgia.

Prior to serving on the Court of Appeals, Judge Miller served on the State Court of Fulton County. Judge Miller is the first woman, first African American, and youngest person to serve as the Director/Judge of the Appellate Division of the State Board of Workers' Compensation. She also served as an Administrative Law Judge on the State Board of Workers' Compensation, as senior in-house litigation counsel for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), and as one of the first female prosecutors in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. Judge Miller began her private practice career in Jesup, Georgia, where she also owned and operated a car dealership.

Judge Miller received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Mercer University. She received her J.D. from Mercer University School of Law. Judge Miller has also earned an LL.M. in litigation from Emory University School of Law and an LL.M. in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 2019, at the Mercer Law Day celebration, Judge Miller was honored with the unveiling of her portrait at the ceremony. Judge Miller has also established an endowed scholarship for students at Mercer Law School to promote diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The scholarship assists law students with financial needs, particularly active students in the Law School's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) chapter.

Among her many professional and civic affiliations, Judge Miller serves on the Board of Trustees of Mercer University. She is a member of the Atlanta Bar Association, the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Gate City Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, the Commerce Club of Atlanta, the Lamar Inn of Court, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, the Azalea City Chapter of The Links, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

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Professor of Law

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*Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development,
Ellison Capers Palmer Senior Professor of Law*

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and Director of Experiential Education*

Karen J. Sneddon
Professor of Law

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Knox L. Allen <i>Cumming, Georgia</i>	Emerald Brooke Ezell <i>Athens, Alabama</i>	Patrick David Hitt <i>Waycross, Georgia</i>	Kimberly Megan Mimbs <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i>	Sydney Elizabeth Segers <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Andrew George Wharton * <i>Athens, Georgia</i>
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Kimberly Z. Andrews <i>Decatur, Georgia</i>	Zachary Davidson Findling <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Victoria Ashley Hudson <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Nicole Michelle Morrison **~ <i>Saint Simons Island, Georgia</i>	Galina Semenenko <i>Cochran, Georgia</i>	Hannah Kelsey Woods <i>Tifton, Georgia</i>
Young Woo Ann <i>Duluth, Georgia</i>	Leticia Naa Abia Fiscian <i>Santa Cruz, California</i>	Lauren Nicole James **~ <i>Griffin, Georgia</i>	Hannah Christine Myers <i>Cumming, Georgia</i>	Shailey Hemal Shah <i>Douglasville, Georgia</i>	Andrew Yun <i>Orange, California</i>
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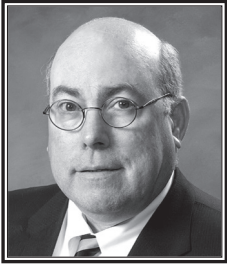
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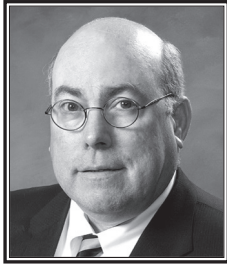
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Richard A. “Doc” Schneider, Senior Partner at King & Spalding, is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers who focuses on the defense of product liability claims and complex commercial disputes. He is also an appellate advocate arguing cases in appellate courts across the country on a broad range of subject matters.

With more than 35 years of experience, Schneider is a Trustee of the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society and gives lectures on the history of the Court and its controversial cases. He is ranked by *Chambers USA* and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in five practice areas, as well as in Georgia *Super Lawyers*.

He graduated first in his class from Mercer University School of Law in 1981. In addition to serving on the Mercer Board of Trustees from 2005-2020, he served as Chairman of the Board in 2014 and 2015.

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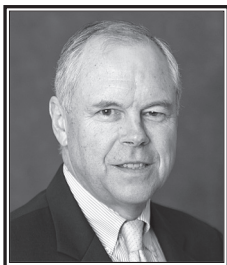
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Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Academic Procession*	Verdi's <i>Aida: Grand March</i>
Invocation*	Craig Thomas McMahan <i>Minister of the University and Dean of the Chapel</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	The Honorable Marc Treadwell <i>Mercer University Board of Trustees</i>
Special Music, <i>Duo for Violin and Cello</i>	Anna Black, violin <i>Bachelor of Music in Performance, Class of 2021</i>
Jessie Montgomery	Peyton Magalhaes, cello <i>Bachelor of Music in Performance, Class of 2021</i>
Introduction of the Speaker	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Message to the Graduates	Shailey Shah <i>Bachelor of Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Class of 2021</i>
Joe and Jean Hendricks Excellence in Teaching Award	The President of the University
Student Awards	Douglas R. Pearson <i>Vice President and Dean of Students</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Dean Anita Olson Gustafson <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Health Science</i>
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College of Professional Advancement	Dean Priscilla Ruth Danheiser <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor 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 Master of Athletic Training</i>
Presentation of Graduates	Edward J. Weintraut <i>Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Reader</i>
Alumni Welcome	John Andrew Patterson <i>Senior Vice President for University Advancement</i>
Alma Mater*	The Mercer Singers
Benediction	Craig Thomas McMahan
Academic Recession*	Verdi's <i>Aida: Grand March</i>

* The platform party will process and recess. Please stand.
There will be a phased dismissal for students, faculty and guests at the conclusion of the ceremony.

MARC TREADWELL

Greetings from the Mercer Board of Trustees



The Honorable Marc Thomas Treadwell is the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. Judge Treadwell joined the court in 2010 after his appointment by President Barack Obama and unanimous confirmation by the Senate. He became Chief Judge of the court in 2020. Prior to his appointment, he was a private practice attorney in Atlanta and Macon. Since 1999, he has served as an adjunct professor at the Mercer School of Law.

Born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in 1955, Treadwell earned his B.A. from Valdosta State University in 1978 and his J.D. from Mercer in 1981.

Judge Treadwell is currently serving his second term on the Mercer University Board of Trustees, having previously served from 2013-2018. He also serves as a trustee of the Peyton Anderson

Foundation, a trustee of the Walter F. George Foundation, a judicial fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a former chairman of the Vineville United Methodist Church Administrative Board.

SHAILEY SHAH

Student Commencement Speaker



Shailey Shah has thrived as a student, setting a high standard of academic excellence, and she has made campus a more welcoming and supportive environment for other Mercer students. She is passionate about connecting with people and embodies the characteristics that Mercer aspires to cultivate in its students — engaged learning, community service, and a vision to change the world.

Before coming to Mercer, Shah traveled to India with her family and saw a young boy drinking water out of a stagnant pool on the roadside because he lacked access to clean water. When she returned home, she was moved to begin experimenting in her high school lab to create a low-cost water filtration device.

Now as a pre-med student with a mindset to tackle global issues, she is majoring in biochemistry and has worked on a research project combating antibiotic resistance for over three years that was recently published. Her sophomore year, she was awarded a research grant at the Institute for Bioorganic

Chemistry in Jülich, Germany, where she worked to characterize the antimicrobial potential in rice protein. Shah has also traveled abroad to learn about global health issues directly. In Vietnam she served amputee patients as a prosthetic fitter, in Cuba she engaged with community medical professionals to understand their national healthcare system, and in India she shadowed physicians and learned about alternative medicine. Shah is a global scholar, and last year, she was one of the only two juniors selected for induction into Phi Beta Kappa.

Though she has clearly prioritized her academic work at Mercer, Shah has also devoted significant time and energy to Mercer's community through her leadership. She participated in Leadership Mercer, the Mercer Ambassador Program, and the Mercer Prosthetics and Orthotics Club as Research Lab Secretary. However, her most significant contribution is Real Talk: Student Edition, a platform she co-founded for student well-being where students share their stories and normalize conversations about mental illness and life challenges. She has even hosted a podcast called "Real Talk, Let's Talk" to further expand the reach of her platform's access alongside discussing the impact of current events on well-being.

Faculty members who have taught her have no doubt she will be an excellent physician in terms of technical ability and knowledge, but what makes her stand out is her unmatched personal character and her commitment to understanding and appreciating individuals.

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Welcome to the Mercer University Alumni Association! By virtue of your graduation, you join the ranks of almost 84,000 Mercerians in a common fraternity that began over 188 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 fluid and cursive.

Jill H. Kinsella
Associate Vice President & 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 Sciences, 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
Athletic Training	Sage Green
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Speech	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Therapy	Teal
Physician Assistant	Kelly Green
Psychology	Gold
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Theology	Scarlet



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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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 and sciences 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 9,000 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 84,000 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 and Sciences

Macon — The oldest and largest of the University's academic units, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is Mercer's academic cornerstone. The College offers baccalaureate programs in the humanities, fine arts, natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics and computer 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 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. 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 390 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

Macon, Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County and Online — Established in 1984, Mercer's Stetson-Hatcher School of Business is named for Eugene W. Stetson, a 1901 Mercer graduate and business pioneer who leveraged the first major buyout in corporate history, and his grandson Robert F. (Bob) Hatcher, a Macon businessman, longtime supporter, Life Trustee and former board chair for the University. 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 in order to develop innovative leaders who are responsible global citizens.

Stetson-Hatcher School of Business is an accredited member of AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — which places it among the top five percent of business schools worldwide. Mercer's business school has been recognized as one of the "Best Business Schools" in the United States by both The Princeton Review and *U.S. News & World Report*. It has been recognized among "MBA Programs Where Grads Make More Money Than They Owe."

The Evening MBA was included among the top 200 MBA programs in the country, and the Online MBA was ranked among the top 100 Online MBA programs nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*.

School of Engineering

Macon and Online — 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 methodologies and technologies. The School of Engineering marked its 30th anniversary in 2015, and its undergraduate program is consistently ranked among the top programs 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, research and real-world problem-solving. The School has produced 12 Goldwater Scholars in the last eight years — including an unprecedented three recipients in both 2019 and 2020 — and eight Department of Defense SMART Scholars in the last six years.

College of Education

Macon, Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County and Online — 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. Tift 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. In addition, the College offers some fully online and blended graduate-level programs.

School of Theology

Atlanta and Online — Established in 1996, Mercer's 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. McAfee shares Jesse Mercer's concern that churches have pastor-leaders who understand Scripture and can clearly articulate their Christian beliefs. The mission is to prepare ministers who will inspire the Church and the world to imagine, discover and create God's future. 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.

College of Professional Advancement

Macon, Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County and Online — Mercer University's College of Professional Advancement is committed to offering undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, along with lifelong learning opportunities, for adults who seek leadership roles in their community and beyond, professional transition and advancement, and lives that have meaning and purpose. 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, health care, leadership and administration, liberal arts, public safety and technology.

School of Music

Macon — Mercer's 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. Townsend 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 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, athletic trainers, clinical psychologists, public health professionals and biomedical scientists.

School of Medicine

Macon, Savannah and Columbus — Mercer's 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 through education, service, research and collaboration. Today, a majority of graduates practice in the state of Georgia, and Mercer is a leader in the nation for those who are practicing in rural or medically underserved areas. The School's educational environment is founded on a patient-based learning philosophy that is case-driven and provides early patient care experiences. This innovative, hands-on approach results in better long-term retention of content and prepares students for a variety of clinical challenges. With multiple locations throughout Georgia, Mercer University School of Medicine offers a campus environment for every type of student. The Macon campus was established in 1982. The Savannah campus was established in 2008 and is located on the hospital campus of Memorial University Medical Center. The Columbus campus began in 2012 and offers clinical education for third- and fourth-year students, with a four-year campus to be completed in late 2021 or early 2022.

College of Pharmacy

Atlanta — The College of Pharmacy advances health through innovations in teaching, research, patient-centered care and service. Mercer is ranked the No. 1 private pharmacy school in the Southeast by *U.S. News & World Report*. With an enrollment of more than 500 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 is the longest established nursing program in Georgia. With a rich history dating back to 1902 and more than 8,200 alumni, the College is grounded in the heritage of excellence in nursing education. The College strives to advance the nursing workforce through multiple degree options, and faculty are devoted to academic excellence through a student-centered approach to learning. Nursing faculty are 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

Macon and Atlanta — 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 600 students, the College seeks to improve the health and quality of life of individuals and society through excellence in teaching, research and service.

MERCER UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Mercer University Libraries seek to embody a patron-driven philosophy by practicing excellent customer service, making available learning-centered gateways of information resources, by offering robust collections in support of the academic mission of the Mercer University community, and by utilizing patron-driven materials acquisition models. The libraries provide a wide range of print

materials and cloud-based resources such as eBooks, eJournals, streaming media, research guides and how-to videos.

In addition, the libraries participate in the campus academic enterprise through virtual reference services, group information literacy sessions, one-on-one reference tutorials, and the availability of cloud-based reference tools designed for 24/7 access to online tutorials and electronic resources.

The various library facilities contain multiple learning environments designed for mixed study scenarios, including comfortable spaces for group gatherings, quiet areas for individual work and private group study rooms for collaborative projects. The Swilley and Tarver libraries offer Bear card-accessible 24/7 spaces.

The Mercer University Libraries Include:

- Jack Tarver Library, Macon
- Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Library, Atlanta
- Regional Academic Center Library Services supporting programs in Henry County and Douglas County

Specialized Libraries at Mercer:

- Skelton Medical Library serving students on the Macon and Columbus campuses
- Skelton Library in Savannah serving the School of Medicine on the Savannah campus and the Memorial University Medical Center
- Furman Smith Law Library in the School of Law, Macon

MERCER MEDICINE

Mercer Medicine is a primary care facility with specialty providers and services offered in-house through offices in Macon, Plains, Peach County, Clay County and Putnam County that serve patients throughout Central and South Georgia. Primary care providers guide patients through their health journey and create strong, long-term relationships. This personalized care reflects Mercer Medicine's mission to provide compassionate and comprehensive care for each of its patients. If a medical issue arises that requires the attention of a specialist, primary care providers can send patients to one of several in-house departments, including cardiology, endocrinology, infectious disease, psychology and mental health, pulmonology and sports medicine.

MERCER ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER

Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) is the nonprofit applied research operating unit of Mercer University. Located in Warner Robins, MERC was established in 1987 to provide engineering and scientific services, research and specialized technical expertise to Robins Air Force Base, other Department of Defense entities and commercial customers. MERC's core competencies include electrical engineering, electronic warfare, test and evaluation, embedded software, custom software development, cybersecurity, computational fluid dynamics, human factors and biomechanics, finite element analysis, structural integrity, mechanical testing, non-destructive inspection, reverse engineering and prototyping. MERC employs interns who 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 1,600 books since its establishment in 1979. It publishes some 35 new books each year in the areas of religion, philosophy, Southern history, regional studies, and creative writing. The Press holds membership in the Association of University Presses.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Mercer University is the only NCAA Division I private institution in Georgia and competes in the historic Southern Conference (SoCon). In the 2019-2020 academic year, 83 percent of Mercer student-athletes achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better. The average GPA for all student-athletes for the year was 3.514. Mercer athletes led the SoCon with 341 named to the Academic Honor Roll, including 41 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, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Samford University, The Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.

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.

Chorus

Forward ever be thy watchword
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