



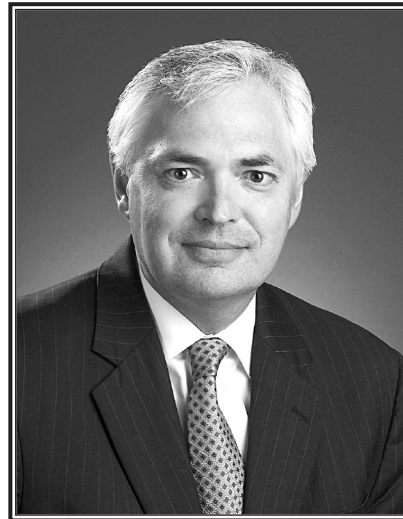
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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, reading "William D. Underwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William D. Underwood
President

MERCER UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

Approximately 2,351 students will participate in Mercer University's 2022 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 7, 2022 | 2:00 p.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

SCHOOL OF LAW

Saturday, May 14, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.
Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

ATLANTA

Sunday, May 15, 2022 | 12:00 p.m.
Gas South Arena, Duluth, Georgia
*College of Nursing | College of Pharmacy
College of Health Professions*

Sunday, May 15, 2022 | 5:00 p.m.
Gas South Arena, Duluth, Georgia
*School of Business | College of Education
College of Professional Advancement | School of Theology*

MACON

Monday, May 16, 2022 | 8:00 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 over 189 years has developed a number of cherished traditions.

SPIRES AND TOWERS

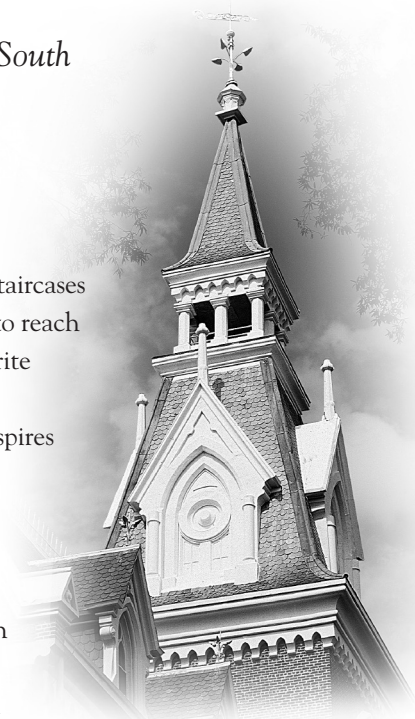
Each fall, part of new student orientation includes a trek up a combination of ladders, spiral staircases and wooden stairs in the Godsey Administration Building, the Macon campus' oldest structure, to reach the tower overlooking campus. Students write their names, graduating years and sometimes favorite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



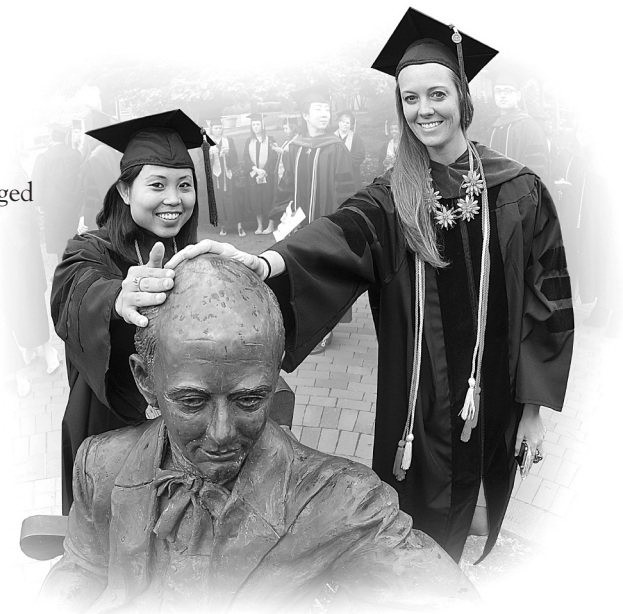
JESSE MERCER PLAZA

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.

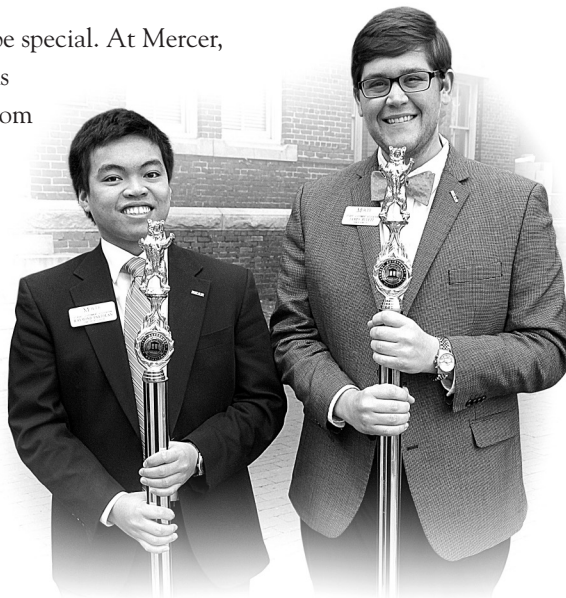
The statue was unveiled in 1995 in conjunction with the re-introduction of the tradition of Founders' Day. The statue was paid for by a Student Government Association fund established specifically for constructing the Jesse Mercer statue.

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.

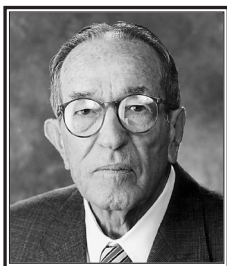


GRIFFIN B. BELL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



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 Gov. 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.

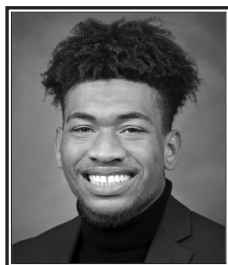
He served as U.S. Attorney General until August 16, 1979, when he returned to King & Spalding, serving as chair of its Policy Committee. An active counselor and adviser to leaders in Congress, the U.S.

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

SOMTOCHUKWU “SOMTO” OBIGBU

College of Health Professions



As an individual who desires to have a career in medicine, working from a patient-centered care and community-oriented perspective, unlike many other pre-med majors focused on class performance and med school prep, Somtochukwu Obiegbu has shown evidence that his purpose of helping others extends outside of clinical intervention with patients. Obiegbu has dedicated his time toward not only his advancement and development, but the lifespan development of those around him.

As a resident assistant and senior administrative assistant with Mercer’s Housing and Residence Life Department, Obiegbu has been an integral contributor to student success outside of the classroom, as he not only operates as a community facilitator, but also serves as a referral agent, program developer, University representative, safety representative and conflict moderator for students within the hall.

Being one of 30 cohort members of Leadership Mercer, he was vital to the development and implementation of a service project tailored toward raising money and soliciting food donations to benefit the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank and local residents.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Obiegbu jumped at the opportunity to implement learned skill sets as a public health leader and innovator by serving as a Student Government Association COVID-19 Task Force member. Because of his involvement with the task force, Obiegbu was able to further his impact in the larger community as a COVID-19 ambassador with the non-profit organization CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort). In that role, he was instrumental in reducing vaccine hesitancy, debunking vaccine misconceptions and increasing vaccination initiation and completion rates in Macon.

As a tutor with America Reads/America Counts, Obiegbu has assisted elementary students in the areas of reading comprehension and applied mathematics. In this role, he is also able to mentor and guide these students not only toward academic success but navigating life decisions, as well.

He also has dedicated his time as a volunteer with the Macon Revitalization Project, planning various community service activities such as trash pickup and residential construction and repair. Additionally, he helped lead South African mission trips in 2019, overseeing a sports development program for children, ages 5-16, instilling life skills and safe habits.

Obiegbu has truly embodied what it means to “major in changing the world” and epitomizes what it means to be a Mercer Bear.

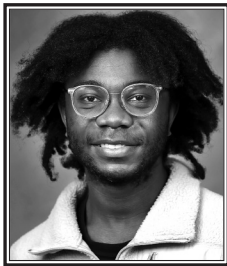
WALLACE ODELL DUVALL EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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.

CAMERON WADE

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



Cameron Wade is the definition of a Mercer scholar. He has conducted scholarly research toward completion of two undergraduate theses, as well as multiple research projects to support his academic coursework. With the same passion, thoughtfulness and drive through which he approaches challenges, Wade has exhibited leadership by choosing to grapple with crucial and relevant topics such as the prevalence of rape culture in Greek life and racialization in contemporary media culture.

Wade is a highly dedicated peer advisor and strives to match his first-year orientation group students with great clubs and activities across campus. He has served as a writing tutor in the Academic Resource Center and held three chairperson positions through Sigma Nu Fraternity, which focused on new member education, development and social event planning. He currently serves as director of diversity and inclusion on the Interfraternity Council.

Wade is known in college debate communities across the nation as a formidable opponent, but also a friendly and congenial colleague. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, his expectations for his college debate experience shifted wildly from the usual national travel and in-person tournaments to challenging, often technologically frustrating, online tournaments through platforms like Zoom. As many college debate programs struggled with retention, Wade continued to approach competitive debate and his leadership role as team captain with energy, motivation and positivity. He has led the Mercer team to victory multiple times, including being named National Parliamentary Debate Association Top Novice Speaker in 2020 during his first year of collegiate debate and National Parliamentary Debate Association Top Speaker in 2021.

Wade is an extraordinary student leader, not only demonstrating leadership in the traditional sense of the word through his campus involvement, but also through his humility and the way he chooses to serve and support others.

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.

CAROLINE JACKSON

School of Business



Caroline Jackson embodies the characteristics of this prestigious award: scholastic achievement, personal integrity, service to the community and commitment to spiritual values. An accounting major minoring in global development studies, she is a member of three honor societies: Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi. She is also a member of the women's choir, serves as president of Mercer Ambassadors, is a peer advisor to first-year students and interns in the Office of International Programs. She was selected for these roles because of leadership, integrity and commitment to excellence.

Jackson's commitment to spiritual values can be witnessed through her engagement with Mercer's Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM). She served as worship coordinator for BCM and was responsible for recruiting and organizing band members each week.

She is a Mercer Service Scholar in the University Honors Program and is a member of a cohort striving to create change in Macon by addressing systematic poverty and injustice. Jackson participated in two Mercer On Mission projects. In Rwanda, she provided business consulting services to women entrepreneurs. She taught English, STEM, music and art to children in Mongolia and studied abroad for a semester in Spain where she tutored children from refugee families in English.

Jackson has served her campus community, the Macon community and the global community. Moving forward, her main desire is to serve and teach in an area where there is great need and ultimately obtain her master's degree in higher education.

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.

AMELIA RIVERS

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Music



Amelia Rivers is embedded in the spirit of the School of Music and ready to break any barriers in front of her with her sharp critical thinking. Her GPA of 4.0 and double-major in music and English are proof of her achievements, but certainly not enough to describe her commitment to the academic environment and to the community. As a classically trained pianist, she brings uniqueness and authenticity in a world that too often tends toward standardization and conformity.

Saying that she serves the community is an understatement. She often volunteers for music events at Townsend and, as a Mu Phi Epsilon affiliate, gives of her time and talent to play piano at local retirement communities. She is also the founder of the "Get Better with Books" project, a book exchange in a local pediatrician's office to help encourage children to read.

Rivers is involved in researching and promoting local artists for the Center for Engaged Learning; editing and designing for *The Dulcimer*, the University's literary and arts magazine; editing and proofreading for Mercer University Press; and serving as alto section leader for Mulberry Street United Methodist Church Choir. She also serves as president of the Point Blank Poetry Club.

Humble in her approach and communication style, yet strong in her ideas, Rivers is an exemplary Mercer Bear and promising future leader.

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 health care industry, he served as chairman of Hallmark Systems, Inc., an Atlanta-based health care ownership and management firm. He also was chairman of the board of *Baptists Today*. He was a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and Georgia State University in Atlanta. He received honorary doctorates from Union in 1990 and Mercer in 1999.

The James T. McAfee, Jr., Endowed Vision and Leadership Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 by his wife and his son, J. Thomas McAfee, III, a graduate of Mercer's School of Business and a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

VIVIAN ANDERSON

School of Medicine



Vivian Anderson is a graduating fourth-year Doctor of Medicine student enrolled on the School of Medicine's Savannah campus. She grew up on a farm in northwest Georgia, where her parents, both practicing physicians, instilled lessons of respect for the land and animals.

After tending a one-acre vegetable garden with her siblings as a teenager, Anderson learned firsthand the time and attention required to grow one's own food, but also began to understand the relationship between good nutrition and overall health. Her interest in animals also began while she was raising chickens on the farm.

Anderson continued and built upon that interest at the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in avian biology, *summa cum laude*. She earned both the top junior and top senior awards in her academic major. Anderson was a research assistant in placental malaria research while an undergraduate student, demonstrating proficiency in mouse-handling techniques and microscopy techniques. She was also an officer in Laudato Si Environmental Club that focused on beekeeping, composting and environmental stewardship at the University of Georgia.

From high school through present day, Anderson has been a raptor handler and educator, training birds to ensure their ease around humans and giving lectures on avian biology to visitors and school groups attending Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center. She is a licensed master falconer who trapped a red-tailed hawk in the wild and trained alongside him in the fields and forests surrounding her home. Anderson is also a wildlife rehabilitator and trained guide dogs while in college as a volunteer with the Guide Dog Foundation.

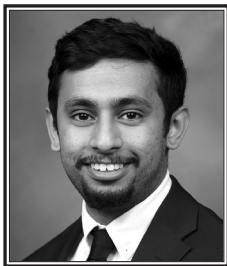
With her natural proficiency with animals, Anderson intended to enroll in veterinary school. She realized, however, after shadowing an orthopedic surgeon, that providing medical care to humans would be a better fit. Anderson has been a class leader since enrolling in the School of Medicine. She founded the Environment + Medicine Committee at the School and organized community service events such as beach cleanups, compost collection and recycling.

Anderson was in her second year of medical school when the pandemic started in the spring of 2020. Through a family member, she became more aware of the fears and anxieties of immunocompromised individuals and felt an obligation to do something to help. After asking herself, "What will I say I did to help during the pandemic?," Anderson established a contactless grocery delivery service for disabled and immunocompromised individuals. She worked with volunteer agencies to identify and deliver food and supplies to individuals in need. She also volunteered at the Chatham County Health Department to do COVID-19 testing and coordinate patient follow-up. Anderson published a scientific article on her reflections on learning as a medical student during the pandemic.

She exemplifies leadership and service as founder and president of the Environment + Medicine Committee, also called the "Gang Green," founder of the Trauma Informed Care Curriculum Committee and president of the Palliative Care Student Organization. Anderson demonstrates the initiative to find solutions to problems while serving as a compassionate health care advocate.

PREMKUMAR “PREM” PATEL

School of Business



Premkumar “Prem” Patel is a graduating senior enrolled in the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business in Macon. After moving to Macon when he was young, Patel absorbed the work ethic of his parents. He was accepted to several prestigious universities, but selected Mercer because he wanted to stay in Macon to continue helping his family.

Patel is no stranger to hard work. As a freshman, after completing his classes, he worked at Taco Bell. During his sophomore year, Patel began working at T-Mobile, using both his initiative and the skills he was learning in business school to help transform a poorly performing store into one of the best in Georgia.

Though Patel’s initial plan was to go to law school to become a corporate lawyer, he soon decided to double-major in accounting and finance. He has interned with Truist Financial’s commercial bank. As a team member for the CFA Research Challenge, Patel performed valuation of Genuine Parts Company and worked with a team to construct a written report of the company. Mercer’s team won the challenge against schools from Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia.

Patel became actively involved in the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), where students enrolled in the School of Business manage and invest \$1.2 million of university assets in publicly traded companies and is the organization’s current president. He has implemented, from his industry experience, changes to make the program more effective. He identifies and recruits students into finance and accounting and engages investment banks to ask them to interview Mercer students for internships. Patel believes that Mercer’s business students are as good as those from Ivy League schools and works to open opportunities for them. His efforts have helped place six SMIF students in the job market before their graduation.

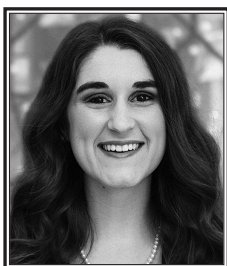
Patel has already secured a job with Park Sutton Advisors, an investment bank specializing in mergers and acquisitions. His drive to be the best makes his aspiration to be a fund manager by the age of 30 not farfetched. In addition to having great ambition, Patel wants to leave an impact on his community. As vice president of Beta Alpha Psi, an honor society for financial information students and professionals, he is filing taxes for low-income households in Middle Georgia through the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. He is president of the Howard High School soccer booster club and an expected board member for Rebuilding Macon.

GEORGE WALDO WOODRUFF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The George Waldo Woodruff Award of Excellence is Mercer Law School’s most prestigious award. Given to the graduating student who has the highest grade point average at the end of five semesters, the award honors George Waldo Woodruff, distinguished businessman, proponent of education and friend of Mercer University School of Law.

ELLIZA GUTA

School of Law



Elliza Guta earned CALI Excellence awards for the highest grade in 12 law courses and served as a group mentor for Constitutional Law, Torts, and Property. As a member of *Mercer Law Review*, her writing on website accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act was selected for publication in Volume 73 of the *Mercer Law Review* and was nominated for a national award. Guta is also a member of the Mercer Advocacy Counsel. She won the intraschool Lawson Moot Court Competition and competed on the ABA and National Moot Court competition teams. Guta and her advocacy partner, J. Chad Capers, won the Regional National Moot Court Competition and Best Brief Award. Additionally, she was named Best Individual Oralist and was one of four recipients of the Woodruff Scholarship, a merit-based scholarship that covers tuition and expenses while in law school.

In 2019, Guta graduated *summa cum laude* from Mercer with a bachelor’s degree in political science and psychology. Guta is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Macon and credits her success in law school to the unwavering support of her family, friends and faith in Christ.

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.

MARY ALICE MORGAN

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



Dr. Mary Alice Morgan earned a B.A. from Duke University (1977) and an M.A. (1979) and a Ph.D. (1992) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, before coming to Mercer in 1997.

Dr. Morgan's training is in 19th-century American literature, especially in those writers whose works comment on the social issues of the period, such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Frederick Douglass, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Upton Sinclair, and the subject of her dissertation, novelist William Dean Howells. In addition to teaching English courses covering these periods (ENG 352, 353 and 354), she also teaches a senior seminar (ENG 480) about changes in the American literary canon and general education courses, such as ENG 224 (Theme in Western Heritage) and the American literature survey (ENG 265).

Dr. Morgan also has training in women's studies and is a former chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Department where she developed service-learning courses on violence against women and sex trafficking.

She served as Mercer's senior vice provost for service learning from 2008-2020 and has been nationally recognized for her work, being named a finalist for the Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award that recognizes outstanding leadership in fostering community partnerships, conducting community-based research and enhancing higher education's contributions to the public good. An advocate for social justice both on campus and in the community, she has initiated projects to raise awareness about issues such as violence against women, sex trafficking, LGBT rights, poverty and racial inequality. She has co-led a Mercer On Mission trip to work in townships in Cape Town, South Africa, multiple times. She and her husband have two children.

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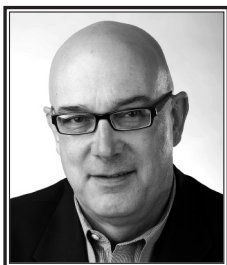
Saturday, May 7, 2022 | 2:00 p.m. | Hawkins Arena, University Center, Macon Campus

Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Call to Order	Paul C. McCommon <i>Trumpeter</i>
Academic Procession*	Mercer University Pipes and Drums
Invocation	James Charles Elder, Jr. <i>Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia</i> <i>Trustee, Mercer University</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the School	Jean Rawlings Sumner <i>Dean, School of Medicine</i>
Greetings from the Boards of Governors	Jennifer Tarbutton <i>Chair, School of Medicine Board of Governors, Macon</i> <i>Trustee, Mercer University</i>
Introduction of Speaker	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Commencement Address	Andy Miller <i>CEO and Editor of Georgia Health News</i>
University Honors	The President of the University
Special Awards	Jean Rawlings Sumner
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
Hippocratic Oath	J. David Baxter <i>Senior Associate Dean, Savannah</i>
Special Programs Recognition	Edwin Walker Grimsley <i>Senior Associate Dean, Macon</i>
Military Recognition	Maurice M. Solis <i>Senior Associate Dean, Columbus</i>
Alumni Welcome	Justin Peterson <i>OB/GYN, CRH Women's Center</i>
Special Music, <i>Here I Am Lord</i>	Melanie Buckner <i>Composed by Dan Schutte</i>
Benediction*	James Charles Elder, Jr.
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener <i>University Organist</i> Paul C. McCommon

**The audience is requested to rise. **The audience is requested to remain in place until the completion of the academic recession.
Military Induction will be held in Hawkins Arena immediately following – Invitation Only.*

ANDY MILLER

Commencement Speaker
Doctor of Humanities



Andy Miller has been a health care journalist for the past 30 years, and is the CEO and editor of *Georgia Health News (GHN)*. Since August, he has also been Southern Bureau Chief of Kaiser Health News, which GHN joined in 2022.

Miller graduated from Duke University in 1973 and received a master's degree in education from Duke in 1979. He was a social studies teacher and basketball coach in a North Carolina school system before switching careers to journalism.

He entered the master's degree program in journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1984. After a year there, he was hired by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, where he held various editing and reporting positions before switching to the health care beat in 1992.

He covered health care for the newspaper until mid-2009, when he took an early retirement. He won numerous state and national journalism awards for his newspaper reporting on hospitals, health insurers, state government and Georgia's mental hospitals.

Miller launched *Georgia Health News*, a nonprofit journalism organization, in 2010. GHN has forged partnerships with more than 25 journalism organizations. He has a weekly statewide radio show on NPR stations in Georgia.

Miller has been an Association of Health Care Journalists (AHCJ) member for more than 20 years and has served as the Atlanta chapter's president. He is a past AHCJ board member.

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Associate Dean, Admissions

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Director, Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Program
Assistant Professor of Microbiology

Christy C. Bridges, Ph.D.

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

Maurice M. Solis, M.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Columbus Campus

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.

2022 FACULTY HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Y. Monique Davis-Smith, M.D.

Professor

2022 STUDENT HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Rema Basem Elmostafa

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.

2022 AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Richard McCann, Ph.D.

Professor and Associate Dean of Admissions

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

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Macon, Georgia

Alana Nichole Barkman
Hampton, Georgia

Baylee Jace Berkner
Macon, Georgia

Davin Alexandra Cobb
Columbus, Georgia

Dawn Marie DeLaney
Kathleen, Georgia

Mariah Caraway Driggers
Lyons, Georgia

Laura Dye Evans †
Macon, Georgia

Emoni Rashawn Evins
Richmond, Virginia

Elizabeth Blair Harison
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Shakera Hawkins
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Emily Mai-Phuong Henderson
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Kaela Shon Jackson †
Richmond, Virginia

Kiera Thayn Kuck
Highland, Utah

Zachary Michael H. Mildren
Summerville, Georgia

Quinten Pephrah Oppong
Winder, Georgia

Carson Renee Outler †
Columbus, Georgia

Kristen Suzanne Partin
Warner Robins, Georgia

Kathryn Grace Scoggins
Mobile, Alabama

Alexis Grace Smith
Cedartown, Georgia

Richard Cooper Spivey
Macon, Georgia

Mark Brandon Torphy
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hannah Charise Townsend
Atlanta, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PRECLINICAL SCIENCES

Steven Brooks
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Brennan Matthew Carter
Covington, Georgia

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Marietta, Georgia

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Newnan, Georgia

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Macon, Georgia

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Rome, Georgia

Ashley Ellen Traylor
Byron, Georgia

Kenderson Terrell Turner
Tifton, Georgia

LaKendra Kiana Young
Savannah, Georgia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Jamin Paul Ahn †
Decatur, Georgia

Katherine Elizabeth Braley
Orlando, Florida

Earl Gilmore Ford, IV
Camilla, Georgia

Jihyun Kim
Macon, Georgia

Ariel Joy Lipat †
Savannah, Georgia

Ashton T. McKinnon †
Douglas, Georgia

Persia Alexis Suárez
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DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

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Braselton, Georgia

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Charity Ruth Bray ✦
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Tallapoosa, Georgia

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Christopher Childs
Toccoa, Georgia

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Forsyth, Georgia

Kameron Alexander Clark
Flowery Branch, Georgia

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Cedartown, Georgia

Caitlin Elizabeth Craft-Hacherl ✦†
Ringgold, Georgia

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Thomasville, Georgia

Samantha Delaney ✦†
Cumming, Georgia

Kelly Marie Delgado
Omega, Georgia

Sydney Alexis Doolittle
Alpharetta, Georgia

John Philip Douglas
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Natalie Maria Duke
Locust Grove, Georgia

Brendan Ward Dukes
Clarksville, Georgia

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Johns Creek, Georgia

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Evans, Georgia

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Ellington
Winder, Georgia

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Marietta, Georgia

Alyssa Dela Cruz Fernando
Baxley, Georgia

Ashton Tanner Mauney
Fincher ✦
Cleveland, Georgia

Austin-John Fowler Fordham
Baxley, Georgia

Mason Olivia Garland
Hashton, Georgia

Andrew Pack George
Savannah, Georgia

Savannah Danielle Grunhard
Covington, Georgia

Elin Marie Hahn ✦†
Thomasville, Georgia

Sarah Jessica Hampton ✦
Tifton, Georgia

Kelly Lynn Hand ✦
Tifton, Georgia

Kelsey Bree Harper
Nashville, Georgia

Kamaree Jon Ross Harris ✦
Acworth, Georgia

Robert Wayne Harrison, II
Cumming, Georgia

Andrew Irving Hearn
Columbus, Georgia

Robert Greene Hill
McDonough, Georgia

Calleigh Hitt
Bowdon, Georgia

John Thomas Hurt, Jr. ✦✦†
Marietta, Georgia

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Savannah, Georgia

Megan Nicole Murphy Jones
Grovetown, Georgia

Calvin Young Ho Jung
Suwanee, Georgia

Mathew Joseph Karivelil
Liburn, Georgia

Hannah Pittman Keen
Statenville, Georgia

Kara Allyn Kelsey
McIntyre, Georgia

Yoonhee Kathleen Kim
Watkinsville, Georgia

Youngmin Kim
Newnan, Georgia

Himara Koelmeyer ✦
Rome, Georgia

Ashley Elizabeth Lall
Grovetown, Georgia

Jackson Henry Landow
Atlanta, Georgia

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Albany, Georgia

Holden Blayne Lee
Juliette, Georgia

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Pulaski, Georgia

Karlee Edwards Windmiller ✦
Good Hope, Georgia

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.

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SCHOOL OF LAW COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 14, 2022 | 10:00 a.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*	Jack Mitchener
Invocation*	Sarah Gerwig-Moore <i>Professor of Law</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the Law School	Karen Sneddon <i>Interim Dean and Professor of Law</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Karen Sneddon
Commencement Address	Justice Verda M. Colvin <i>Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia</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	Shreya H. Shah <i>Editor in Chief, Mercer Law Review</i>
Conferring of the Juris Doctor	The President of the University Karen Sneddon
Charge to Graduates	Karen Sneddon
Presentation of the Class of 2022	Amari Marche' Wilson <i>President, Student Bar Association</i>
Hooding Ceremony	The President of the University Karen Sneddon
Benediction*	Sarah Gerwig-Moore
Academic Recession**	Jack Mitchener

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JUSTICE VERDA M. COLVIN

Commencement Speaker

Doctor of Laws



Justice Verda M. Colvin was appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court by Gov. Brian Kemp on July 29, 2021, after having been appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals by Gov. Kemp on April 9, 2020. She previously served as a Superior Court judge in the Macon Judicial Circuit, which serves Macon-Bibb, Crawford and Peach counties, having been appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal on April 16, 2014.

Judge Colvin grew up in southwest Atlanta. She received her B.A. degree from Sweet Briar College in Virginia and her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Prior to her appointment, she was an assistant United States attorney in the Middle District of Georgia. Prior to her service with the federal government, she was an assistant district attorney in Clayton County and an assistant solicitor in Athens in Clarke County. She also served as assistant general counsel at Clark Atlanta University. All of this service followed her private practice in

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Judge Colvin is committed to service professionally and personally. She is a member of the Macon Bar Association, GABWA (Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys), GAWL (Georgia Association of Women Lawyers), the Rotary-Downtown Club, Fuller Center of Macon, Macon-Bibb Citizen Advocacy, Mount de Sales Board of Trustees, Jack & Jill of America (Macon Chapter), and several Inns of Court. She serves as co-chair of ONE MACON, as well. Additionally, she has continually served on various committees in her role as a jurist.

She is the mother of two children, Weston and Taylor, and the wife of Nathaniel Walker, with whom she shares two other adult children, Nathan and Nathalie.

COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

MARSHALS

Linda D. Jellum

Ellison Capers Palmer Senior Professor of Law

Katie Powers

Director of Advocacy

Scott C. Titshaw

Professor of Law

HOODERS

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Professor of Law

David Hricik

Professor of Law

Timothy W. Floyd

*Tommy Malone Distinguished Chair in Trial Advocacy
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Michael D. Sabbath

Professor of Law

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Danielle Georgiana Adams * <i>Canton, Georgia</i>	Douglas E. Comin ** <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Avery Hart Hayes * <i>Americus, Georgia</i>	Taylor Brooke Newberry <i>Bishop, Georgia</i>	Tyler Michelle Shaw <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Jake R. Wilkes * <i>Dublin, Georgia</i>
W. Patrick Adams <i>McDonough, Georgia</i>	Russell Braden Copeland ** <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Haleigh Nicole Hill <i>McDonough, Georgia</i>	Malory-Anne Alexandra Oliver <i>McDonough, Georgia</i>	Sammuel Jacob Slade <i>Alpharetta, Georgia</i>	Raymond Allen Williams <i>Macon, Georgia</i>
Emma Nelson Aguilar * <i>Cumming, Georgia</i>	Elizabeth Tate Crymes * <i>Newnan, Georgia</i>	Kigin Calla Hill <i>Alpharetta, Georgia</i>	Forbes Claybourne Ouzts * <i>Gainesville, Florida</i>	Joshua A. Slovin * <i>Johns Creek, Georgia</i>	Amari Marche' Wilson <i>Decatur, Georgia</i>
Madison Suzanne Alexander <i>Cordele, Georgia</i>	Carl William Dasher <i>Millen, Georgia</i>	Laney Elizabeth Ivey <i>Augusta, Georgia</i>	Thomas A. Parfenchuck, Jr. <i>Augusta, Georgia</i>	Michael D. Smith, III <i>Decatur, Georgia</i>	Jacob Colby Wilson * <i>Macon, Georgia</i>
Morli Bimal Amin * <i>Duluth, Georgia</i>	Matthew Alfred Day <i>Madison, Florida</i>	Olivia Edith Jackson <i>Fortson, Georgia</i>	Esther Sunjung Park <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i>	Joshua A. Snell <i>Canyers, Georgia</i>	Erin E. Wingo <i>Belmont, North Carolina</i>
Christina Rosa Anderson <i>Coconut Creek, Florida</i>	Howard Adler Dehner <i>DeBary, Florida</i>	Rutledge Woodruff Jones <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Akash Alpesh Patel <i>Suwanee, Georgia</i>	Sara N. Snowden **~ <i>Barnesville, Georgia</i>	Amanda Gutierrez Zapata <i>Salt Lake City, Utah</i>
Ashanti Armstrong <i>Tampa, Florida</i>	Mercedes DeLorenzo <i>Brunswick, Georgia</i>	Anna Mae Kersey ***~ <i>Macon, Georgia</i>	Karan Ajay Patel <i>Newnan, Georgia</i>	Olivia Kristen Spradley ***~ <i>Springfield, Georgia</i>	SPECIAL HOODING
Cameron David Alexander Atwood <i>Saint Simons Island, Georgia</i>	Michael LaRue Downing, Jr. ***~ <i>Augusta, Georgia</i>	Tyler D. Kitchens <i>Harlem, Georgia</i>	David Edward Penland * <i>Zebulon, Georgia</i>	Mark Richard Stewart <i>Powder Springs, Georgia</i>	Seth Timothy Golden * <i>Valdosta, Georgia</i>
Jesudunsin M. Awoyeye <i>Macon, Georgia</i>	Alison Elizabeth Drake * <i>Lawrenceville, Georgia</i>	Benton David Lewis <i>Lexington, South Carolina</i>	Milledge Meghan Pittman * <i>Milledgeville, Georgia</i>	Wimberly D. Stregles <i>Darien, Georgia</i>	Elizabeth Newman McBride * <i>Columbus, Georgia</i>
Jacob Barlar * <i>Stockbridge, Georgia</i>	Bubba Dunn * <i>Fitzgerald, Georgia</i>	Mary Elizabeth Loftus <i>Powell, Ohio</i>	Auline Middleton Ponder * <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Bailey Michacy Surapine <i>Newnan, Georgia</i>	Abby Rogers Tolbert <i>McDonough, Georgia</i>
Evans Christopher Blessy <i>Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire</i>	Austin Jared Eiseman * <i>Baltimore, Maryland</i>	Ashley Brooke Mallon **~ <i>Suwanee, Georgia</i>	Ashton Cole Porter ** <i>Dublin, Georgia</i>	Jackson Charles Taylor <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	JURIS DOCTOR/ MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Angela Marie Bohlin <i>Necedah, Wisconsin</i>	Morgan Gabrielle Evans <i>Mobile, Alabama</i>	Bailey Katherine Marshall <i>Asheville, North Carolina</i>	Wes Parker Rahn * <i>Richmond Hill, Georgia</i>	Amy Alise Thompson <i>Monroe, Georgia</i>	William Sterling Dixon, III <i>Newnan, Georgia</i>
Zachary Quinn Braz <i>Marietta, Georgia</i>	Bryce Everett <i>Valdosta, Georgia</i>	Sedaries Aaliyah Mathis <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Madeline Gracin Rentz <i>Baxley, Georgia</i>	Hanna L. Tinsley * <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	John Edward McGraw * <i>Sharpsburg, Georgia</i>
Julien Rene Brock <i>Los Angeles, California</i>	Madison Brynn Everett <i>Boston, Georgia</i>	Patrick Ryan McCartney <i>Bethlehem, Georgia</i>	Ali P. Ritch <i>Evans, Georgia</i>	Dalton Harrison Trammell <i>Newnan, Georgia</i>	Alixandra Christine Minadeo <i>Tybee Island, Georgia</i>
Justin Chad Capers <i>Warner Robins, Georgia</i>	Ashley Simone Ferguson <i>Fredericksburg, Virginia</i>	Colton Jarrett McRae <i>Thomaston, Georgia</i>	Randall Shane Roberts <i>Albany, Georgia</i>	Ben Tillman Tuten **~ <i>Savannah, Georgia</i>	
Dayton Olin Carter <i>Nicholls, Georgia</i>	Jordan Wallace Ferguson <i>Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</i>	Bryceson Delmar Erskine <i>Mercer, Ill</i>	Nicholas Ryan Rogers <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	Miles A. Voss * <i>Suwanee, Georgia</i>	<i>Final grades for graduates are not due until June. Degrees and honors will not be determined or become final until all grade point averages of students are computed in June. The program reflects those graduating students who, based on grades earned in the first five semesters, are likely to receive honors when final grades are calculated.</i>
Kameron DaShaun Chatman <i>Oceanside, California</i>	Thomas Elijah Francis * <i>Cumming, Georgia</i>	Cyrus Rafael Mirsajedin <i>Kennesaw, Georgia</i>	Emmett Franklin Rouse, Jr. <i>Luray, South Carolina</i>	Taylor Gregory Walker <i>Statenville, Georgia</i>	
Austin Clinton Chesteen <i>Columbus, Georgia</i>	Stephen Ryan Futrell, Jr. <i>Spartanburg, South Carolina</i>	Devyon Rachele Mode <i>McDonough, Georgia</i>	Daniel Mansour Saidali Samani <i>Titusville, Florida</i>	Anna Marie Celani-Washington * <i>Lilburn, Georgia</i>	
Emma Kristine Clark * <i>Fort Valley, Georgia</i>	Shalla Margaret Galanos <i>Saint Petersburg, Florida</i>	Hailey Tyler Morton * <i>Johns Creek, Georgia</i>	Hunter T. Scruggs <i>Loganville, Georgia</i>	Gregory Sharpe Washington <i>Valdosta, Georgia</i>	
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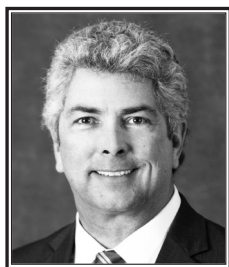
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Greetings from the Mercer Board of Trustees



Justice Michael P. Boggs was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia on Dec. 7, 2016, by Gov. Nathan Deal and was re-elected statewide in 2018. In March 2022, his colleagues on the Supreme Court elected him chief justice, effective July 18, 2022. Previously, Boggs served as a judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia from 2012-2016, as a Superior Court judge for the Waycross Judicial Circuit from 2004-2012 and as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 2000-2004.

Boggs was raised in Waycross and obtained his undergraduate degree in political science and psychology from Georgia Southern College in 1985. In 1990, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Mercer Law School.

Following his graduation from law school, Boggs briefly practiced insurance defense litigation in Atlanta before returning to his hometown of Waycross. He maintained a general civil trial practice until his election to the bench.

In 2000, he won election as a state representative to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served on the Judiciary, Public Safety, and Government Affairs committees and as chair of the Probate Law and Elections Law subcommittees.

After his election to the Superior Court in 2004, Boggs founded the Waycross Judicial Circuit Drug Court Program, served as its presiding judge and as a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia's Standing Committee on Accountability Courts.

Boggs served as a member of Georgia's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform in 2011 and as co-chair of the Georgia Criminal Justice Reform Council from 2012-2018 upon his appointment by Gov. Deal. Currently, he serves as a member of Gov. Brian Kemp's Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, where he chairs the Mental Health Courts and Corrections subcommittee, and as an appointee of Gov. Kemp to the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission.

Boggs serves as vice-chair of the Judicial Council of Georgia, where he chairs the Legislation Committee, and is a member of the Mercer Board of Trustees and Mercer Law School Board of Visitors.

He lives in Pierce County with his wife, Heather, a kindergarten teacher in the Ware County public school system.

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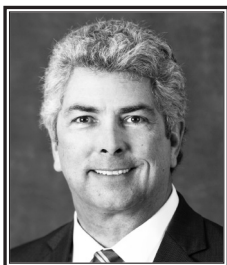
Presiding	William David Underwood <i>The President of the University</i>
Prelude	Verdi's <i>Aida</i> : Grand March
Invocation*	Penny Loraine Elkins <i>Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings and Words of Encouragement	The Honorable Michael Boggs <i>Mercer University Board of Trustees</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
School of Business	Dean Julie Ann Petherbridge <i>Bachelor of Business Administration Master of Accountancy Master of Business Administration Master of Science</i>
College of Education	Dean Thomas Raymond Koballa, Jr. <i>Bachelor of Science in Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Education Specialist in Education Doctor of Philosophy</i>
College of Professional Advancement	Dean Priscilla Ruth Danheiser <i>Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Master of Science Doctor of Philosophy</i>
School of Theology	Dean Clark Gregory DeLoach, III <i>Master of Theological Studies Master of Arts Master of Divinity Doctor of Ministry</i>
University Marshal	Susan Whitley Miller <i>Professor of Pharmacy Practice, College of Pharmacy</i>
Presentation of Graduates	Sharon Lim Harle <i>Assistant Vice President, Office of Alumni Services and University Special Events; Reader</i>
Alumni Welcome	Penny Loraine Elkins
Benediction*	Dean Clark Gregory DeLoach, III
Academic Recession**	

* The audience is requested to rise.

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

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Greetings from the Mercer Board of Trustees



Justice Michael P. Boggs was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia on Dec. 7, 2016, by Gov. Nathan Deal and was re-elected statewide in 2018. In March 2022, his colleagues on the Supreme Court elected him chief justice, effective July 18, 2022. Previously, Boggs served as a judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia from 2012-2016, as a Superior Court judge for the Waycross Judicial Circuit from 2004-2012 and as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 2000-2004.

Boggs was raised in Waycross and obtained his undergraduate degree in political science and psychology from Georgia Southern College in 1985. In 1990, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Mercer Law School.

Following his graduation from law school, Boggs briefly practiced insurance defense litigation in Atlanta before returning to his hometown of Waycross. He maintained a general civil trial practice until

his election to the bench.

In 2000, he won election as a state representative to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served on the Judiciary, Public Safety, and Government Affairs committees and as chair of the Probate Law and Elections Law subcommittees.

After his election to the Superior Court in 2004, Boggs founded the Waycross Judicial Circuit Drug Court Program, served as its presiding judge and as a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia's Standing Committee on Accountability Courts.

Boggs served as a member of Georgia's Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform in 2011 and as co-chair of the Georgia Criminal Justice Reform Council from 2012-2018 upon his appointment by Gov. Deal. Currently, he serves as a member of Gov. Brian Kemp's Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, where he chairs the Mental Health Courts and Corrections subcommittee, and as an appointee of Gov. Kemp to the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission.

Boggs serves as vice-chair of the Judicial Council of Georgia, where he chairs the Legislation Committee, and is a member of the Mercer Board of Trustees and Mercer Law School Board of Visitors.

He lives in Pierce County with his wife, Heather, a kindergarten teacher in the Ware County public school system.

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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 Chapel</i>
Welcome	The President of the University
Greetings from the Macon-Bibb Community	The Honorable Lester Miller <i>Mayor of Macon-Bibb County</i>
Special Music	<i>Sonata for Two Cellos in G Major</i> ii. <i>Allegro Prestissimo</i> Sara Scanlon and Constantine Janello Jean-Baptiste Barriere
Introduction of the Speaker	D. Scott Davis <i>Provost</i>
Message to the Graduates	Sarah Spalding <i>Bachelor of Science in Engineering, School of Engineering, Class of 2022</i>
University Honors	The President of the University
Student Awards	Douglas R. Pearson <i>Vice President and Dean of Students</i>
Conferring of the Degrees	The President of the University
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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*	Stanley Roberts <i>Arthur Lowndes Rich Professor of Choral Conducting and Associate Dean, Townsend School of Music</i>
Benediction*	Craig Thomas McMahan
Academic Recession*	Verdi's <i>Aida: Grand March</i>

* Please stand. The platform party, faculty and students will process and recess.

MAYOR LESTER MILLER

Greetings from the Macon-Bibb Community



Lester M. Miller is the second mayor of Macon-Bibb County's consolidated government, taking office January 1, 2021. He is an attorney, small business owner and lifelong resident of Middle Georgia who is recognized throughout the region as a community leader.

Prior to being elected mayor, Miller was elected twice to the Bibb County School Board, where he served three terms as president.

He owns three successful businesses in Macon-Bibb and is the founder and CEO of Game On Training, which began in 2012 and has grown to six locations across Georgia serving more than 1,200 youth.

Miller graduated with honors from Southwest High School in 1987 and earned his Bachelor of Science in political science from Mercer in 1991. In 1994, he received his Juris Doctor from Mercer Law School and went on to practice law in Macon for more than 27 years, representing the injured and disabled.

He is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia admitted to practice before the Georgia Superior Court, Georgia Court of Appeals, U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Courts (including Northern District of Georgia, Middle District of Georgia, and Southern District of Georgia), as well as all state, local, superior and municipal courts.

Miller and his wife, Toby, have been married for 32 years and have raised two sons, Tyler and Landon, who both graduated from Macon-Bibb public schools. Landon is a digital artist receiving his bachelor's degree from Mercer with a major in graphic design and a minor in business administration. This past fall, Landon concluded his four-year collegiate football career during which he served as a receiver and punt returner for the Bears.

SARAH SPALDING

Student Commencement Speaker



Sarah Spalding has dedicated her undergraduate career to research and service, and she has eagerly shared her knowledge with the community and her peers. As a biomedical engineering major, her passion for helping others and solving real-world problems has led to an impressive resume of accomplishments and experiences, including being named a Goldwater Scholar.

The majority of her research has been conducted with biomedical engineering professor Dr. Sinjae Hyun. Since her first year at Mercer, Spalding has helped produce Touch3D yearbooks for graduating students at Georgia Academy for the Blind. In 2019, she did additional 3D printing work and taught English and robotics to North Korean refugee children during a Mercer On Mission trip to South Korea. She has also led research projects on e-cigarette aerosol toxicity relative to tobacco cigarette smoke and the efficacy of face mask materials, mentoring 16 students in the process.

Through the Engineering Honors Program, Spalding has participated in adaptive tech builds such as Go Baby Go, through which battery-powered toy cars are modified to meet the needs of children with limited mobility. Spalding has also been heavily involved in the Biomedical Engineering Society as social media manager and mentor to first-year students, and she has participated on the club volleyball team.

Spalding enjoys sharing her research and has presented at nine conferences as well as to the Mercer University Board of Trustees, which she counts among the biggest honors of her undergraduate career. She also had the opportunity to speak to potential students during Engineering Scholars Day in fall 2021.

Engineering faculty members call Spalding a leader among her peers and note her ambition and motivation to always go above and beyond what's expected of her. With her skills and experiences, she is poised to become a successful biomedical engineering researcher.

MIKE MILLS

Doctor of Humanities



Mike Mills is one of the founding members of R.E.M., the internationally acclaimed rock band from Athens, Georgia. His vocal harmonies and intricate bass lines are longstanding trademarks of R.E.M.'s recordings and performances. Born in Orange County, California, Mills moved to Macon, Georgia, where he and drummer Bill Berry attended the same high school. The pair left Macon to attend the University of Georgia, where they teamed up with guitarist Peter Dinklage and singer Michael Stipe and began writing songs for the band that would become R.E.M.

Mills, the son of a tenor who sang on “The Ed Sullivan Show” and in the Naval Aviation Choir, developed a keen ear for harmonies and a talent for playing instruments at an early age. He has always been known for his musicianship, songwriting, vocals and production sensibilities in his work with R.E.M., as well as his side projects and solo works. He has also contributed piano, keyboards and assorted other instruments. After 31 years and more than 80 million records sold, R.E.M. disbanded in 2011, but the band members remain good friends and actively pursue further musical adventures and other artistic and humanistic pursuits.

R.E.M., one of the seminal groups of its generation, won numerous awards and toured most corners of the world throughout the band’s storied career. Despite several hit singles, such as “Losing My Religion,” “Man on the Moon,” “Nightswimming,” “Everybody Hurts” and “The One I Love,” R.E.M. always maintained its creative edge, and along with it, critical acclaim and a loyal and supportive fan base.

In 2016, Mills completed the composition “Concerto for Violin, Rock Band and String Orchestra” at the request of fellow Maconite and friend Robert McDuffie, founder of Mercer’s McDuffie Center for Strings in the Townsend School of Music. The composition’s world premiere was held in June 2016 in a performance by Mills and McDuffie alongside the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The concerto was recorded on March 5, 2022, at The Grand Opera House in a performance of “A Night of Georgia Music” featuring Mills, McDuffie, Rolling Stones keyboardist and former Allman Brothers Band member Chuck Leavell, and students from the McDuffie Center for Strings. It will air on public television stations across the country later this year.

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Benjamin Arthur Gilliland
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Tessa Lynn Hayman
Wilmington, Delaware
Conner Robert Krieger
Bogart, Georgia
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McNamara-Clement
Raleigh, North Carolina

Adam Penland
Hiawassee, Georgia
Jason Maurice Poe
Fitzgerald, Georgia
Delaney Shaye Ryan
Saint Petersburg, Florida
Payton Mackenzie Schanen
Woodstock, Georgia
Emily May Stradling
Bridgend, United Kingdom
Taya Alexandria Larissa Treiber
Luther, Michigan

Sierra Ann Votaw
Burke, South Dakota
Alvin Lee Ward
Ahoskie, North Carolina
Jordan Terrell Williams
Columbia, South Carolina
De'Angelo Bryce Wilson
Summerville, South Carolina
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Macon, Georgia
Sabrina Brown
Macon, Georgia

Rachel Ross Byrd
Macon, Georgia
Robert Bruce Elliott, Jr.
Macon, Georgia
Karen A. Hicks
Macon, Georgia

Angela Nelson Mitchell
Macon, Georgia
Breanna Smith-Jackson
Macon, Georgia
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Macon, Georgia

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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Caroline Gilley Cooke **
Macon, Georgia
Constantine N. Janello ***
Morton, Illinois

Samuel Andrew McDaniel ***
Yatesville, Georgia
Sara Elizabeth Scanlon **
Milford, Connecticut
Augusta Lynn Schubert ***
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Conyers, Georgia
Mary Grace Roark
Suwanee, Georgia
Sarah Jeanne Vermazen
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Jamea Renee' Harris
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MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Mercer University Alumni Association! By virtue of your graduation, you join the ranks of almost 85,000 Mercerians in a common fraternity that began over 189 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, 42 U.S. Supreme Court justices and more than 150 Nobel laureates have been inducted as members, along with countless authors, diplomats, athletes, researchers, actors and business leaders.

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Lauren H. Black
Senior | Monroe, Georgia

Alec M. Campbell
Senior | Warner Robins, Georgia

Katelyn E. Clamp
Senior | Aiken, South Carolina

Geneis Crimé
Senior | Dacula, Georgia

Sealy K. Dreyer
Senior | Newnan, Georgia

Aerin L. Farrell
Senior | Guyton, Georgia

Eliza J. Freedman
Senior | Macon, Georgia

Cameron L. Gifford
Senior | Atlanta, Georgia

Nayahna M. Gordon
Senior | Warner Robins, Georgia

Faith C. Harris
Senior | Guyton, Georgia

Seema Jindia
Senior | Smyrna, Georgia

Jasmine M. Lake
Senior | Dacula, Georgia

Emily A. Leonard
Senior | Wesley Chapel, Florida

Sarika G. Mahajan
Senior | Alpharetta, Georgia

Anita M. Medepalli
Senior | Atlanta, Georgia

Daniel A. Mendoza
Junior | Norcross, Georgia

Parneeta Mohapatra
Senior | Ooltewa, Tennessee

Anna G. O’Neal
Senior | Hahira, Georgia

Jenna E. Oldja
Senior | Matthews, North Carolina

Mitt D. Patel
Senior | Camilla, Georgia

Amelia K. Patrick
Senior | Birmingham, Alabama

Anna K. Peerbolte
Senior | Duluth, Georgia

Olivia G. Penela
Junior | Bainbridge, Georgia

Amelia B. Rivers
Senior | Newnan, Georgia

Mitchell M. Robinson
Senior | Canton, Georgia

Adrianna M. Rosario
Senior | Dacula, Georgia

Karrie M. Spain
Senior | Griffin, Georgia

Sydney L. Stallings
Senior | Summerville, Georgia

Emma A. Steinhaus
Senior | Lilburn, Georgia

Ashley A. Stephens
Senior | Newnan, Georgia

Sha’kira J. Thomas
Senior | Hiram, Georgia

Gabrielle M. Tibbetts
Senior | Evans, Georgia

Kimberly N. Tibbetts
Senior | Evans, Georgia

Jackson C. Van Meter
Senior | Fayetteville, Georgia

Pooja Vikraman
Senior | Cumming, Georgia

Lisbeth Villegas
Senior | Macon, Georgia

Carlin M. Weinberg
Senior | Macon, Georgia

Rachel J. Wright
Senior | Newnan, Georgia

Aubrey C. Wynn
Junior | Carrollton, Georgia

Natalie A. Yaeger
Senior | Tifton, Georgia

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*. More than 85,000 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 science, 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 25 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. Mercer has been frequently recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for "Best Undergraduate Teaching" and is listed among the "Best Undergraduate Computer Science Programs." 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 is committed to preparing students for high-quality, general practice in a supportive and professional learning environment. 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 387 students, Mercer Law continues to be recognized for preparing students for practice through its award-winning programs in legal writing, advocacy, experiential education and emphasis on ethics and professionalism.

School of Business

Macon, Atlanta, 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*. Mercer is listed as one of the "Best Undergraduate Business Programs" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and it has been recognized among MBA Programs Where Grads Make More Money Than They Owe.

The Evening MBA is included among the top 200 MBA programs in the country, and the Online MBA has been 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 35th anniversary in 2020, 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 six years — including an unprecedented three recipients in three consecutive years for 2019, 2020 and 2021 — and nine Department of Defense SMART Scholars in the last seven 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 blended baccalaureate programs and 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, communication, health care, human services, humanities, leadership and administration, public safety, psychology, science and technology and informatics, along with a variety of interdisciplinary and self-designed options. The College also offers pre-professional coursework that prepares students for nursing and pharmacy schools.

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 450 full-time faculty and staff and annually graduates more than 750 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 health care 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 Central Georgia, Mercer University School of Medicine offers a campus environment for every type of student. Macon is the School's administrative campus. The Savannah campus was established in 2008 and is located adjacent to Memorial University Medical Center. Columbus began as a clinical campus in 2012 and welcomed its first four-year M.D. class in the fall of 2021. All three campuses are closely integrated and function as one unit.

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*. The College has an enrollment of more than 500 students and, with a distinguished faculty of scientists and clinicians, houses several research centers. 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 nearly 9,000 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 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 six disciplines: physical therapy, physician assistant studies, public health, clinical psychology, athletic training and kinesiology. 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 700 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 multi-specialty group of more than 30 primary care providers and specialists who work to guide patients through their health journey and create strong, long-term relationships. A wide variety of outpatient services are offered in multiple locations throughout middle and south Georgia including Macon, Clay County, Peach County, Plains, Putnam County and Harris County. As a subsidiary of Mercer University School of Medicine, Mercer Medicine is staffed by experienced health care providers who are leading the way in medical education, technology and research.

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 1,650 books since its establishment in 1979. It publishes approximately 30 to 35 new books each year in the areas of religion, philosophy, literary criticism, 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 2020-2021 academic year, 78 percent of Mercer student-athletes achieved a GPA of 3.0 or better. The average GPA for all student-athletes for the year was 3.452. Mercer athletes led the SoCon with 343 named to the Academic Honor Roll, including 42 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
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.

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