

# Tusculum College Commencement

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015  
10 A.M.  
DR. NANCY B. MOODY, PRESIDING

\*PROCESSIONAL Mr. Jon Shell and Mr. James Cruthers  
Scottish Pipes

\*COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION  
Marshal of the College  
Junior Marshals  
Class of December 2015  
Faculty  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
President's Party

\*CONVENING OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY Dr. Donal Sexton  
Faculty Marshal

\*INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Daniel M. Donaldson  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville and Tusculum College Trustee

(Please be seated)

GREETINGS AND COMMENTS Dr. Nancy B. Moody  
President

REMARKS Dr. Donaldson

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES Representatives of the Class of 2015  
Ms. Pamela Ammons  
Mr. Michael Scott

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Dr. Moody

Dr. Lisa Johnson  
Associate Vice President for Student Success

## \*ALMA MATER

'Neath oaks that so long have stood watching,  
Oh halls of our college, ye stand;  
Afar on the distant horizon,  
The Smokies rise, lofty and grand.  
With beauties of nature surrounded,  
Two centuries' memories thine;  
And so, oh our college, we love thee,  
Close 'round thee our heartstrings entwine.

Oh days in the old Alma Mater  
Spent in classrooms, on campus, or track;  
Each one full of tasks and of pleasure,  
Once gone, they can never come back.  
Then sing while the days are still passing,  
With voices exultant and free;  
Fair Tusculum our college forever!  
All hail, Alma Mater, to thee!

Charles Oliver Gray, Jr. '17, Hon. '28

## \*BENEDICTION

Dr. Donaldson

## †RECESSIONAL

Mr. Shell and Mr. Cruthers

Faculty Marshal  
Accompanist

Dr. Donal Sexton  
Mr. James Winfree

## JUNIOR MARSHALS

Allison Hall  
Jesse Harrell

\*audience standing

† Please remain standing until the graduates and faculty have left the arena

# *History and Traditions*

In 1794, the Rev. Hezekiah Balch founded Greeneville College. In 1818, the Rev. Samuel Doak and his son, the Rev. Samuel Witherspoon Doak, established Tusculum Academy. Greeneville College did not reopen following the Civil War, and it merged in 1868 with Tusculum College, forming Greeneville and Tusculum College.

In 1908, the College's name changed again with the merger with Washington College which had been founded by Rev. Doak in 1780 as Martin's Academy. The new name was Washington and Tusculum College. This merger ended in 1912.

Tusculum College is thus recognized as the oldest college in Tennessee and the oldest co-educational college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Tusculum is the 23<sup>rd</sup> oldest operating college in the country.

The College colors of orange and black are taken from the colors of Princeton University (College of New Jersey), the institution from which Rev. Balch and Rev. Doak graduated.

Tusculum was named by Rev. Doak to recognize the home of president of the College of New Jersey, the Rev. Jonathan Witherspoon – a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The name Tusculum comes from a community near Rome, Italy, that was the home of the Roman educator and philosopher Cicero who, along with others, identified the Civic Virtues that form the bases of the civic republican tradition. That tradition emphasizes citizens working together to form good societies that in turn nurture individuals of good character.

The dress of the academic procession reaches back to the Middle Ages. First in the Church, then in guilds, academic life revolved around the Master of Arts, where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master. When the Academic Costume Code is followed, it is possible to identify the highest degree which the wearer holds, the college or university that awarded it, and the course of study. The distinguishing features are the cut of the gown, the color of the tassel on the cap, and the lengths and colors of the hood.

The Mace Bearer carries the mace which is a symbol of the College's authority. His purpose is to defend the President of the College. The Mace Bearer must always be in sight of the President. The presence of the mace indicates the college faculty is present to conduct formal business.

Bachelor's degree honors recipients wear, in addition to the standard academic regalia, cords designating grade point average: black for 3.5 to 3.74, orange for 3.75 to 3.94, and gold for 3.95 to 4.0. Graduate students earning a 4.0 GPA wear a gold cord and tassel. Graduate students earning a 3.95 -3.99 GPA wear a gold cord. Bachelor of Arts recipients who are members of the Alpha Chi Honor Society wear blue and green cords. Bonner Leaders wear sage green and silver cords. Members of Iota Tau Alpha, the national honor society in athletic training, wear a blue, red, and yellow cord. Graduates from the Honors Program wear a gold stole to signify their completion of the program requirements. Members of the President's Society wear cords of orange and silver intertwined.

# TUSCULUM COLLEGE<sup>ESTABLISHED</sup> 1794



## *THE WINTER* COMMENCEMENT

10 A.M.  
DECEMBER 12, 2015  
PIONEER ARENA, NISWONGER COMMONS  
DR. NANCY B. MOODY, PRESIDING

David Eric Stott, Cum Laude  
Matthew Charles Thompson  
Kristin Nicole Townsend  
Brian Scott Walker  
Brian Glenn Watkins  
Brendan Phillip Whelan, Cum Laude  
Mark Steven Williamson

## *Degree Candidates*

10 A.M., Saturday, December 12, 2015

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION CONCENTRATION**

Casie Shalynn Cope  
Brandon Scott Davis  
Hannah Camille Moore, High Honors  
Christopher Darrell Yeary, Honors

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION CONCENTRATION WITH AN EMPHASIS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Tanya Renee Grooms  
Amy Michelle Ilic  
Ashley Melissa Quinton, High Honors

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATION**

Sean Paul Beyer, High Honors  
Victoria Lynne Chamberlain  
Jody Jon Dearmore, Honors  
Tiffany Nicole Dearstone  
Tonia Irene Mostella, High Honors  
Cassi Evon Roberts  
Stephanie Lynn Sheets, High Honors  
Eva Lynn Spence  
Jane McLemore Walker, High Honors  
Shakeenah Qmar Watson, High Honors

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**

Matthew Wayne Ripley  
Zachary Allen Self  
Shanna Beth Wolfe

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Zachary Adel Badawi  
Kimberly R. Brown  
Clark Jordan Cheatwood  
Ashley Brooke Cherry, High Honors  
Chase Evans Clem  
John Isaac Cox, Honors  
Joseph Scott Craig  
Jennifer Potter Flatford  
Marvin Shane House  
Kendra Danielle Jennings  
Amanda Jean Jordan  
Lindsey Amanda Konves  
Jennifer Alaine Lee  
Michael Douglas Scott  
Mitzi Ann Vincent  
Warren Lee Wiser

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Cory Trey Allen  
Angela Nicole Ball, Cum Laude  
Andrew Scott Bowerman  
Ashley Caroline Brooks  
Nathan Hayden Connaughton  
Cynthia J. Conte  
Logan Scott Cornelius  
Caitlin Danielle Curtis  
Adrienne Beryl Dickerson  
Christopher John Dillon  
Katherine Rochelle Dooly  
J.C. Drewery III  
Samantha M. Durham  
James C. Farmer  
Alisha Marie Fillers  
Zachary Hamby Freeman

**Photographs:** Professional Lifetouch photographers will be at our Commencement ceremony. Diploma Presentation and Candid images will be available for viewing and purchase at [events.lifetouch.com](http://events.lifetouch.com). Please call the local Lifetouch office at 423-764-3778 for more information.

Tony L. Hannah  
Andrew Colby Hollingshead  
Addison Lawrence Ingram♦  
Dominic Walter James  
Kenleigh A. Johnson, Cum Laude  
Devon Aliva Justice, Cum Laude  
Cody Michael Kammerzell  
Miranda Leanna Knight♦  
Lindsey Nell Lafitte  
Ryan E. Logan  
Tanner Andrew Malone  
Shelby L. McKinney  
Rachel Nicole Medley  
Donald Matthew Messer  
Adam Burch Moody  
William Frederick Munker  
Jeffery Steven Peck  
Casey Dalton Reagan  
Troy Lee Reagan  
Terence Victor Roberts Jr.  
Norman Cody Sauceman, Magna Cum Laude  
Zachary Ryan Simpson  
Nicholas T. Smiley  
Charles Alexander Story  
Kaytlin Nicole Stroinski, Magna Cum Laude  
Endi Torres  
Christopher John Waylock  
Richard Armbré Williams Jr.  
Allison Nicole Woody  
Erica Denise Worrell, Magna Cum Laude\*  
Dakota Lee Younce, Cum Laude

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Pamela Michele Ammons  
Tiffany Anne Wilkerson, Cum Laude

\* Alpha Chi National Honor Society Member  
♦ President's Society Graduate

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMAN GROWTH AND LEARNING, ELEMENTARY K-6**

David Michael Breeden, Magna Cum Laude  
Sarah Jane Kenny, Magna Cum Laude  
Kendra Irene Rickard, Cum Laude

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, ELEMENTARY K-6**

Tori Nicole Allen, Cum Laude  
Stacie Lynn Botts  
Leigh-Anna Bales Brett  
Felicia Bland Carter, Magna Cum Laude  
Jill Annette Grayson, Magna Cum Laude  
Kristin Kelly McKee

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCENTRATION**

Ashley Diane Barger, Magna Cum Laude  
Carrie Ann Bradley, Summa Cum Laude  
Megan Lea Brooks  
Megan Robidoux Bruce, Magna Cum Laude  
Deanna Roshelle Campbell  
Taylor Turner Christian  
Delisa L. Cleveland  
April D. Cruet  
Christy Lee Cruet  
Heather Denise Hayes, Magna Cum Laude  
Brooke Danielle Maloney  
Juliana Cecelia Pressley  
Janet Louise Purcell  
Mark L. Sandburg  
Kelly Christine Schlitz  
Daisy M. Shepard  
Rebecca Hildegard Smith-Gregg

Kristi Roberts Thomas  
Amy Laurel Thornton  
Dolores Lynne Vance

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT**

Gary Earl Andrews  
Mark James Attanasio  
Jason Lynn Baker  
Jacqueline Barnard  
Douglas Gene Bolinger  
Amber Nicole Burgner  
James Allen Butler  
Casey Preston Byrd  
Ryan Matthew Cate  
Yvonne Sue Champlin  
Jessie Denise Human Cooke  
Colleen M. Cox, Cum Laude  
Brittney Denise Dye  
Jason Allen Estenson  
Elizabeth Jean Ferguson  
Jessica Lynne Gossett  
Ashley Rhea Guinn  
Lindsay Denise Harbin, Cum Laude  
Dustin Tyler Hayes  
Misty D. Hodge  
Todd Andrew Hopkins  
Micky Ray Jackson  
Mattie Renee Johnson  
Sally Mattea Jones  
Wayne Craig Kiser Jr., Cum Laude  
Daniel Quentin Lane  
Shawn Michael Mauer  
Brandi Michele McAmis  
Kevin Ray McAmis, Cum Laude  
Amanda Rae McIntosh  
Christina Marie Murrell  
Pamela Sue Nichols  
J. Orvil Ownby  
Laurence James Palais, Magna Cum Laude  
Derrick Sean Patterson  
Randall Steven Pettiford  
Bethaney Pettit Reagan  
Audrey Hammack Robinson, Cum Laude

Skyler Elizabeth Ross  
Rodney Lynn Russell  
Chad William Seay  
Talor Elisabeth-Brook Shaddix  
Michele Dorothy Somich, Magna Cum Laude  
Evelyn Rose Stone, Cum Laude  
Kendall John Strumpf  
Angela Marie Taylor, Summa Cum Laude  
Kenny Leon Taylor, Magna Cum Laude  
David George Walton  
Darrin Christopher Willis  
Travis James Wright, Cum Laude

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Kelsey Marie Chamberlain  
Candace Lee Cody, Cum Laude  
Olivia Cox  
Stephanie Marie Cox  
Kathy Diane Cutshaw  
Justin Dale Fain  
Nichole Marleah Fletcher, Cum Laude  
Logan Brian Foust  
Katrina Melissa Garcia  
Heather Elaine Greene  
Adam Michael Guinn  
Beverly Norton Jenes  
Angel Mejia Jennings  
Shawna Nichole Jones  
Chad Cantrell Kennedy  
Justin Marc King  
Terry Lynn Kirksey  
Shannon Ellison Marion  
Jennifer Michelle Marshall  
Samuel Alexander McClanahan  
Ryan Pete McCord, Summa Cum Laude  
Denna Lee Miller, Cum Laude  
Tyler Pittman Neal  
April Danielle Renner, Magna Cum Laude  
Shalynn Lee Rippetoe  
Stephen Paul Sabatino  
Michaela Anne Stephens, Magna Cum Laude