Commencement

IN THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR OF

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

SUNDAY, MAY FOURTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE
AT TEN O’CLOCK
The North Carolina Brass Band and Davidson College Brass Ensemble Members
William David Lawing '73, Guest Conductor

ACADEMIC PROCESSION FORMS

Festival Te Deum ........................................... Marc Antoine Charpentier
arr. James Curnow

Crown Imperial ...................................................... William Walton
arr. Phillip Littlemore

The Earle of Oxford’s March .............................................. William Byrd
arr. Philip Sparke

(Audience stands as procession enters the back row of seats.)

OPENING BLESSING

Rebecca A. Diamond
Associate Chaplain and Campus Rabbi

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Now in the Days of Youth ........................................... Walter J. Mathams

I.
Now in the days of youth, when life flows fresh and free,
Thou Lord of all our hearts and lives, we give ourselves to Thee;
Our fervent gift receive, and fit us to fulfill,
Through all our days, in all our ways, our Heavenly Father’s will.

II.
Teach us, where’er we live, to act as in Thy sight,
And do what Thou wouldst have us do with radiant delight;
Not choosing what is great, nor spurning what is small,
But take as from Thy hands our tasks, and glorify them all.

III.
Teach us to love the true, the beautiful and pure,
And let us not for one short hour an evil thought endure.
But give us grace to stand decided, brave and strong,
The lovers of all holy things, the foes of all things wrong.

IV.
Spirit of God, do Thou our first bright days inspire,
That we may live the life of love and loftiest desire;
And be by Thee prepared for larger years to come,
And for the life ineffable within the Father’s home.

SCRIPTURE READING

Cathleen Mae O’Malley ’23
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS ............................................. President Hicks

AWARDS

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards—Byron P. McCrae
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Awards—President Hicks
First Honors—Shelley E. Rigger
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty and Brown Professor of Asian Politics

Class Gift—Samantha Glynn Ewing
President, Class of 2023

ANTHEM

The Road Home ................................................................. Stephen Paulus
(1949–2014)

Davidson College Chorale
Renata Berlin, Director of Choral Activities
Sarah George Edmundson Booker ’23, mezzo-soprano

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Hicks
Alison Hall Mauzé
Chair of the Trustees
Cindy D. Hauser
Associate Dean for Educational Policy and Professor of Chemistry
Fuji Lozada
Senior Associate Dean of Faculty
Cynthia L. Lewis
Charles A. Dana Professor of English
Sharon L. Green
Professor of Theatre

Degrees In Course
Charge to the Class  Alison Hall Mauzé

THE ALMA MATER

Chorale Seniors
Davidson College Chorale

All hail! O Davidson, our dear old Alma Mater,
Thy Founders loved thee, gave their best to thee;
We still today, thy loyal sons and daughters,
Follow them on and pledge our loyalty.

CLOSING PRAYER

Robert Clendenin Spach
Chaplain of the College

PEALING OF THE HATTAUER BELLS

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Flourishes ...................................................... James Curnow

Faculty Marshals
Daniel M. Boye, Chief Marshal

Vice Marshals:  Randy M. Ingram
John J. Corso-Esquivel  Cynthia L. Lewis
Jennifer E. Stasack  David R. Wessner

Note: Restrooms are available in Watson Life Sciences, Chambers, and Cunningham Theatre Center buildings.
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Sathish Kannan Karthikeyan, Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Lee Kershner, Magna Cum Laude
Mourad Amir Khalil, Magna Cum Laude
Rojina Kheimehdooz
Sena Koga
Alexander George Koskoski, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in History
Jacob Steven Kowitz, Cum Laude
Xianchang Kuang
Peter Walk Kuyper III
Dylan Jeffrey Lageman, Magna Cum Laude
Julia Lau, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Digital and Screen Media
Nathaniel Hawthorne Laverick, Magna Cum Laude
Erina Sua Lee, Cum Laude
Mary Chandler Lilly, Cum Laude
David Julian Loniewski III
Anthony Lopez Saavedra
Isabelle Marie Lorah, Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Eric Loughlin, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Political Science
Foster Jacob Loyer
Varun Maheshwari, Magna Cum Laude
Julia Grace Mahoney, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Political Science
Victoria Joan Marsicovetere, Summa Cum Laude
FIRST HONOR
Morgan Louise Martin, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Immersive Computing
Anthony Vincent Mase
Jacob Michael Matthews, Cum Laude
Lily Catherine McCalla, Cum Laude
Emily Keelh McDill, Magna Cum Laude
Adeline Lorraine McDonough, Magna Cum Laude
Emily Anne McKeithen, Cum Laude
Skylar Dain McVicar, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Politics, Ethics, and Religion
Jesse Dylan Meer, Magna Cum Laude
Audrey Eugenia Xiajie Meigs, Magna Cum Laude
Margaret Ellen Meinhardt, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Economics
Ziqi Meng, Magna Cum Laude
John Erik Meslow, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Allen Meyer III, Magna Cum Laude
Lauren Nicole Meyers, Magna Cum Laude
Lukas Robert Michaelsen, Cum Laude
Luke Summers Mitchell, Magna Cum Laude
Spencer McLean Mobley
MaryBeth Monaco-Vavrik, Magna Cum Laude
Amanda Leigh Monahan
Gabriella Ava Morreale, Magna Cum Laude
Hons in Communication Studies
Cheyanne Melaine Morris
Georgia Ellen Morris, Magna Cum Laude
Amanda Lee Muise, Summa Cum Laude
High Honors in Anthropology
FIRST HONOR
Jackson Foster Mullaney
Sadie Anne Murphy, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Political Science
Abigail Cait Tighe Murray, Cum Laude
Anna Elizabeth Murray, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Art History
Anna Emerson Myers
Natalie Anne Naticchia, Cum Laude
Charles Fisher Neikirk, Magna Cum Laude
Zachary Remsen Neville, Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in Africana Studies
Drew William Nickels, Cum Laude
Honors in History
Richard Nick Noe
David Knight Northington IV
Vaughn Richard Nortier, Cum Laude
Connor Michael Norwood
Isabel Marina Nowak, Magna Cum Laude
Cathleen Mae O’Malley, Cum Laude
Louis Eric Lucien Onoratini, Cum Laude
Jane Eppes Owen, Magna Cum Laude
Akua Addai Owusu, Magna Cum Laude
Adam Joseph Pabst
Erini Gianna Papakostas, Magna Cum Laude
Irene Park, Cum Laude
Jaden Anthony Pask
Tyler Russell Payne
Maliyah Allyn Paynter
Jacob Davis Peaden
Max Oliver Pearson
Victoria Isabel Pekarovic, Cum Laude
Alexander Joseph Pelletier, Cum Laude
Honors in Political Science
Christian Bjorn Peterson, Magna Cum Laude
Kennedy Mikayla Petties
Giacomo Piccardo, Magna Cum Laude
Thatcher Lowry Pitkoff
Nicklaus Aaron Proctor, Magna Cum Laude
Mia Rose Pungello, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Sociology
Lucas Zachary Walken Raber, Cum Laude
Marla Michelle Ricart, Cum Laude
Maxwell Peter Ricciardiello
Kathryn Bennett Rickert, Cum Laude
Ethan Alexander Rodier
Cecilia Marie Rodriguez, Cum Laude
Rhoda McNeill Rose
Jennifer Ruvalcaba, Magna Cum Laude
Isabelle Rose Saba, Magna Cum Laude
Nathaniel Carter Salley, Cum Laude
Jordan Lily Spencer Satch
Josephine Griffin Schaffer
Rachel Jean Schleicher, Magna Cum Laude
Emily Warner Schmitt, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in English
David William Schomberg III
Aysun Sude Sement, Magna Cum Laude
Joshua Owen Sepe
Joselin Esperanza Serpas
Mary Margaret Shandle, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Sociology
Anna Claire Sharp, Magna Cum Laude
Frances Allison Shea, Cum Laude
Andrew James Sheldon, Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Tinsley Sheppard, Magna Cum Laude
Maria Stuart Shields, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Economics
Nada Shoreibah, Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Nirmal Singletary
Jaylen Charles Smith
Sode Addison Smith, Magna Cum Laude
Thomas John Smith
Amani Jade Sodhi, Magna Cum Laude
Harrison Rivers Sparks, Cum Laude
Robert James Sparks IV, Magna Cum Laude
William Landis Springer
Kaitlin Rose Stewart, Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in Theatre
Alec Hunter Stimac, Magna Cum Laude
Jacob Michael Styilski, Cum Laude
Alivia Anne Thompson, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in English
Hampton Banks Tucker
Jack Irvin Turner, Cum Laude
Gwenyth Griffin Van Doren, Magna Cum Laude
Lindsey Grace Voelker, Cum Laude
Alexandra Lauren von der Luft, Cum Laude
Helena Genevieve von Leupoldt, Magna Cum Laude
High Honors in Economics
Thai Bao Nguyen Vu, Cum Laude
Caroline Monroe Wack, Cum Laude
Luke Richard Win Wanden, Cum Laude
Haiqing Wang, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Political Science
August Jackson Warmack, Magna Cum Laude
James Lamar Warnock III, Magna Cum Laude
Nafeesa Alona Webb-Newton
Honors in Gender and Sexuality Studies
Georgina Kruesi Weekes, Cum Laude
Chloe Jean Welch
Henry McCullam Wilkerson, Cum Laude
Honors in History
Coy James Williams
Charles Thomas Wilson IV, Magna Cum Laude
Riley Margaret Wolfram, Magna Cum Laude
Turner Jackson Wood
Amy Nicole Worscheh, Magna Cum Laude
Honors in Political Science
Zhouwenqi Xu
Michael David Ellington Yen, Cum Laude
Honors in Sociology
2022 Summer Graduates

Jeriel Kwabena Adarquah-Yiadom, BS
Kathryn Grace Coladonato, BS
Owen Sean Corkery, BS
Roy Paul Mullinax II, BS Cum Laude Honors in Environmental Studies

Mark Drew Ahari, AB
Luke Tyler Burton, AB
Alaina James Houghtaling, AB
Noah James Allen Mikstay, AB
Coleman Donnell Mitchell, Jr., AB

Oona Camille Roberts, AB Cum Laude Honors in Sociology
Bianca Liana Schramm, AB
Samuel Nash Wilhelm-Hilkey, AB

Virginia Brantley Adams
Elisabeth Grace Ayyildiz
Collier Hart Ballard
Caroline Carmichael Bassett
Julia Elisabeth Bauer
Mary Grace Bunch
Catherine Grace Chimley
William Lathrop Clark
Oğuzhan Çölkesen
Julia Rose Conley
Gefei Deng
Andrew Lee Denny
Miguel Angel Donado
Catherine Elise Edmondson
Grace Elizabeth Fahey
Rory Marie Fallmer
Molly Marie Firr
Brian Christopher Garrett
Kamryn Mykal Graham
Mia Lauren Greeson
Rachel Sloan Gronberg

Ian David Tanaka Hall
James Merriwether Hardy II
Nicholas Peterson Havill
Eliana Marie Hensley
Josephine Margaret Jastremski Hovis
Charlotte Gabriele Kabelac
Hana Kamran
Anne Minda Kaplan
Cathleen Maeve Krabak
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Walker Armstrong Willis
Riley Margaret Wolfram
Yunyue Zhang
Yuxuan Zhang

Phi Beta Kappa
renunciavimus et constituius atque ut virtute praesentis diplomatis singulis iuribus et privilegiis et honoribus ad hunc gradum ubique gentium pertinentibus frueretur et gaudeat iussimus

In cujus riti testimonium nostras manus et sigillum suius collegii apposuimus.

Datum ex Aedibus Academicis a.d. Pridi Id. Mai., Anno Domini MMXXIII

Praeses Collegii

Praeses Curatorum
Davidson’s Diploma in Translation

To All

To Whom the Present Document Shall Come:

Perpetual Greeting in the Lord.

We, the President and Professors

of Davidson College

in the State of North Carolina

by the authority entrusted to us,

have proclaimed and appointed

(Name of Graduate)

the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Science

in recognition of their merits

and have bidden that they, by virtue of the present diploma,

rejoice and enjoy the individual rights, privileges,

and honors pertaining to this degree anywhere in the world.

In witness of which action

we have affixed our signatures and the seal of this college.

Given at the college on May 14, 2023.

President of the College

Secretary of the Faculty

Chair of the Trustees
The College Seal

In 1840, three years after the founding of Davidson College, the trustees of Davidson appointed a committee to draw a design for the college seal. The committee called on Peter Stuart Ney, an acclaimed scholar who was teaching the sons of the local planters in the absence of public schools. Mr. Ney was a legend in his day. He had arrived in America in 1818 and had taught in the Carolinas since that time. He was believed by many to be Napoleon’s famous Marshal Ney, said to have survived a faked execution after the final defeat of Napoleon. There are today multiple books and articles on his identity, pro and con. Sufficient unto the Davidson committee was his reputation as a classical scholar, and it was in this capacity that he designed the seal and wrote the motto for the College’s first diploma.

The seal consists of a hand grasping a sword piercing a serpent. Through the mid-point of the seal is a line inscribed Ne Ultra (“none higher”) and around the circular boundary is the motto Alenda Lux Ubi Orta Libertas—“Let learning be cherished where liberty has arisen.” The latter clause refers to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Ne Ultra divides the seal between the light of learning and the darkness (with serpent) of ignorance and sin.

The seal has appeared on every Davidson diploma from that of the first class (1840) to the present.

Marshals’ Regalia

From 1849 to the present, the two literary societies of Davidson College have provided marshals “to keep order” at commencement and other ceremonial events. As early as 1857, there is a record of money from the societies for “sashes,” which evolved into elaborate regalias made of taffeta, ornamented with rosettes, ribbons, and silver fringe.

The blue and pink regalia worn by Student Marshals represent the Eumenean and Philanthropic Literary Societies and their historic role in official occasions of the College. The chief marshal, alternating between societies, wore white. Gold-headed canes for the marshals were added in the mid1860s. Some of these originals are carried at contemporary events. Others have been replaced. The sashes of today are much more modest than those of the Victorian era, but the tradition endures.

The Davidson College Bell and Mace

Commencement begins with the ringing of what is believed to be the first Davidson College bell. Cast in bronze in the early 1800s, this bell was found on the property of Arthur Edward Armour of Davidson and returned to the College by the descendants of Louisa Susan Armour Gudger.

The official Davidson College Mace was first carried on January 29, 1988, at the closing convocation of the College’s Sesquicentennial. It was commissioned by the Board of Trustees and was carved of Honduran mahogany by Jack H. Ramseur ’31 of Lincolnton, North Carolina, who gave it in commemoration of the Class of 1931 for presentation to the College by the Trustees as a special sesquicentennial gift.

The carving on the top of the mace represents the cupola of “Old Chambers,” the center of the College’s academic life from the late 1850s until the building burned in 1921. Immediately below the cupola is the eight-sided base of the dome of the present Chambers Building, built in 1931. Forming a circular band just below this base are the words Ne Ultra and Alenda Lux Ubi Orta Libertas.

Below this band the knob consists of eight panels, each representative of the College: the official seal, designed by Peter Stuart Ney; the Sesquicentennial logo, designed by James Burkey Belser ’69; Eumenean and Philanthropic Literary Halls, built in 1849 and 1850; and various Christian and church symbols. The base has oak and elm leaves, representing the two early dormitory rows (1836–1837) on the old part of the campus. Maple and dogwood leaves indicate the present-day beauty of this historic campus.
Academic Dress

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap. This was itself displaced by a headdress more or less like one or another of those now recognized as “academic.” Both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control to the extent of even its minor details and have issued extensive regulations governing it.

When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel in the late 1800s, it seemed to them best to agree on a system which all might follow. Today, in both the United States and around the world, formal academic dress is often combined with local traditions or personal adornments. One might see detailed embroidery in Europe, medals in South America, patches in Asia, or cords from student organizations here at Davidson College.

The Academic Code

There are no trimmings for the bachelor’s or master’s gowns. For the doctor’s degrees, the gown is faced down the front in black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves; or these facings and cross bars may be velvet of the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging on the hood appropriate to the particular doctor’s degree in every instance. Presidents of colleges and universities may wear four bars across the sleeves.

For all academic purposes, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

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Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, such as chevron or chevrons, equal division, etc. The binding or edging of the hood is of velvet.

Black caps are of cotton poplin, broadcloth, rayon or silk, to match gown; or, for the doctor’s degree, only velvet. A long tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap only and lies as it will thereon. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject, except that the doctor’s cap may have its tassel of gold thread.
The Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award seeks out and honors teachers whose way of life uniquely inspires the full potential of each student. This award is given to a Davidson College faculty member judged by their peers to display an exemplary love of teaching.

Established in 1992 by Dr. James Pressly Hamilton and Grey Hunter Hamilton, in honor of their parents, Isabel Reid Hunter and Richard Moore (Tex) Hunter, lifelong devoted friends of Davidson College; and Frances Pressly Hamilton and Buford Lindsay Hamilton, servants of their Lord with forty-two years as missionaries in Pakistan.

I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13
Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award

Teaching is at the heart of the Davidson experience. Alumni remember this; students feel it every day; the faculty makes it happen. The dynamic collection of faculty members who teach at Davidson come from the world over with academic credentials from institutions large and small. They are scholars who engage in the international academic conversation, publishing, presenting at conferences, and researching in their disciplines. While they are indeed scholars—they must be—each one believes that their primary place is in the classroom. It is a matter of focus, priority, mission, and preference. They come to Davidson because they love to teach.

In 1992, the late Charlotte physician Jim Hamilton, Davidson Class of 1954, and his wife, Grey Hunter Hamilton, established an award at Davidson to recognize the special joy and enthusiasm that are part of the teaching profession. Beyond the joy, the Hamiltons sought to identify and honor teachers whose way of life uniquely inspires the full potential of each student, to celebrate professors whose care and enthusiasm mold and change the lives of their students, and who continue to inspire their students long after college days are over. In addition to the honor it bestows, the Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award carries a stipend of $15,000, half of which goes directly to the recipient and half of which goes to an academic department or program selected by the recipient.

Hunter-Hamilton Award Criteria

The Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award is given each year to two Davidson College faculty members judged by a committee of their peers to display an exemplary love of teaching. The selection committee seeks letters from a wide spectrum of students, faculty, and alumni nominating Davidson professors who exemplify the love of teaching. The testimonies expressed in these nominations serve as the basis for each year’s selections. The winners are kept strictly confidential until they are announced each year during commencement.

A Hunter-Hamilton candidate must:

• Be a full-time faculty member having taught at Davidson College for at least five years, including any sabbatical leave;

• Have established a record of contagious enthusiasm for classroom teaching and tutelege;

• Be dedicated and patient with students, with service to them being of highest priority;

• Have the ability to stimulate extraordinary accomplishments in students, including those with average abilities as well as those with exceptional abilities;

• Have an ability to clarify complex matters for students;

• Be able to develop self-esteem, self-reliance, and a desire to learn in their students;

• Treat students with dignity and respect, making every effort to know them by name.

Letters of nomination for the Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award should go to:

Chair, Hunter-Hamilton Selection Committee
Office of the President
Davidson College
209 Ridge Road
PO Box 5000
Davidson, NC 28035