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161st Commencement

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CHOWAN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT Spring 2020





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Minister to the University

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

The May 2020 commencement speakers will be invited to participate in the December 2020 ceremony.



KENDALL MARK BUTLER

Kendall Butler is a graphic communications major. He is a member of Alpha Chi and the Honors College, where he serves as Vice President of the Honors College Student Association. A Harris Scholar, he is the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award, the Outstanding Junior in Graphic Communications Award, and the Honors College Student in Service Award. In addition to honors and awards, he is an active member of the Rotaract Club and the International Students Club and serves as an intern in the Office of Development.



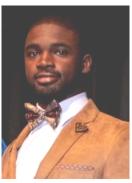
KAYMBER LEAISHA FELTON

Kaymber Felton is a music major. A soprano in the Chowan Singers and the Chowan Chamber Choir, she performed at Carnegie Hall in 2016 and has shared her talent at Chowan football and basketball games, Veterans' Day and Memorial Day services in Murfreesboro, and various other events on and off campus. She is the recipient of the James Monroe Chamblee Award and the Mary C. Pearce Scholarship.



ZOE ANNE GRAY

Zoe Gray is a psychology major. During her tenure at Chowan, she earned membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, Psi Chi, and Pi Gamma Mu. A member of the Honors College and Honors College Student Association, she is the recipient of the Honors College Outstanding Junior Award and Outstanding Senior Award. She is an active member of the Talon Club, the Psychology Club, the Religion Club, and the Rotaract Club, where she serves as Historian and Social Media Officer. In 2017, she received a Harris Scholarship to travel to Germany, France, and Switzerland.



JACOB KOBE HUNTER

Jacob Hunter is a criminal justice major. He is the recipient of several awards, including Best All Around Student and Outstanding Criminal Justice Student. He is a member of Alpha Chi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, where he serves as Vice President, and Alpha Phi Sigma, where he serves as President. In 2019, he presented the keynote address at Academic and Founders' Day Convocation. A Presidential Ambassador, a Ministry Chaplain, and a member of the Honors College and Honors College Student Association, he was named an Outstanding Student in both his junior and senior years.



LORICIA RENEE' MARTIN

Loricia Martin is a double major in psychology and criminal justice. Named Best All Around Student, she is the recipient of numerous other awards, including the Outstanding Student Award, Senior Ambassador Award, Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Medal, Alpha Lambda Delta Maria Leonard Senior Book Award, and Honors College Scholar Award. She is a member of Alpha Chi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, Psi Chi, and Alpha Phi Sigma. A 2019 commencement marshal, Martin also serves as President of the Honors College Student Association and a Presidential Ambassador.

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

SENIOR SCHOLASTIC AWARD

The Senior Scholastic Award is the most prestigious award the Chowan academic community bestows. To be eligible for this award, an undergraduate student must have earned at least ninety credit hours at Chowan University and have achieved the highest academic average in the graduating class.



ANGELIQUE GOUIN

Angelique Gouin is a double major in exercise science and biology. The recipient of the Mary E. Wood Science Award, she is a member of Alpha Chi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Beta Beta, Phi Epsilon Kappa, and Sigma Zeta. In 2019, she served as a commencement marshal. In addition to academic honors, Gouin serves as a biology tutor for the Chowan Tutoring Program, an office assistant in the Department of Sport Science, a member of the Rotaract Club, and a member of the tennis team.



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FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The recipient of the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, which is the most prestigious faculty award, is chosen by his or her colleagues on the faculty of the University. Selection is based on such factors as dedication to the profession and to students, effectiveness as a teacher, continued professional growth, availability to students, participation in the University's program of extracurricular activities, and relationship with colleagues and students.



CHRISTINA M. RUPSCH

Christina M. Rupsch is the Dean of the School of Fine and Applied Arts and a Distinguished Professor of Art. She served as Chair of the Department of Visual Arts from 1995 to 1998 and 2003 to 2008. She holds the Ed.M in Special Education from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, the M.F.A. in Art from Southern Illinois University, and a B.S. in Art from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Points. Founder and Director of the Chowan University Just in Time Student Food Pantry, she is the recipient of the 2017–2018 Chowan University Faculty Excellence in Community Service Award.

Marshals

FACULTY MARSHALS

A faculty marshal is a respected and honored senior member of the faculty who has a consistent and continuous record of excellent teaching and service to the institution. No more than four may hold the position at any given time. In addition to the four faculty marshals, the recipient of the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award serves as the chief faculty marshal.

Jennifer G. Newton, Chief Faculty Marshal Assistant Professor of Graphic Communications 2018-2019 Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient

> David E. Ballew Associate Professor of History

John H. Davis Distinguished Professor of English

Patsy W. Taylor Associate Professor of Marketing

> Thomas H. Whitaker Professor of Mathematics









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Commencement marshals are selected from members of the junior class. Selection is based on academic performance and level of engagement in the university community.

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Candidates who have achieved a grade point of average of 3.50 or above are awarded Latin Honors as follows: cum laude, grade point average of 3.50; magna cum laude, grade point average of 3.70, summa cum laude, grade point average of 3.90. In this program, Latin Honors are based on April 2020 academic status. Latin Honors are awarded subject to the final grade point average. Diplomas are awarded subject to satisfactory completion of requirements certified by the registrar.

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Excellence in Leadership Emerging Leader Award
Diamond Lajoyce Martin

Excellence in Leadership Officer Award Serenity K. Nichols

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP PRESIDENT AWARD
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AWARD
Shaping Lock on Plack

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Jacob Kobe Hunter
Brianna Kelsey Johnson
Loricia Renee' Martin

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Amy Rozmus Hammond Scholarship Carolina Ann Lucci

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Courtney Dalton Vinson

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AWARD
Julieta Lecce

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Senior Mathematics Award Melissa Joy Hackney Edwards Outstanding Freshman in English Award Destiny Esther Vaughan

"ETHICS IN ACTION" AWARD Grace Kathryn Arredondo

Outstanding English Major Award Tah-Va'Nee Beverly Joseph-Burton

Outstanding History Student Award Ryan Nicholas Gallaccio

Charles L. Paul History Award Jon Hunter Hall

Romey Peavler Psychology Student of Promise Award Alexis Rinee Harris Quincey Eugene Robusky

Psychology Award Ravine Renique Billy Shakira Angelic Harris

Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award Jacob Kobe Hunter Takaylia Dae'Juanae Mason

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION HONOR

AWARD

Steve Allison Ruffin

Excellence in Theatre Award	Dr. Charles Bentley Outstanding	Merit Award
Joshua Terrell Bryant	Teacher Education Student	Robert Chandler Burns
	A WARD	
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR IN GRAPHIC	Lindsey Gail Stigler	Order of the Silver Feather
Communications Award		Tyler Lamont Bembry
Shanelle Thompson	JAMES MONROE CHAMBLEE MUSIC	Ravine Renique Billy
	A WARD	Tatyana Monique Corprew
Doug Eubank Award	Tyler David Maynard	Dinah Carolyn Gibbs
Chyla Elyse Everett		Dorian Vaughn Mitchell
	Alpha Lambda Delta Maria	Lindsey Gail Stigler
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE IN GRAPHIC	LEONARD SENIOR BOOK AWARD	
Communications Award	Loricia Renee' Martin	ESTELLE THIGPEN SUPERIOR
Naiyhani Iman Etheridge		Citizenship A ward
	Dr. Patricia Williams Alpha Chi	Ravine Renique Billy
Outstanding Graduate in Studio	CHAPTER MEMBER OF THE YEAR	
Art Award	A WARD	Best All Around Student Award
Nicholas Scott Adams	Tyler David Maynard	Shakira Angelic Harris
		Jacob Kobe Hunter
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE IN GRAPHIC	FAITH IN YOUR FUTURE AWARD	Loricia Renee' Martin
Design Award	Grace Kathryn Arredondo	
Nayson Omar Tianga		Mission and Vision Cup
		Rotaract Club

Chowan University Student Research Conference Awards of Excellence

Best College and Career Paper Michael Dylan Futrell	Best Professional Studies Paper Harley Renee Williams	B EST C OMMUNICATION A RTS W ORK Nicholas Scott Adams
Best Social Sciences Paper Loricia Renee' Martin	B est Literature and Literary W ork Kayla Cierra Gates	B est M usical P erformance Joshua Terrell Bryant
Best History Paper Ryan Scott Martin	BEST FORMAL, NATURAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE PAPER	B est Interdisciplinary S tudies P aper Naiyhani Iman Etheridge
Best Poster Display Kimberlyn Alexis Bolam	Skadi Danielle Kylander	



EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ADVISOR
AWARD
Catherine Vickers

McDowell Columns Scholar Prize Mollie M. Madden

FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
JOEL G. McCormick
Catherine Vickers

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Deborah E. Baugham

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CHOWAN UNIVERSITY

HISTORY

Chowan University at Murfreesboro is located near the birthplace of American civilization and the beginning area of Baptist work in North Carolina. In the spring of 1848, a group of fathers gathered at "Mulberry Grove," home of Dr. Godwin Cotton Moore, moderator of the Chowan Baptist Association. These men were determined to have an institution that would give their daughters a well-rounded education, and they presented a resolution to the Association. The Association appointed the first trustees for the "female high school" to be called Chowan Female Institute. Dr. Archibald McDowell of South Carolina was elected first principal, and the Institute opened on October 11, 1848 with eleven students. Thus began the institution that has had major impact on the lives of thousands of persons over more than 155 years.

The institution overcame gloomy prospects in its early years to survive the challenges of the Civil War years. During 1897-1914 the Institute was transformed into a standard Senior College. It was renamed Chowan College in 1910, admitted male students in 1931. Due to financial pressures the College changed from four-year to two-year status in 1937. The World War II years saw the closure of Chowan College. After being closed six years Chowan College reopened in 1949 as a two-year coeducational institution.

In 1992 Chowan College returned to four-year status and has now developed a solid reputation for academic quality and leadership in the cultural and religious life of eastern North Carolina and Virginia. In September 2006 the name of the institution was changed to Chowan University. Historically the University has played a significant role in Graphic Communication and the arts. As a university a strong reputation has been built in areas such as the preparation of teachers, biologists and historians. In 2010 the university began offering a Master of Education degree in elementary education.

Although there have been many changes over the years, Chowan University remains closely related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The University holds in high esteem its commitment to intellectual, social, and spiritual growth. The administration and faculty believe in and insist upon intellectual freedom, while continuing the commitment to Christian principles.

Mission

Chowan University, grounded in its Christian faith, transforms the lives of students of promise. The University fosters its mission by:

- ensuring its Christian character informs all its endeavors.
- equipping undergraduate and graduate students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical values necessary to flourish in a culturally diverse, global society.
- promoting active participation in discovery and creative activities.
- providing a supportive teaching and learning environment.
- enrolling and retaining promising students of all backgrounds.
- meeting the students' social and spiritual needs by affording personal attention in a caring community.
- cultivating relationships with students, alumni, churches, corporations, foundations, and other stakeholders.
- maintaining stewardship of its physical, financial, and human resources.
- offering intercollegiate athletic programs that enhance the academic and personal development of all student-athletes while promoting individual and team success.

VISION

Imagine a Christian university that is a national model of student success within an inclusive community.

Imagine a Christian university that advances the calling of our students through teaching, learning, engaging, and serving.

Imagine a Christian university that is defined by the opportunities we create, by the lives we transform, and by the futures we shape.

You have imagined the university we seek to become.



CORE VALUES

FAITH – We honor our Christian heritage, embracing and sharing the light and truth of God. We believe that Faith in Your Future underscores all that we do.

INCLUSION – We value individuals with diverse backgrounds and points of view, appreciating that inclusion cultivates acceptance and encourages the freedom of thought and expression. We believe our commitment to inclusion allows each member of our community to teach, learn, serve, and live in an atmosphere of respect and dignity.

IMAGINATION – We encourage a questioning spirit, understanding that scholarship and its quest for knowledge is the cornerstone of imagination. We believe a learning environment that promotes imagination leads to discovery and creates a culture of lifelong learning.

ENGAGEMENT – We foster a caring environment, engaging all members of the university community as active participants in service to one another and the greater world. We believe that a spirit of service is central to our faith and learning traditions.

RINGING OF THE BELL

Located on the west side of the McDowell Columns Building in the gazebo is the Chowan University bell. The bell dates back to the 1800s. "The bell swung from two stone pillars until 1880, when it was placed in the Bell Tower, a favorite meeting place for students. The bell was used to change classes, call students to chapel, and celebrate athletic victories." (Frank Stephenson, *Chowan College*, 2004)

The tradition of the bell today is to establish a sense of community that begins in the first year and lasts beyond the confines of the four-year university experience. Each September, following University Convocation, faculty in full regalia and first year students proceed to the gazebo. With faculty lined up on both sides of the brick alumni walk leading to the gazebo, first-year students ring the bell to signify the beginning of their academic studies at Chowan.

The ringing of the bell is repeated again in April of each year. At the close of the Senior Banquet, the faculty and candidates for graduation recess from Thomas Dining Hall to the gazebo. With faculty lined up on both sides of the alumni walk once again, each candidate rings the bell one last time to signify the end of his or her academic studies at Chowan.

THE MACE

Originally a stout club or weapon, the mace was converted by the early Romans into an emblem of power and control. Use of the mace in the parliament of England dates from the twelfth century when medieval universities also adopted the mace as a symbol of order and authority. The modern mace continues to signify dignity and authority and usually leads academic processions at formal convocations and commencements, and its placement and removal from a position of honor indicate the opening and closing of ceremonial sessions.

The Chowan University mace is crafted into three sections of staff, sphere, and finial and made of walnut, ornamented with gold and silver. The staff is a fluted column representing historic McDowell Columns Building and the pillars of Chowan University support: North Carolina Baptists, students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, trustees and visitors. On the front side of the column's capital is the Chowan University seal and on the reverse side are the Greek symbols for Christian: chi and rho, alpha and omega, symbols representing the Christian heritage of Chowan University. The Latin words trivium and quadrivium appear on the remaining sides, words suggesting the several liberal arts as well as the two divisions of education in Roman schools. The sphere of the mace symbolizes Chowan's universal concerns, the representative student body, and her holistic approach to education. Finally, the third section of the mace called the finial is comprised of a band and flame, the latter portraying the Chowan experience as a source of intelligent and spiritual illumination.

The Chowan University mace was wrought by George Cloyd of Colonial Williamsburg. The mace was endowed by former trustee and Chowan staff member R. Clayton Lewis in honor of his wife, Mary Alice Lewis.

THE CHAIN OF OFFICE

Chowan University's Chain of Office is approximately 38 inches long. Each link in the chain represents a part of the institution. At the center is the seal of the university mounted on a base of wood salvaged from a McDowell Columns Building renovation. The triangular shape of the base suggests the Trinity. The chain links are sterling and of the Old World continuous knot design. This pattern is reminiscent of early Christian art in Ireland. The hand-engraved seal, also of sterling, is

round with the name of the university and the date of its founding placed on a ring at its edge. In the center are the Latin words *Lux et Veritas* and symbols depicting the school's mission and its religious affiliation. The chain was wrought by George Cloyd of Colonial Williamsburg.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Since its origin over 600 years ago at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the custom of wearing academic regalia at such events as college and university convocations and graduations has remained relatively unchanged with regard to the actual apparel to include gowns, hoods, mortarboards, tassels, and other designated emblems. One symbolic reason for so little change in the regalia is that wearing such denotes a devotion to the qualities of serious study and disciplined persistence toward academic excellence which have remained the mainstay of reputable educational institutions.

With a few exceptions, gowns are by and large still black and are of three types: the bachelor's gown is a simple apparel which falls in straight lines from detailed yoke; the master's gown is similar to the bachelor's except for its unique arrangement of long sleeves with square ends which hang well below the elbows; the doctor's gown is very detailed, as a full-cut, flowing costume distinguished by the velvet panels down the front and around the neck and by three velvet bars on each of the bell-shaped sleeves.

Originally conceived as a garment to protect the wearer from inclement weather, the hood has become the identifying symbol of the wearer's degree. The length of the hood denotes the degree the wearer holds: three feet for the bachelor's degree, three and a half for the master's, and four for the doctorate. The linings of these hoods indicate the colleges or universities which conferred the degrees. Whereas, the linings indicate the institutions, the colors of the trimming indicate the major field of learning: white for arts, pink for music, drab for business, silver-gray for speech, dark blue for philosophy, sage green for physical education, golden yellow for science, cream for social science, scarlet for theology, lemon for library science, copper for economics, and light blue for education.

