Gardner-Webb University

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Official Commencement Program of Gardner-Webb University Monday, the 16th of May Two Thousand Eleven Ten o’clock in the Morning

Faith ✧ Service ✧ Leadership
**The Bell**

The bell used in the commencement ceremony today is a replica of the Liberty Bell. It was first rung in the fall of 1970 to inaugurate the senior college status of Gardner-Webb. The bell is rung to signify the opening and closing of the academic year and to mark formal academic occasions.

Made at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, the bell commemorates the Bicentenary of American independence. The bell is to the scale of one-fifth the original Liberty Bell, ordered from the Whitechapel Foundry by the Province of Pennsylvania in 1752, and was cast on the same site. The bell weighs forty-four pounds and stands fifteen inches high.

**The Mace**

The mace, originally a weapon of defense, has in modern times become a symbol of authority, dignity, and privilege. English universities have used maces in academic processions for many centuries. Gardner-Webb’s mace, used for the first time at the installation of A. Frank Bonner as the University’s 12th president in April 2006, will be part of all future academic processions.

Carved from dark mahogany wood and standing 42” tall, the mace features rich aspects of Gardner-Webb’s history and mission through architectural carvings, Christian symbols, the official seal and the declaration of the University’s motto, “Pro Deo et Humanitate” (For God and Humanity). It is also marked by a series of polished silver bands highlighting pivotal points in Gardner-Webb’s history and includes a list of the institution’s principals and presidents.

**The Medallion**

First unveiled at the May 2006 graduation ceremonies to signify Dr. A. Frank Bonner’s first spring commencements as the president of Gardner-Webb University, this medallion will again be worn at today’s ceremony by all candidates for graduation and by all faculty and staff. The medallion, sporting the Gardner-Webb seal and motto, along with the institution’s founding date of 1905, was cast specifically for the May 2006 event and continues to be worn by all the participants in commencement exercises.
A Brief History of Gardner-Webb University

On December 2, 1905 the Boiling Springs High School was chartered as a result of an initiative sponsored by the Kings Mountain Baptist Association (Cleveland County) and the Sandy Run Baptist Association (Rutherford County). Three years later, the first campus structure, the Huggins-Curtis building, was completed.

In response to the changing educational needs of the area, the institution was transformed in 1928 into the Boiling Springs Junior College. The Great Depression created many obstacles for the College, but its survival was secured by the sacrifices of many loyal supporters. One such instance occurred in 1932 when the school contracted with teachers to run the College on the condition that the teachers pay all expenses for food, books, supplies, heat, water, and lights and then accept for their own pay what was left from fees and gifts. There were at least two occasions in the 1930's when trustees made motions to close the school. The proposals failed (once by a single vote) and the college survived.

Shortly thereafter, North Carolina Governor, O. Max Gardner, began devoting his energy, time, and wealth to strengthening and guiding the college. On June 15, 1942 the trustees voted to change the name to Gardner-Webb Junior College in honor of Gardner and his wife Fay Webb-Gardner. During the following year, the institution embarked on a $300,000 financial campaign. At the conclusion of this initiative, the trustees announced that the school was debt-free.

Enrollment stood at 1300 when Gardner-Webb was granted senior college status in 1969. In 1971, the first graduates of Gardner-Webb Senior College received their Bachelor's degrees. During this same year, the Christian Service Organization was established to provide scholarships to students preparing for ministry.

The institution became a pioneer in distance learning in 1978 with the establishment of the GOAL (Greater Opportunity for Adult Learners) Program. In 1980, the first Master's Degree program was offered - a Master's of Arts in Education with concentrations in early childhood, middle school, and physical education.

In 1991, Gardner-Webb was recognized by the John Templeton Foundation as a character building school. The School of Divinity was established in 1992, with the initial group of students enrolling in Spring 1993. Two other significant events occurred during 1993 - the school changed its name to Gardner-Webb University and the Master of Business Administration program began in earnest.

The University began offering its first doctoral program in 2001 - the first graduates with the Doctor of Ministries degree received their diplomas at the May 2004 commencement ceremonies. A second doctoral degree program, the EdD in Educational Leadership, was added in 2004. The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree was added in the Summer of 2010.

The Purpose of Gardner-Webb University

Gardner-Webb, a private Christian, Baptist-related University, provides superior undergraduate and graduate education strongly grounded in the liberal arts. By fostering meaningful intellectual thought, critical analysis and spiritual challenge within a diverse community of learning, Gardner-Webb prepares its graduates to make significant contributions for God and humanity in an ever-changing global community.
**Academic Regalia**

Academic Regalia, as we know it, traces its origins to the Middle Ages, first to the church and later to the guilds. The apparel is little changed in design, colors, and symbolism. The earlier forms of caps, gowns, and hoods served not only to declare the wearer's rank and station, but also to provide warmth in cold, drafty halls.

Since 1895, most colleges and universities in the United States have subscribed to a uniform code of academic dress designed to show the various degrees, the courses of study and the institutions conferring the degrees.

**Gowns** – usually black; the distinguishing mark is the sleeve:

- Bachelor – a long pointed sleeve
- Master – an oblong sleeve open at the wrist
- Doctor – a bell-shaped sleeve with three velvet bars.

**Hoods** – lined with silk in colors identifying the institution granting the degree. The color of the velvet edge indicates the discipline in which the degree was earned:

- Agriculture
- Arts, Letters, Humanities
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business
- Dentistry
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Fine Arts, Architecture
- Forestry
- Journalism
- Law
- Library Science
- Medicine
- Music
- Nursing
- Oratory (Speech)
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Public Administration (including Foreign Service)
- Public Health
- Science
- Social Work
- Theology
- Veterinary Science

**Mortarboard and Tassel** – the black mortarboard may be worn with each type of gown. Those holding doctoral degrees may wear gold tassels; others usually wear black. Some colleges and universities prescribe velvet tams with gold tassels for those with doctorates.
May 2011 Commencement Details

A total of 460 degrees will be awarded at today's ceremonies. The highest total was 821 on May 13, 2006. 369 is the highest total for a summer commencement. 300 degrees were awarded at the fall commencement which was the third fall graduation ceremony since 1974 and only the fifth in Gardner-Webb's history.

The number of undergraduate degrees to be awarded is 356 in the following categories: 207 Bachelor of Science, 57 Bachelor of Arts, 52 Associate in Science, 35 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 3 Bachelor of Music, 2 Bachelor of Fine Arts. The most common major field of study for the BA degree is English (11), followed by Religious Studies (10), and Sociology (9). The most common major for the BS degree is Business Administration (58).

104 degrees will be awarded in all post-baccalaureate programs. 97 Master's degrees will be awarded in the following categories: 43 Master of Arts, 20 Master of Business Administration, 11 Master of Accountancy, 9 Master of Science in Nursing, 10 Master of Divinity, 3 International Master of Business Administration, and 1 Master of Arts / Education Specialist in Mental Health Counseling. Seven students will receive Doctor's degrees — 5 Doctor of Education, and 2 Doctor of Ministry.

**Statistics above are accurate as of April 28, 2011**

Honors and Recognition

Graduation Honors

To be eligible for baccalaureate honors, the student must have completed a minimum of 64 hours at Gardner-Webb. Based on the Gardner-Webb cumulative GPA, the top 12% of the graduates in each of the following programs will be recognized: Arts and Sciences (DAY); Arts and Sciences (GOAL); Business (DAY); and Elementary Education/Physical Education. Of this total, approximately 17% will be designated as summa cum laude, 33% magna cum laude, and 50% cum laude. Associate degree candidates with an overall cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 are awarded honors recognition.

Honor graduates wear gold cords as part of their academic regalia. The specific level of honor recognition will be announced as the diploma is awarded.

Alpha Chi (DAY Program) AX

AX is a national organization for students in all disciplines who place in the top 10% of the junior and senior classes. Membership in Alpha Chi (AX) is the highest academic honor available to students at Gardner-Webb University.

Alpha Sigma Lambda (GOAL Program) AΣΛ

Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society is devoted to the advancement of scholarship and to the recognition of nontraditional students continuing their higher education. Its purpose is to honor superior scholarship and leadership in adult students.
Commencement Ceremony
Monday, The Sixteenth of May
Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center
Ten O’clock in the Morning
A. Frank Bonner, President
Presiding

The Prelude
Selected Music
The Gardner-Webb University Orchestra
Patricia C. Sparti, Conducting
Professor of Music, Chair, Department of Fine Arts

The Processional
Fanfare for the Common Man
Pomp and Circumstance #1 in D Major, Op. 39
Aaron Copland
Edward Elgar

The Academic Processional
The University Mace Bearer
The Faculty Marshals
The Candidates for Degrees
The University Faculty
The Chief Marshal
The Platform Participants

The Ringing of the Bell
James Martin Withrow
Alpha Chi President

Opening Remarks
A. Frank Bonner
President

The Invocation
Nikki Raye Rice
Bachelor of Arts in English
Hickory, NC

The National Anthem
Led by Tracy C. Jessup
Vice President for Christian Life and Service and Minister to the University
Key/Smith

The Introduction of the Commencement Speaker
A. Frank Bonner

The Commencement Address
Michael A. Anthony, ’72
SC State Representative, District 42

The Greetings from the Trustees
C. Lorance Henderson, L.H.D.
Chair, Board of Trustees

The Greetings from the Alumni Association
Jerry R. Walker, ’61
Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Greeting from the Students
J. Taylor Doolittle
President, Student Government Association
Bachelor of Science in International Business
Charlotte, NC
The Scripture Reading
Old Testament
Proverbs 3:5-6
Stephanie R. Gibbs
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Dallas, NC

New Testament
Philippians 4:8-9
Jesse E. Roberts
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Forest City, NC

The Special Music
“What Grace Is Mine”
Words by Kristyn Lennox Getty
Arranged by Tom Fettke

The Gardner-Webb University Choir
Paul J. Etter, Associate Professor of Music, Conducting

The College of Adult and Continuing Education
Academic Student Award
Barbara G. Cox
Assistant Provost for Adult and Continuing Education,
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

The Recognition of Student Awards
Senior Scholastic Achievement
Most Outstanding Female Graduate Medal
Most Outstanding Male Graduate Medal
Benjamin C. Leslie
Provost and Executive Vice President

Commissioning Ceremony
Conferred by
Major Scott Siegfried
Assistant Professor of Military Science
Army ROTC 49er Battalion
C. Earl Leininger
Associate Provost for Arts and Sciences
Gayle Bolt Price
Associate Provost for Schools
A. Frank Bonner
Hammett-Hammett

The Alma Mater
Led by Tracy C. Jessup

The Closing Prayer
Robert W. Canoy
Dean, School of Divinity
Professor of Christian Theology

The Recessional
Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov “Procession of the Nobles”
When the Caissons Go Rolling Along
Olympic Fanfare
from Mlada
Gen. Edmund L. Gruber
John Williams

The audience is requested to remain standing until the graduates have exited the arena.

Emily Robertson
Interpreter for the Deaf
Rachel Buck
Captionist

*The international flags displayed at today’s commencement ceremony represent the home countries of various members of the graduating class and the student body at large.
Associate in Science in Nursing

Natalie R. Ballard
Brittany Ann Blanton
Deborah Ann Brackett
Caleb Richard Brand
Rachel Annette Clark
Hannah Blue Currin
Lindsey Rae Dagenhart
George Bradley Daves
Tiffany Lynne Dellinger
Erin Marie DeSantis
Lauren Faith Dotson
Cayla Elizabeth Dye
Karen F. Edwards
Kristen Caroline Eldridge
Ashlyne Ramsey Ellis
Kristen Nicole Evans
Tammy Colvard Faucette
Jennifer Neal Flynn
Brandy Marie Gardner
Anna Elizabeth Hagan
Kristin Adelle Hamrick
Mary Elizabeth Hancock
Georgia Lacole Helton Henderson
Leah D. Howell
Brandi Michelle Humphries
Heather N. Jackson
Abigail Lynn Jenkins
Courtney Heather Jones
Emily Mitchell Kincaid
Lyndsey Marie Krauss
Abby Leigh Laurence
Amy JoAnn LeRoy
Sara Leanne Lewis
Meghan Elizabeth Lowrance
Lindsay Alexis Luckadoo
Ashton Priscilla Marshall
Mollie Erin McCraw
Kathleen G. McSwain
Kasey Elizabeth Moore
Leanna Brooke Morrison
Lindsey Rose Muller
Caroline Rebecca Pendleton
Courtney Sandrell Poole
Cayla Elizabeth Preston
Cherish H. Ramsey
Dawn Elizabeth Rollyson
Jessica Lauren Veeder
Nicole A. Vitiello
Emma Elizabeth Ward
Lesley Michelle Warren
Erica Lynn White
Stanley Richard Yeargin, Jr.

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Gastonia, NC
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Forest City, NC
Mooresboro, NC
Albemarle, NC
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Tim Hudson
Jeff Richmond
Kyle Murphy
Amelia Bolick

Trombone
Dave Wulfeck
J.J. Gibbs
Ted Vaughan

Tuba
Cornelius Logan

Percussion
Rick Dior
Phillip Snider
Dover Walker
Roger Lowe
Nathan Hefner
Statement of Values

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE
Acknowledging One God - Creator and Sustainer of life, and Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; committing to self-giving service displayed in Christ-like moral action that respects the dignity and value of every person.

BAPTIST HERITAGE
Affirming historic Baptist values such as the freedom of individual conscience and the right of people to worship God as they choose, the authority of Scripture in matters of faith and practice, the priesthood of every believer, the autonomy of the local church, and the separation of church and state.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Encouraging visible enthusiasm for knowledge, intellectual challenge, continuous learning, and scholarly endeavors; inviting pursuit of educational opportunities within and beyond the classroom for the joy of discovery; and inspiring accomplishment within one's field of study.

LIBERAL ARTS
Offering broad-based exposure to the arts, humanities and sciences and to each field's unique challenges, contributions, and life lessons; complementing the acquisition of career-related knowledge and skills with well-rounded knowledge of self, others, and society.

TEAMWORK
Working collaboratively to support and promote shared goals, assuming responsibility willingly, meeting commitments dependably, handling disagreement constructively, and persevering despite distraction and adversity.

STUDENT-CENTERED FOCUS
Providing students an environment that fosters intellectual and spiritual growth; encourages physical fitness, service, social and cultural enrichment; strengthens and develops moral character; and respects the value and individuality of every student.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Assisting campus, local, national, and global communities through education, outreach, and research; fostering dialogue and action in support of human welfare and environmental stewardship.

DIVERSITY
Studying and celebrating our world's rich mix of cultures, ideologies, and ethnicities; respecting and welcoming students without regard to ethnicity, gender, religious commitment, national origin, or disability.
Location: GWU, a private Christian University, is located 50 miles west of Charlotte in the Piedmont area of Western North Carolina. Main campus of 200 acres is located in Boiling Springs, NC.

Enrollment: Approximately 4,300 students including the day program, graduate studies, and the GOAL program (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners). 63% female, 37% male. Geographic distribution: 37 states, 21 foreign countries.

Faculty: 147 full-time, 79% with Ph.D. or equivalent. Faculty to student ratio is 1:13.

Curriculum: A total of 5 professional schools, 2 academic schools, and 11 academic departments offer nearly 60 undergraduate and graduate major fields of study. Approximately 33% of students major in business field, 30% in social sciences, and 17% in nursing.

Athletics: NCAA Division I; member of the BigSouth Conference.


President: Dr. A. Frank Bonner (July 1, 2005 - Present)

Did You Know?:
- Gardner-Webb University has once again been ranked as one of the “Best Universities” in the South that offer “a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs” in the 2011 edition of “America’s Best Colleges” from U.S. News and World Report.
- Gardner-Webb has been named to the annual report on America’s 100 Best College Buys, designating them as one of America’s best college educations for the cost.
- Gardner-Webb was selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its prestigious Community Engagement Classification, recognizing the University’s institutionalized commitment to service. GWU is one of only 311 institutions nationwide to have earned the distinction.
- Gardner-Webb was one of only 528 universities and colleges nationwide to be named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll (for the third consecutive year).
- Gardner-Webb was awarded the North American Mission Board’s (NAMB) Courts Redford Award for 2010, which recognizes the nation’s top 10 universities for mobilizing student missionaries through NAMB.
- The Big South Conference honored Gardner-Webb’s Carrie Long (women’s track and field) with the prestigious George A. Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence in 2011.
- Summer Hess, a 2006 honors graduate from Gardner-Webb (English major), has been named as a prestigious 2010-11 Fulbright Scholar. Hess becomes the first GWU graduate to receive this award.
- Gardner-Webb Women’s basketball won the Big South Conference Championship in 2011, earning the University’s first ever berth in the NCAA Division I Women’s Championship tournament.
- For the third consecutive year, the Gardner-Webb women’s swim team is ranked first nationally with the best cumulative GPA for all women’s swimming programs in NCAA Division I.
The Alma Mater
Hammett-Hammett

At the foot of the mountains
Is our College; proud she stands,
Serving all who want her service,
Blessing all with out-stretched hands.

With our hands we will serve thee.
Gardner-Webb, our college fair;
In our love we will uphold thee;
Our wealth we’ll gladly share.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
We sing our love to thee;
We pledge our hearts in deep devotion
Our love, our faith, eternally.
At Gardner-Webb University, we seek a higher ground in higher education – one that embraces faith and intellectual freedom, balances conviction with compassion, and inspires in students a love of learning, service, and leadership.

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