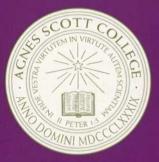
Agnes Scott College

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The One Hundred-Twenty-First Commencement



May 8, 2010

Commencement Exercises

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PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

A medley performed by Peachtree Brass

INVOCATION The Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes, Julia Thompson Smith Chaplain

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Elizabeth Kiss, *President*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Madeleine K. Albright, U.S. Secretary of State (1997-2001)

PRESENTATION OF THE VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

PRESENTATION OF THE JOSEPH R. GLADDEN JR. PUBLIC LECTURE AWARD

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Clyde C. Tuggle, Chair of the Board of Trustees President Kiss

CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2010

Gay Johnson McDougall '69x, United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2010

Rosemary Lévy Zumwalt, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND HOODING

Dean Zumwalt, assisted by: James Diedrick, Associate Dean of the College President Kiss Trustee Tuggle Donna Lee, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Toby M. Emert, Associate Professor of Education and Director of Teacher Education

GREETING FROM THE ALUMNAE

Ann Glendinning '68 President of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association

RECESSIONAL

A medley performed by Peachtree Brass

The Peachtree Brass are: Yvonne Toll, trumpet; Greg Holland, trumpet; Jay Hanselman, horn; Hollie Lawing, trombone; Bernard Flythe, tuba; and Scott Douglas, timpani.

FACULTY MARSHALS

Lilia Harvey, Associate Professor of Chemistry Dudley Sanders, Professor of Theatre

STUDENT MARSHALS

Onyinye Edeh '11, President, Student Government Association Elizabeth Brashier '12 Alanna Coughran '11 Lucia Hulsether '11

Madeleine K. Albright

U.S. Secretary of State (1997-2001)

Dr. Albright was the 64th Secretary of State of the United States. In 1997, she was named the first female Secretary of State and became, at that time, the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government. As Secretary of State, she reinforced America's alliances, advocated democracy and human rights and promoted American trade and business, labor, and environmental standards abroad. From 1993 to 1997, Albright served as the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations and as a member of the President's Cabinet. From 1989 to 1992, she served as president of the Center for National Policy. Previously she was a member of President Jimmy Carter's National Security Council and White House staff from 1978 to 1981, and from 1976 to 1978, she served as chief legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie.

She is chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm, and chair of Albright Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory firm focused on emerging markets.

Albright is Distinguished Professor of Diplomacy at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She chairs both the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Pew Global Attitudes Project, and serves as president of the Truman Scholarship Foundation. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Board of Trustees for the Aspen Institute. In 2009, Albright was asked by NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen to chair a group of experts on NATO's New Strategic Concept.

Albright received a B.A. with honors from Wellesley College and master's and doctorate degrees from Columbia University's Department of Public Law and Government, as well as a certificate from its Russian Institute. She is the author of four *New York Times* best-sellers. Her autobiography, *Madam Secretary: A Memoir*, was published in 2003. In 2006, Albright published *The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God, and World Affairs. Memo to the President: How We Can Restore America's Reputation and Leadership* was published in 2008. Her latest book, *Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box*, was published in 2009.

In recognition of her distinguished career and advocacy for the empowerment of women, the Agnes Scott College Board of Trustees is proud today to confer on Albright the doctor of laws, *bonoris causa*.

Gay Johnson McDougall '69x

United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues

In 1965, native Atlantan **Gay McDougall** shaped Agnes Scott's history by becoming its first black student. She left the college in 1967 and went on to graduate from Bennington College. She later earned her juris doctorate from Yale Law School and her L.L.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

McDougall has played a leading role in the international human rights movement. Active in anti-apartheid efforts during the 1980s, she was one of five international members (and the only American) to serve on South Africa's 16-member Independent Electoral Commission. The goal to organize and administer that country's first post-apartheid elections was successful, and Nelson Mandela was elected president. She served as executive director of Global Rights from 1994 to 2006 and in 1999 received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for "innovative and highly effective" work toward the establishment of international human rights.

In 1998, McDougall was the first American ever elected to serve as an independent expert on the United Nations treaty body that oversees the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. She subsequently served as a special rapporteur to the United Nations on the issue of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices in armed conflict. In 2005, McDougall was named the first United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues. In 2006, she was named Distinguished Scholar in Residence at American University's Washington College of Law.

She has served on many boards that administer justice and international aid, including The Global Fund for Women, CARE, The Council on Foreign Relations and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, where she served on the judges panel for the annual Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award.

In recognition of her intrepid service to the cause of international justice, the Agnes Scott College Board of Trustees is proud today to confer on McDougall the doctor of laws, *bonoris causa*.

Phi Beta Kappa

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Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Am'Asa Vernedia Baldwin Megan R. Beyer Kristi L. Chenault Samantha Corvino Christy Leann Cotter Helen E. Cox Indira Cruz Charlotte Leigh Cué Jing Cicy Cui Vironka Rhoda Davis Sarah M. Dhalla Anna Marie DunLany Alice Elizabeth Ferron Lorraine Elizabeth Finklea leneé Iman Gaskin Carin Kelly Godemann Chelsea Lea Guenther Chuya Guo Margaret Hamilton K. Michele Hunter Tia Simone Huston Breana Michelle Jones Julianna Kate Jones Elaine Angeleke Koutroulias Hanwen Li Kristin Brooke Linscott Latonya Monique Shanae Maley

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Class of 2010 Award Recipients

The Miriam K. Drucker Award in Psychology for Excellence in Scholarship Shelley Marie Barber

The Women's Studies Prize Megan R. Beyer

The Hettie Hoyle Pasour Award for Excellence in the Study of Sociology and Anthropology Megan R. Beyer

The Myrna Goode Young Latin Award Marlie Deean Bolin

The Marjo Dobbs Arseneau '89 Memorial Librarianship Award Olivia Rachel Carlisle

The Jack T. Brooking Award Indira Cruz

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The Georgia Society of CPAs Academic Excellence Award Jing Cicy Cui

The William A. Calder Award in Physics & Astronomy Sarah M. Dhalla

The Michael J. Brown History Prize Alice Elizabeth Ferron

The Susan Booker Guthrie Fu Fund Lorraine Elizabeth Finklea

The Frances Madford Mauldin Student Leadership Award Chelsea Lea Guenther

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The Religious Studies Department Award for Leadership and Commitment Margaret Hamilton

The Sara "Sally" Wilson Glendinning Journalism Award K. Michele Hunter

The Betty W. Stoffel '44 Award for Poetry and Creative Writing K. Michele Hunter

The Theta Alpha Kappa National Honors Society for Religious Studies and Theology Undergraduate Achievement Award Breana Michelle Jones

The Paul Garber Award for Excellence in Religious Studies Breana Michelle Jones

The Hettie Hoyle Pasour Award for Excellence in the Study of Sociology and Anthropology Breana Michelle Jones

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The Academy of American Poets Prize Elaine Angeleke Koutroulias

The Janef Newman Preston Prize for Fiction Megan Elizabeth Lank

The Religious Studies Department Award for Leadership and Commitment Amy Laurent

The Economics Department Best Student Award Hanwen Li

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The Elizabeth Jefferson Boyt Student Development Award Diana Krajewski Lockwood

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The Banners

The banners and the women who carry them represent student organizations and activities, an important component of the Agnes Scott experience. Members of the respective organizations designed the banners.

The Presidential Medallion

The President's Medallion, which Elizabeth Kiss wears today, was a gift from an anonymous donor prior to the centennial of the college. It was first presented to President Ruth Schmidt at Founder's Day Convocation on Feb. 24, 1988. This symbol of the office of the president, reflecting a tradition rooted in the Renaissance, is worn on ceremonial occasions.

The medallion and chain were designed and executed by Georgia State University Professor Richard Mafong. The silver and gold medallion is a round open link with a crossbar bearing the word "President." An orb-like piece bears the name and founding date "Agnes Scott College 1889," and, from the seal of the college, the Latin In Fide Vestra Virtutem in Virtute Autem Scientiam, from Il Peter 1:5, "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge." The medallion is linked to the chain with a five-pointed star disk, a symbol also borrowed from the college seal. The chain consists of 22 oval disks to accommodate the names of Agnes Scott's past, present and future presidents, 22 open oval connecting links, and 46 purple and milky iridescent stones.

Academic Regalia

The ancient lineage of academic apparel began when universities were first founded in Europe in the Middle Ages. Students and teachers, considered clerics, wore robes and cowls, or hoods, similar to those of the monastic orders to which many of them belonged. Over time, for distinction in their regalia, universities adopted bright colors and different designs for gowns and hoods. In America, academic costume has been in continuous use since the founding of the first Colonial colleges. As in Europe, innovation was spontaneous and uncontrolled until, in 1893, an intercollegiate commission recommended the uniform code still governing academic regalia.

The design of the gown indicates the wearer's highest degree. The bachelor's gown, simple and usually black, is distinguished by long pointed sleeves. The similar master's gown has oblong sleeves squared in back and arched in front. The more elaborate doctoral gown has velvet front panels and three chevrons on each sleeve. Velvet in a color other than black indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned. Some universities have adopted a distinctive gown color such as Stanford's red or Emory's blue.

Many symbols are on a hood: the width of the velvet trim designates the level of the degree, the color of the trim indicates the major field of study and the lining denotes the institution that granted the degree. The distinguishing feature of the cap is the gold tassel worn with the doctoral robe.

Some colors that may be represented in the academic procession of the faculty today are:

Arts, Letters, Humanities—white Divinity/Theology—scarlet Laws—purple Music—pink Philosophy—dark blue Science—golden yellow Duke—Duke blue and white Emory—blue and gold Harvard—crimson Northwestern—purple Stanford—red Yale—Yale blue

Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees have been awarded by American colleges and universities since early Colonial times. Harvard University owns the distinction of being the first postsecondary educational institution in America to have awarded an honorary degree. In 1692, it promoted its entire staff in an effort to raise its status from college to university. Few other awards were made by Colonial colleges prior to the Revolutionary War, and the distribution of degrees *bonoris causa* remained a phenomenon associated with the more prestigious and established English universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Today, the conferral of honorary degrees stands as a well-established tradition within the higher education community. As they were from the beginning, honorary degrees recognize the achievements of persons in their particular field of interest and are presented to individuals whose accomplishments—whether scholarly, professional or social—are in line with an institution's educational values or are felt to be especially worthy of recognition.

The Agnes Scott College Board of Trustees has approved the awarding of the following honorary degrees:

- · Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, for service
- Doctor of Letters, *bonoris causa*, for scholarly achievements
- Doctor of Humane Letters, *bonoris causa*, for achievements in the humanities
- Doctor of Science, bonoris causa, for contributions to scientific inquiry

The academic colors connoting the degree conferred are purple for law, yellow for science and white for arts, letters and humanities.

