

COMMENCEMENT 2020



PIEDMONT
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

From the President

Who would have suspected three months ago that the commencement for the Class of 2020 would take such a drastic turn due to a novel coronavirus that has upended the global environment? We certainly would have enjoyed gathering in public with parents, guardians, extended family, and friends on May 1st to celebrate our graduates' unique academic accomplishments. However, plans unexpected by us, but known by our Maker, have occurred. Despite the disruption, we are excited to see such distinguished graduates move into various communities to use their talents and embrace this challenge with exceptional solutions.

Since 1945, Piedmont has been a Christ-centered University committed to educating aspiring leaders worldwide through exceptional teaching, scholarly research, creative innovation, and professional collaboration. We hope that their years at Piedmont have helped these fantastic men and women who are graduating to lay a foundation upon which to build lives that keep Christ preeminent and bring glory to God.

With truth and grace,



Dr. Charles W. Petitt
President

University Officers

Charles Petitt, DD – *President*

Beth Ashburn, PhD – *Provost*

Stephen Condon, PhD – *Chancellor*

Chris Ronk, PhD – *Chief Financial Officer*

Sandeep Gopalan, PhD – *Vice Chancellor, Executive VP for Academic Affairs & International*

Byron Edens, DMin – *Vice President*

Regalia

The use of academic regalia dates to the 12th century at the formation of early universities in Europe. Universities lacked buildings of their own and studies were conducted at churches. The standard gown is black. The master's gown is distinguished by tippet sleeves, and the doctor's gown by velvet panels which adorn the sleeves. The standard cap is a mortarboard. The doctor's cap may be a soft tam. The tassel indicates the field of study; however, the doctor's tassel is metallic gold. The color of the cowl and the outside velvet of the hood indicates the field of study and the degree respectively. The inside colors of the hood are the school colors.

HOOD COLORS

The hood is a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, and it is faced with colors which denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the lining indicate the college or academic discipline in which the degree is granted. The various colleges and academic disciplines of PIU are represented by these hood and tassel colors.

Scarlet – *Religion*

Pink – *Music*

Dark Blue – *Philosophy*

Light Blue – *Education*

Sage Green – *Physical Education*

Drab – *Business, Leadership*

White – *American Sign Language*

ACADEMIC CORDS

Academic honors are designated with cords worn by the graduates. The various academic achievements of the students at Piedmont International University are represented by these cord colors.

Gold & Navy – *Magna Cum Laude*

Gold & White – *Summa Cum Laude,
with High Distinction*

Gold – *Cum Laude, with Distinction*

White – *Award of Excellence Recipient*

RECOGNITION CORDS

Academic honors are designated with cords worn by the graduates. The various academic achievements of the students at Piedmont International University are represented by these cord colors.

Purple – *High Point University Program*

Red – *Winston-Salem State University Program*

Red, White, & Blue – *US Veteran and Active Military*

Award of Excellence

Recipients of the Award of Excellence have excelled during their undergraduate studies at Piedmont International University. They are recognized for their outstanding academic achievements, Christian character and commitment to the Piedmont family and the community around them. These recipients are distinguished with a white cord.

Lisa Brown
Cameron Dubuc

Chelsea Edwards
David Simon

Corey Powell
Rebecca Walters

Candidates for Associate Degrees

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS — EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Leigh-Ann Nichole Lankford	Winston-Salem, NC
Lexi Dupre Lippard	Salisbury, NC
Marialyce Elizabeth Mahaffey, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Reidsville, NC
Mariah Simone Robinson	Cobbs Creek, VA
Marisa Nicole Malin	Manitou Beach, MI

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS — BIBLE

Stephen Robert Thomas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Birmingham, AL
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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS — MINISTRY

Daniel Ray Melton	Davis, NC
Darren Andrew Gray, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Australia

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS — BIBLE

Samuel Avery Hall	Winston-Salem, NC
Clark Henry Harney, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Morganton, NC
Isaiah Olmedo-Griffin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mocksville, NC
Quintin Martin Ayers, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Vinton, VA
Samuel David Stewart, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Ontario, Canada
Joshua Robert Baker	Landrum, SC
Ryan Emory Bennett	Marion, NC
Jedidiah Daniel Chappell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rapid City, SD
Wesley Lebron Clowers, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Rockwood, TN
Kyle Lee Denton, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Gastonia, NC
David Alexander Euliss	Winston-Salem, NC
Autumn Michelle Galbraith, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Nokomis Haywood Gregory	Kernersville, NC
Rhonda Bulluck Gupton, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Virginia Beach, VA
Jacob David Lewis, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Hobart, IN
Angelica Bess Lindberg, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Rougemont, NC
Joey Kevin McCaskill, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Robbins, NC
Lorraine McLemore, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Fredericksburg, VA
Darrell Kirkpatrick Moser, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Graham, NC
Patrick James Napier	Homer, AK
David Simon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Drammen, Norway
Michael Silas Smith	Denver, NC
Charles Adam Strayer, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Crossville, TN
Claire Megan Whitworth, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Santaquin, UT

BACHELOR OF ARTS — BIBLICAL STUDIES

John Caleb Ahern	Virginia Beach, VA
Ian Patrick Jarrells, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Fairlawn, VA
Corey Lee Powell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Zane Christian Williams, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Pearisburg, VA

BACHELOR OF ARTS — MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ETHICS

Olivia Skyler Bullard, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Ronda, NC
Carolyn Ruth Colvin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Trinity, NC
Kayli Ann Cook, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Morganton, NC
Annika Fae Downs, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Cameron Elizabeth Dubuc, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Broadway, NC
Jilberto Adrian Gonzalez	Dobson, NC
Sydney Layne Harris	Mebane, NC
Kaelynn Micaiah Hicks, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Ramseur, NC
Aric Matthew Holmes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Cary, NC
Kaitlyn Victoria Hunt, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Lakeside, CA
Zyniah Kesler	Martin, GA
Ashli Noelle Mincey	Kernersville, NC
Jerry Fabricio Pineda, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Lenoir, NC
Kelsie Jo Simpson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kannapolis, NC

BACHELOR OF ARTS — MINISTRY

Charles Christopher Colton Bishop	Winston-Salem, NC
Sophia Raffaele Bricker, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Vivian Leigh Bricker, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Marco Antonio Diaz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Asheboro, NC

Kathryna Jordan Doyle, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Loganville, GA
Shirleta Elizabeth Hackett	Baltimore, MD
Taylor Lee Hinson	Sanford, NC
Sten Lar Htoo	Winston-Salem, NC
Kiont R Jones	Columbia, TN
Marisa Nicole Malin	Manitou Beach, MI
Jeffrey Aaron Ostermann, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Castle Rock, CO
Juan Pablo Palacio	Middleburg, FL
Mariah Simone Robinson	Cobbs Creek, VA
Jaquelinne Salazar	Concord, NC
Brian David Seymour	Winston-Salem, NC
Jonathan Michael Shinn, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Crossville, TN
Christian Reece Watts, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Thomasville, NC
Emily Kay Whitten, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mabank, TX

BACHELOR OF ARTS — MUSIC

Matthew Ryan Bell	Lewisville, NC
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BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Ronald Ricardo Smart, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Archdale, NC
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE — DEAF STUDIES

Lisa Lynnette Brown, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jacksonville, FL
Sarah Elizabeth Condra, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Rock Springs, GA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE — ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Chelsea Michelle Edwards, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Roaring River, NC
Abigail Leigh Everhart, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	McLeansville, NC
Morgann Blessing McLain, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Dunbar, WI
Mary Nelia Overcash	Snow Camp, NC
Rebecca Marlene Walters, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Raleigh, NC

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE — ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
WITH MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Kelly Spink Carter, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE —
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Antoine Donte Robinson	Clemmons, NC
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE — MUSIC EDUCATION

Miriam Lenawee Wyse, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Wauseon, OH
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE —
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

Makayla Annette Miller, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Greensboro, NC
Kara Penner	Greenville, SC
Miranda Lynn Kilpatrick	Lawrenceburg, TN

Candidates for Master's Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLE EXPOSITION

Todd Monroe Matthews, *Magna Cum Laude*

Winston-Salem, NC

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Lynn Louise Porter, *Summa Cum Laude*

Vista, CA

MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP

Santiago Oscar Olortegui, *Cum Laude*

Burlington, NC

Logan Scott Philon

Winston-Salem, NC

Michael Charles Pritt, *Magna Cum Laude*

Victor, WV

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Daniel Wade Altizer

Christiansburg, VA

Andrew Gordon Beard

Mount Olive, NC

Gustave Joseph Barney Beuke, *Summa Cum Laude*

Senatobia, MS

Matthew Scott Byrd, *Summa Cum Laude*

Burlington, NC

Christina Shepherd Carter, *Summa Cum Laude*

Athens, TN

Ashley Nichole Charlton, *Magna Cum Laude*

Waverly, TN

Jacob Daniel Danieleley, *Magna Cum Laude*

Elon, NC

Michael James DePoortere, *Summa Cum Laude*

Crossville, TN

David Alan Dukes, *Magna Cum Laude*

Cookeville, TN

Danielle Marie Edens

Ringgold, GA

Brian Keith Estell

Tremont, IL

Heath Brandon Faircloth, *Magna Cum Laude*

Kernersville, NC

Stephen Alexander Hackett, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Manchester, NH
Allen Gerard Holloway	Peoria, IL
Christopher Scott Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Crossville, TN
Bernice Verdell Jones	Harrison, TN
Parker Davis Kiser	Hampton, VA
Donald Allen Knox, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	China Grove, NC
Michael Scott Laymon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Flower Mound, TX
Aaron Conley Lee, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Wilmington, NC
Thomas Kent Leonard	North Stonington, CT
Kalyn Elizabeth Lewis	Crossville, TN
Douglas Robert Lupo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Burlington, NC
Anna Maria Torres McAlister, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Cleveland, TN
Reginald Corey McClinton, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Cheyenne, WY
Timothy Aaron McGuirt, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hixson, TN
Nicole Marie McKnight, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Four Oaks, NC
Stephen Paul Millermon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Downey, ID
Clegguart Charles Mitchell, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Saint Louis, MO
John Clint Moon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Empire, AL
Daniel Luis Pagan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Pfafftown, NC
Geoffrey Deane Peterson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hixson, TN
Robert Monroe Spears	Ocala, FL
William Todd Spears, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Concord, NC
Isaac Lewis Stanley, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hot Springs, SD
Elizabeth Grace Tate, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Warrenton, VA
David Alan Ward, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Fleetwood, NC
John David Wessinger, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lewisville, NC

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Trey Michael McLaughlin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Orianna Valentina Costa	High Point, NC
Regina Jo Dixon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Trinity, NC
Tanner Christopher Theriot, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Carencro, LA

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Christen Danae Anderson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Winston-Salem, NC
Joy Davey Raley, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Raleigh, NC
Caitlin Ann Sexton, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Garner, NC
Dana Nicole Wallace, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Clemmons, NC

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Michael Craig Bell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Lascassas, TN
Jenna Lynn Carey, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Reidsville, NC
Mark Steven Fisher, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	West Des Moines, IA
Adam Bradley Flaugh, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Firth, NE
Joseph Todd Frejosky	Ringgold, GA
Dennis Jackson Harry	Robbins, NC
Dean Craig Lentini	Saskatchewan, Canada
Ethan Todd Mathis	Kernersville, NC
Aaron Tanner Mundy	Great Falls, SC
Duane Robert Nelsen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Lincoln, NE
Michael Gregory Raley	Raleigh, NC
Brock Christopher Ronas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Springdale, MD
Samuel Stuart Smith	Kernersville, NC
Theodore Raymond Tompkins, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Friendswood, TX
Jerome Wilkerson	Spindale, NC

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Gregory Thomas Balentine
with Distinction

Hilton, NY
The Message of Creation

Lance Wesley Dixon
with High Distinction

Monroe, NC
Moral Understanding Gleaned from
America's Christian Heritage

Nicholas Alexander Glenn

High Point, NC
Equipping Christians for Spiritual Warfare
through Expository Preaching

Daron Wayne Willis

Longview, TX
Developing a Strategy to Encourage
Proper Eating and Exercise Habits among
African American Male Pastors

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

William George Giallourakis
with High Distinction

North Ridgeville, OH
A Critique of the Reliability and Validity of
David C. Parker's Challenge to the
Authority of Scripture

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LEADERSHIP

Idris Ademuyiwa Adelokun
with High Distinction

Manitoba, Canada
The Impact of Transformational Leadership on
Employee Turnover Intention in a Canadian
Business Organization

Christopher Lane Allen
with High Distinction

Leasburg, MO
A Correlational Study of Church Leaders' Use of
Mission Statements and Church Growth in
Midwestern Baptist Churches

Charlene Renee Biamonte Stockl
with High Distinction

Gastonia, NC
A Phenomenological Study on the Leadership
Experiences of Women in Executive Positions in
Healthcare

Chesley Earl Bowden
with High Distinction

Cresencio Moriles Casimong
with High Distinction

Cecily Denise Cornish
with High Distinction

Tommy Lee Davis
with High Distinction

Andrew Benjamin Floyd

Ben Kelly Gilliam
with High Distinction

Gary Thomas Goodfellow
with High Distinction

Delton Richard Gordon
with High Distinction

Ramila Karmacharya

Terrance Edward Kraus
with High Distinction

Stacey James Lloyd
with High Distinction

Fayetteville, TN
Leadership Development and Project Success:
A Correlational Study

British Columbia, Canada
Leadership Practices and Transitions Pastoral
Ministry in Western Canada

Acworth, GA
The Correlation of Transformational Leaders and
Greening Behaviors on Employees'
Pro-environmental Behaviors

Kernersville, NC
An Examination of Transformational Leadership in
Correctional Chaplaincy

Deland, FL
Leadership and the Perception of School Success
at John the Baptist Christian School

Queensland, Australia
How Pastors as Leaders Experience and Cope
with Workplace Bullying

New Bern, NC
The Effect of Parental Influence and Educational
Environment on a Child's Emotional Intelligence
and Leadership Characteristics

Russellville, AR
The Relationship between Emotional Intelligence
and Job Satisfaction among Student Affairs
Professionals

Kathmandu, Nepal
Female Participation in Educational Leadership
in Nepal

West Palm Beach, FL
Frontline Leadership of Co-occurring Mental
Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment
Programs: A Grounded Theory Study

Delran, NJ
Understanding the Correlation between Law
Enforcement, Leadership, and Emotional
Intelligence

Lonnie Joseph Mason
with High Distinction

Tony Lee Mason
with High Distinction

Benjamin David Olson

Kelly Gene Robinson
with High Distinction

Kaleb Schmidt
with High Distinction

Euriel F Thwaites
with Distinction

Michael Scott Turnbow
with Distinction

Muscatine, IA
Pastoral Burnout: A Quantitative Study on the Causal Factors of Pastoral Burnout and Its Effect on Leadership in Mid-West Pastors

Madison, AL
Overcoming the Odds: Exploring the Benefits of Long-Tenured Pastors and Their Leadership

Palmer, AK
Examining Perceptions of Servant Leadership among Administrators at Institutions of Biblical Higher Education in the State of Alaska

Paw Paw, MI
Full Range Leadership and Emotional Intelligence: Effects on Commercial Nuclear Generating Station Performance

Windsor, CO
The Best Leadership Practices of Business as Mission Practitioners from Innocence-Guilt Cultures Working in the Honor-Shame Culture of the Middle East

Woolwich, NJ
Bullying in Law Enforcement: The Relationship between Bullying, Servant Leadership, and Quality of Work Life

Hixson, TN
A Study of Emotional Intelligence in a Project Management Organization