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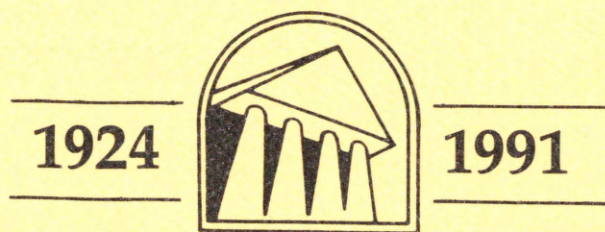
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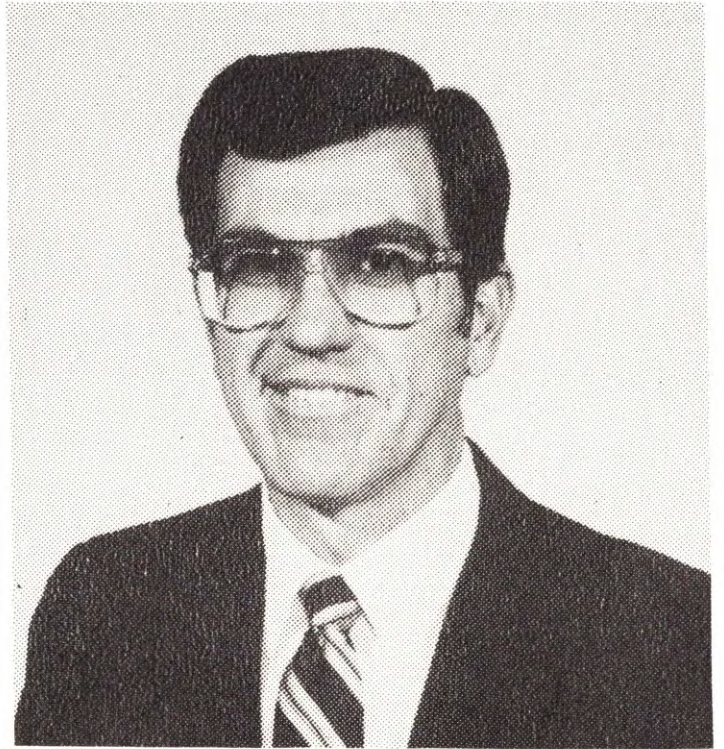
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**JAMES MOORE**

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James Moore is president of Christian Home and Bible School in Mt. Dora, Florida. An Alabama native, he has been a minister for more than 25 years, serving churches in Natchez, Mississippi, and the Concord Street Church of Christ in Orlando, Florida.

Moore received the B.A. from Alabama Christian College in Montgomery and later obtained the M.A. from Alabama Christian School of Religion. He has also done advanced graduate work at the University of South Mississippi.

During the years he has remained heavily involved in mission work, including extensive travel to several countries to spread the Gospel of Christ. He has also lead tours to the Holy Land and to other countries. A sports enthusiast, he also enjoys reading and singing.

He and Shirley, his wife of 25 years, have two children, Scott and Tonya, who will be a Harding sophomore this fall.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Commencement Program

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August 16, 1991, 10:00 a.m., George S. Benson Auditorium, Harding University

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PROCESSIONAL ..... **Pomp and Circumstance**  
(Audience will remain seated)

HYMN, "God is the Fountain Whence" ..... **Foy T. O'Neal, B.A.**  
*Degree Candidate*

SCRIPTURE READING ..... **Rodger L. Brewer, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor of English*

INVOCATION ..... **Bill W. Oldham, Ed.D.**  
*Professor of Mathematics*

HYMN "Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer" ..... **Foy T. O'Neal, B.A.**  
*Degree Candidate*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... **David B. Burks, Ph.D.**  
*President*

ADDRESS ..... **James Moore, M.A.**  
*President, Christian Home and Bible School, Mt. Dora, Florida*

RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE ..... **Neale T. Pryor, Th.D.**  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**Carl R. Mitchell, Ph.D.**  
*Dean of the College of Bible and Religion*

**Dean B. Priest, Ph.D.**  
*Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

**Cathleen M. Shultz, Ph.D.**  
*Dean of the School of Nursing*

**George H. Oliver, M.S.A.**  
*Dean of the School of Business*

**Bobby L. Coker, Ed.D.**  
*Dean of the School of Education*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... **President Burks**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... **President Burks**

BENEDICTION ..... **David S. Tucker, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor of Economics*  
(Audience will stand)

RECESSIONAL ..... **Pomp and Circumstance**  
(Audience will be seated)

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# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, AUGUST 16, 1991

The students whose names appear below were candidates for degrees as of August 1.

## COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Carl R. Mitchell, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
+*Scott Patrick Bonk	Bible	Dayton Plaine, Mich.
*Benjamin Franklin <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biblical Languages	Holton, Ind.
*Scott Glen Harris <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Bible and French	Grand Junction, Colo.
H. Perry Koon <i>Cum Laude</i>	Bible	Searcy, Ark.



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dean B. Priest, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Christine Gail Alkire <i>Cum Laude</i>	Music	Winslow, Ariz.
Tanya Renee Atkinson	Public Relations	Vilonia, Ark.
*Amanda Dawn Smith Austin <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Communication Disorders	Antioch, Tenn.
Ginger Elene Blackstone	Radio-Television	Mesquite, Texas
Jim Carr	Human Resources and Youth Ministry	Batesville, Miss.
Jason D. Clark	Radio-Television	Wynne, Ark.
*Timothy Warren Cleveland <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Judsonia, Ark.
Melydia Ellen Clewell	Radio-Television	APO N.Y.
Gregory Lovel Davis	General Studies	Sherwood, Ark.
Marty L. Dejarnette	Physical Education	Sterling, Ill.
Michael Edward Fahrenwald <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mathematics	Searcy, Ark.
Jeana Laura Graham <i>Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	
Marlon Walter Grande	Psychology	Cuscatancingo, El Salvador
Harold Hall	Physical Education	Searcy, Ark.
Steven R. Hill	General Studies	Grand Prairie, Texas
Teresa Lynn Huff <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Tauranga, New Zealand
Kymm Renee Johnson	Radio-Television	Newberg, Ore.
Linda Lynn Jones	Home Ec-Child Development	Merigold, Miss.
Allyson Ann Lefler	Human Resources	North Little Rock, Ark.
James R. Martin	Physical Education	
Jeffery D. Montgomery	Psychology	Memphis, Tenn.
Paul Frank Orlando	Art and English	Manchester, N.H.
Lori Anne Parrish	Human Resources	Bloomington, Ind.
Nancy Graves Roberson	Human Resources	Milan, Tenn.
Vene Rodriguez	International Studies	David-Chiriqui, Panama
Dianne Maria Romer	Psychology	Washington, Mo.
David John Sachar	Social Science	Rose Bud, Ark.
John Carleton Sharp	Human Resources	Florissant, Mo.
*Amy Elizabeth Smoak	General Studies	APO, N.Y.
Benjamin C. Stanley	General Studies	Alpharetta, Ga.
Byron C. Titus	General Studies	Lewisville, Texas
Paul Richard Trujillo	Radio-Television	Aurora, Colo.
Martha Isabel Valle	International Studies	Managua, Nicaragua
+Susan Kay Vaughn	Public Relations	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Kevin T. Waller	Psychology	Lonoke, Ark.
Fred Douglas Wiley	Radio-Television	Houston, Texas

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Andrew Thomas Blues	Computer Science	Memphis, Tenn.
*Vivian D. Britton <i>Cum Laude</i>	Art	Beebe, Ark.
*Angie Beth Peebles Eichhorn <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	General Science	Texas
Dane Howard Flippin <i>Cum Laude</i>	Biology	Searcy, Ark.
Ashlie Dean Galyan <i>Cum Laude</i>	Interior Design-Art	Searcy, Ark.
Shannon Carol Gore	Biology	Newport, Ark.
Lisa Naomi Harris <i>Cum Laude</i>	Home Ec-Vocational and Bible	Searcy, Ark.
Steve A. Hinrichs	Public Administration	Nichols, Iowa
Gregory Wayne Noah	Biology	Pensacola, Fla.
Mark Lane Petrus <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mathematics	Searcy, Ark.
Mari-Margaret Celest Selby	Biology	Slidell, La.
David Rodrigo Ulate <i>Cum Laude</i>	Art	Heredia, Costa Rica

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Bradley B. Barber	Social Work	Searcy, Ark.
Lisa Michele Crafton	Social Work	Jacksonville, Ark.
*Lisa Beth Dockery <i>Cum Laude</i>	Social Work	Fayetteville, Ark.
Cynthia Dianne Garner	Social Work	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.
+Gek Ngee Lorna Goh <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Social Work	Singapore, Singapore
+Laura Beth Henderson	Social Work	Searcy, Ark.
Kimberly Fay Hickerson	Social Work	Ravenna, Ohio

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
+*Carrie Michelle Hayward	Graphics Design	Ft. Collins, Col.
John Andrew Mallicote	Painting	Irving, Texas
Wendy L. Simpkins	Graphics Design	El Dorado, Ark.

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Lori Kae Fischer	Music Education	Scranton, Kan.
+*Marisa Kalyne Thomas <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Music	Irving, Texas

SCHOOL OF NURSING  
Cathleen M. Shultz, Ph.D.  
Dean of the School

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Nancy Womack Billiot	Nursing	Searcy, Ark.
Jolyn Marie Eppick	Nursing	Cypress, Calif.
Rosezeata C. Kittrell	Nursing	Patterson, Ark.
Renate Ann Selvidge	Nursing	Phoenix, Ariz.

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

George H. Oliver, M.S.A.

Dean of the School

### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Celina Esparanza Grande	Applied Office Science	Soyopango, El Salvador
Terri McLeod Sledge	Applied Office Science	Searcy, Ark.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Karla Leann Fite	Office Systems	Yantis, Texas

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Becky Jean Allbee	Marketing	Newberg, Ore.
Stanley Wayne Bennett	Marketing	Columbus, Miss.
+*Benjamin Andres Calderon <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Economics and Accounting	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Carlos Roberto Castillo <i>Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Huehuetenango, Guatemala
Daniel Laurence Coombs	Economics	Laconia, N.H.
Heath P. Drulman	Marketing	Homewood, Ala.
Carol Lynn Elliott	Marketing	West Memphis, Ark.
Patricia Ellen Flippin <i>Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Searcy, Ark.
Tammy Annette Hoofman	Management	Judsonia, Ark.
Lucille J. Hoy <i>Cum Laude</i>	Economics and Marketing	Belize City, Belize
Robert T. McCain	Marketing	Lakewood, Colo.
Cynthia M. Merchant	Management	Fryeburg, Maine
+*Francisco Hernan Moreno <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Economics and Management	Copiguat, Guatemala
Abraham Quesada	Accounting	San Jose, Costa Rica
Jose Rigoberto Rosales	Professional Sales	Estado de Mexico, Mexico
Kara Daneille Sanders	Marketing	Searcy, Ark.
Kelly Cenice Scott	Management	Baton Rouge, La.
John Stanley Whitmire	Marketing	Memphis, Tenn.
Stanley Joe Williams	Management	Sherwood, Ark.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
*Jerome David Green <i>B.B.A. in Accounting, Harding University</i>	Accounting	Richardson, Texas
Ronald Lee Hartman <i>B.S. in Accounting, University of Florida</i>	Accounting	Tampa, Fla.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bobby L. Coker, Ed. D.

Dean of the School

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Shannon Michelle Banks	Elementary Education	Dewey, Okla.
*Twila Gay Blair <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education	Springdale, Ark.
Tammi Lynn Clark	Elementary Education	Sherwood, Ark.
Kathy Lynn Jones	Elementary Education	
Sandra Lynn Kenner	Elementary Education	Judsonia, Ark.
*Melissa Beth Lloyd	Elementary Education	Searcy, Ark.
Sarah Lynn Petrus <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education	Searcy, Ark.
Phyllis Marie Pettypool <i>Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education	
*Angela Rae Stipp <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education	Neosho, Mo.

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Deborah Sue Ahillen <i>B.S. in Special Education, University of Central Arkansas</i>	Reading	Searcy, Ark.
Blaine Grady Alexander <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Elementary Administration	Delight, Ark.
Amelia Kaye Brister <i>B.A. in English, Harding University</i>	English	Searcy, Ark.
John Mark Daughety <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Elementary Education	Vincent, Ohio
Thomas Brabson Drinnen <i>B.A. in Youth Ministry and Physical Education, Harding University</i>	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Knoxville, Tenn.
Cynthia Ann Stills Hearn <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Reading	Harrison, Ark.
Linda Lou Kitts <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Elementary Education	Searcy, Ark.
*Zelda Anderson McMurtry <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Reading	Searcy, Ark.
*Julie Ann Montgomery <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Elementary Education	Southaven, Miss.
Pamela Beth Newton <i>B.S.E. in Elementary Education, University of Central Arkansas</i>	Reading	Des Arc, Ark.
John Cameron Prock <i>B.A. in Physical Education, Harding University</i>	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Searcy, Ark.
Carla Ann Rose <i>B.S.E. in Elementary Education, Arkansas State Teachers College</i>	Reading	Pangburn, Ark.
Lee Anne Russell <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Elementary Administration	Searcy, Ark.
Mary Frances Ciccone Sianjina <i>B.A. in English, Harding University</i>	Reading	Searcy, Ark.
*Lesley Lynne Smith <i>B.A. in Elementary Education and Special Education, Harding University</i>	Reading	Beebe, Ark.
Kelly Ray Stout <i>B.A. in Physical Education, Harding University</i>	Social Science	Chandler, Ariz.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
*Michael Gregory Barden <i>B.S. in Chemistry, Harding University</i>	Education	Searcy, Ark.
Rebecca Reaves Bennett <i>B.S. in Biology, Freed-Hardeman College</i>	Education	Gideon, Mo.
Sharon Elizabeth Daniel <i>B.A. in Home Economics-Child Development, Harding University</i>	Home Economics	Orlando, Fla.
Julia Alisa Doan <i>B.A. in Home Economics-Child Development, Harding University</i>	Home Economics	London, Ark.
Thomas Allen Jacquet <i>B.B.A. in Management, Harding University</i>	English	Cleveland, Ohio
+*Jonathan Chad Murray <i>B.B.A. in Management, Harding University</i>	Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Diamond, Mo.
Foy Thompson O'Neal <i>B.A. in Bible, Harding College</i>	Bible	Searcy, Ark.
Monda Ruth Oldham <i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>	Art	Searcy, Ark.
John Edward Riley <i>B.A. in English and Ministry, Harding University</i>	English	Little Rock, Ark.
Paul Marc Shields <i>B.F.A. in Art, Harding University</i>	Art	York, Neb.
Isidoro Talavera <i>B.S. in Liberal Arts, University of the State of New York</i>	Mathematics	New York City, N.Y.
Nana Kaye Whittington <i>B.S.E. in Elementary Education, Athens College</i>	Elementary Education	Batesville, Ark.
Laurie Faye Williams <i>B.A. in Home Economics-Child Development, Harding University</i>	Home Economics	Little Rock, Ark.
Angela Yvonne Carlton Wooten <i>B.S.E. in Childhood Education, University of Central Arkansas</i>	Elementary Administration	Searcy, Ark.

\*Arkansas Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi, also wearing gold cords  
 +Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

**Description of Honors:**

Cum Laude — Grade Point Average of 3.30 or higher

Magna Cum Laude — Grade Point Average of 3.60 or higher

Summa Cum Laude — Grade Point Average of 3.85 or higher

## STUDENT HOSTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Anna Conley	Accounting	Searcy, Ark.
Terry Davis	Music	Atlanta, Ga.
Rebecca Jones	Human Resources	Romeo, Mich.
Stan King	Human Resources	Searcy, Ark.
Esther Pipkin	Home Ec-Child Development	Clinton, Ark.
Hunter Ray	Marketing	Monticello, Ark.
Shelley Walls	International Studies	Little Rock, Ark.
Steven Yates	Radio-Television	West Monroe, La.

## COLOR GUARD

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Brian Lovegrove	Management	Missoula, Mont.
Michael Cox	Physical Education	Searcy, Ark.

## MARSHALS

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COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION David Barber	Searcy, Ark.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Tany Brockus	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Kennison Kyle	Memphis, Tenn.
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Michelle Wroblewski	Hughes Spring, Texas
SCHOOL OF NURSING Tracie West	Augusta, Ark.
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION Sharla Fricks	Rosston, Ark.

## ACADEMIC HERALDRY

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A time-honored tradition of great dignity, the wearing of academic apparel is a survival of the ecclesiastical garb of the late Middle Ages, in turn a survival of still earlier civilian fashions. The academic gown, necessary for a scholar's warmth, and the hood to protect his tonsured head were apparently first regularly adopted in the thirteenth century, at the University of Cambridge (1294). The University of Oxford was soon to follow. The custom was transplanted to this country in colonial times by Kings College in New York, now Columbia University.

In 1895 American universities and colleges decided to standardize their academic styles and developed the intercollegiate code of academic custom. In general the style follows the Cambridge tradition. The characteristic elements of academic regalia are three: gown, hood, and cap.

The *gown* is usually of black material (serge or worsted for bachelors, the same or silk for masters, and silk for doctors). The doctors' dress gowns of the chief British universities are scarlet. Bachelors' gowns have pointed sleeves, masters' have long, closed sleeves, lunate at the bottom, with slits at the elbow from which the arms protrude; the doctors' have wide, round, open sleeves. Doctors' gowns are faced with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The *hood*, worn around the neck to hang down the back, is the principal emblem of the nature and source of the degree held. It is edged with velvet of the colors of the degree, while its lining of silk bears the colors of the institution which granted the degree. Bachelors' hoods are three feet long, masters' three and one-half, and doctors' hoods only have wide panels at the sides. Hoods may be worn only after the degree has been granted.

The *cap*, the square mortar-board in American universities but a round, soft, flat velvet hat in British, Canadian, and some European universities, bears a tassel which may be black for all ranks and degrees or may be of gold thread for doctors and the color of the degree for bachelors and masters. The doctors' caps only may be of velvet.

The *degree* colors are appropriate to the category of the degree, rather than to the scholar's major subject. For example, the appropriate color for degrees in Arts and Letters (B.A., M.A., B.Lit) is *white*; in Commerce, *sapphire*; in Dentistry, *lilac*; in Education, *light blue*; in Engineering, *orange*; in the Fine Arts, *brown*; in Humanities, *crimson*; in Laws, *purple*; in Library Science, *lemon*; in Medicine, *green*; in Music, *pink*; in Pharmacy, *olive*; in Philosophy (Ph.D.), *dark blue*; in Physical Education, *sage*; in Science, *golden yellow*; in Theology, *scarlet*. These colors are used for the edgings of all hoods and may be used for the velvet facing and sleeve bars of doctors' gowns and tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps.

The *institutional* colors, with which hoods are lined, indicate the university or college granting the degree. Among the hoods worn by our faculty are those for Alabama, crimson and white; Arkansas, red and white; Auburn, orange with two navy chevrons; Boston, scarlet with white chevron; Colorado, black and gold; Emory, blue and gold; Florida State, garnet with gold chevron; Illinois, navy blue with two orange chevrons; Indiana, crimson with white chevrons; Kansas, navy blue with cardinal chevron; Kentucky, azure blue with white chevron; Louisiana State, purple with old gold, parti-per-chevron; Michigan, maize with azure blue chevron; Mississippi State, maroon chevron on white; Mississippi, royal blue with crimson; Missouri, old gold with two black chevrons; Nebraska, orange and white; Ohio State, scarlet with silver gray chevron; Oklahoma, red with white chevron; Penn State, royal blue and white; Rutgers, scarlet; Tennessee, white with orange chevrons; Texas, white above orange, parti-per-chevron; Texas A&M, maroon and white; Tulane, green and blue; and Vanderbilt, black and gold.

The colors of Harding University are black and gold. They were adopted as the school colors when Harding was chartered in 1924.



## HARDING UNIVERSITY

Chartered in 1924 as a senior institution of higher learning

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Harding University has a rich history of quality education within the hallmark of Christian principles. This ceremony today recognizes the achievement of the students who have devoted themselves to the goals and standards of the university.

Harding was chartered as a senior college in 1924, when two junior colleges, Arkansas Christian College and Harper College, merged their facilities and assets, adopted the new name of Harding College, and located on the campus of Arkansas Christian in Morrilton, Arkansas. Harper had been founded in 1915 in Harper, Kansas, and Arkansas Christian had been chartered in 1919.

The school was moved to Searcy in 1934 after the purchase of a site on which Galloway Women's College had operated.

Harding was named in memory of James A. Harding, a pioneer Christian educator who founded Nashville Bible School (now David Lipscomb College) in Tennessee. He challenged his co-workers and associates with an enthusiasm for Christian education that remains a significant tradition at Harding University.

At the charter, J. N. Armstrong, who had served five years as Harper's president, became president of Harding College.

In 1936, George S. Benson returned from mission work in China to assume the presidency of his alma mater. Benson, one of Harding's first graduates, directed the college from a deep indebtedness into a state of financial stability, national recognition and academic accreditation. When Dr. Benson retired in 1965, his 29 years of tireless service were more than evident in a multi-million-dollar campus, regional accreditation, a strong faculty and a continually growing student body.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., a 1943 graduate, served as president from 1965 to 1987. A former history department chairman and vice president of the college, Dr. Ganus kept alive his predecessor's drive for excellence by leading a plan of campus improvement and expansion. During his administration, enrollment increased from 1,472 in the fall of 1965 to 2,767 in the fall of 1986. Seven major academic buildings, four large residence halls and several married students' apartments were constructed. A \$1 million addition to the science building was completed in 1984. Also, six academic buildings were renovated and/or enlarged. The Nursing Program, Social Work Program, Mission/Prepare Program, School of Biblical Studies and the Harding University in Florence (HUF) programs were developed during his administration. In Memphis, Tennessee, the Graduate School of Religion experienced significant growth, received accreditation by the Southern Association and added the Doctor of Ministry degree to its program. At his retirement, Dr. Ganus became Harding's first chancellor and in his honor the Board of Trustees named the physical education complex the Clifton L. Ganus Jr. Athletic Center.

The Board of Trustees approved a recommended change of Harding to university status and on August 27, 1979, the name of the institution officially became Harding University.

Dr. David B. Burks became president May 19, 1987, and was inaugurated as the fourth president on Sept. 18, 1987. A 1965 graduate, he has been a member of the faculty since 1967 and has served as Dean of the School of Business.

Dr. Burks initiated a theme, "Integrating Faith, Learning and Living" as the goal of his administration, developing the whole person through a commitment to the Bible as the Word of God — in academics; Bible classes and chapel; athletics; the concept of ministry for all students; the development of church leaders and preachers for service to the church.

Last fall, a record 3,311 students registered for classes, representing 48 states and 25 foreign countries.

Harding is committed to the development of a solid foundation of intellectual, physical and spiritual values upon which students may build useful and happy lives.

## ALMA MATER

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Near the foothills of the Ozarks,  
Midst of hill and plain;  
Stands our glorious Alma Mater;  
Harding is her name.

Chorus:  
Sing the chorus, shout it loudly!  
Echoing thro' the vale.  
Hail to thee, beloved Harding!  
Alma Mater, Hail!

Christian standard is her motto;  
Christian life is stressed;  
And in ev'ry branch of learning,  
Each one does his best.

Harding opens wide her portals,  
thus inviting all  
Who would tread the path to knowledge  
Heed then to her call.

## THE HARDING UNIVERSITY MACE

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At the inauguration of President David Burks on Sept. 18, 1987, William F. and Joyce Rushton presented to the university a ceremonial mace. The Rushtons had hand carved the mace, a symbol of authority, from a plank of Old Godden Hall, the grand structure that served essentially as the landmark of Harding until 1951 when it was razed.

Rushton, a 1949 Harding graduate who is now a professor of biology, carved a special heading on the four-foot post. The letters "H U" are supported by a circle, on which is carved a verse from the Scriptures: "Go Ye Into All The World And Preach The Gospel To Every Creature." Decorative swirled carvings are highlighted on the circle.

Surrounding the mace are the names of the four men who have served Harding as president and the years in which they took office. Included are J. N. Armstrong, 1924; G. S. Benson, 1936; Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., 1965; and David B. Burks, 1987.

The standard is finished in glossy black enamel, the lettering being old gold to further the official colors of the university. Etched discreetly on the crest are the names of the artists.

Dr. Burks first carried the mace in his professional march to the Benson Auditorium stage for his inauguration. Since that occasion, the mace has hung on the speaker's podium during commencement exercises and during other special occasions at Harding University.





