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WILLIAM S. BANOWSKY

Dr. William S. Banowsky is executive vice president of National Medical Enterprises, America's largest health care company. National Medical Enterprises owns and operates 150 acute, psychiatric, physical rehabilitation and substance abuse facilities in 34 states.

After serving 13 years as a director of National Medical Enterprises, Banowsky was named executive vice president in 1988. He is a director of Liberte Investors, the French Foundation for Alzheimer Research, Los Angeles Boy Scouts, and the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Through the years, Banowsky has served as a member of the Board of Directors of seven other public corporations: Litton Industries, Thrifty Corporation, Emett & Chandler Insurance Companies, Coca Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles, Vetco, Inc., Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, and Fleming Companies, Inc.

Banowsky was minister of the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, from 1963 to 1968. He was president of Pepperdine University from 1968 to 1978, and now serves on the Board of Regents; president of the University of Oklahoma from 1978 to 1985, and now serves as president emeritus; and president of Gaylord Broadcasting Company from 1985 to 1988.

In 1974 *Time* magazine named him one of America's 200 future leaders. President Reagan appointed him to the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Education and to the Board of the Public Broadcasting System.

He served as the Republican National Committeeman from California under his friend, Governor Ronald Reagan. When George Bush was chairman of the Republican National Committee, Banowsky served on his executive committee.

He holds the B.A. from David Lipscomb College, the M.A. from the University of New Mexico, and the Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. Three other universities have conferred on him honorary doctor's degrees.

Banowsky is the grandson of Will Slater, a famous Restoration Movement writer of songs and hymnals. Banowsky and his wife, Gay, a professional artist, reside in Malibu near the Pepperdine campus. Married 37 years, they have four sons and 10 grandchildren.

ORDER OF SERVICE Commencement Program

December 18, 1993, 10:00 a.m., George S. Benson Auditorium, Harding University

PROCESSIONAL
SCRIPTURE READING
INVOCATION
HYMN NO. 646, ''It Is Well With My Soul''
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER David B. Burks, Ph.D.
ADDRESS
RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE
CONFERRING OF DEGREESPresident Burks
ROLL CALL OF GRADUATES
Dean B. Priest, Ph.D Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Cathleen M. Shultz, Ph.D Dean of the School of Nursing
David S. Tucker, Ph.D Dean of the School of Busines.
Bobby L. Coker, Ed.D Dean of the School of Education
TRIBUTE TO PARENTS
"Climb Ev'ry Mountain"
ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN NO. 490, "To Canaan's Land"
(Audience will stand)
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, DECEMBER 18, 1993

The students whose names appear below were candidates for degrees as of December 10.

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION Carl R. Mitchell, Ph.D. Dean of the College

BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME

*†Albert B. Cook Magna Cum Laude Charles Daniel Holcomb *Richard Robert Reaves Summa Cum Laude Timothy A. Seay Biblical Languages

MAJOR

Youth Ministry Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry

HOME ADDRESS Idabel, Okla.

Minden, La. Spring, Texas

Chester, Va.

* Arkansas Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi, also wearing gold cords

+ Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

• Honors Program graduate

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

BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME

Jay Alan Adamson Tammy L. Austin Cum Laude Amy Jo Bacon Cum Laude Derek A. Barber Rahel Behailu Steven Russell Bennett Cum Laude Renee Michelle Benson Wendellyn Blades Robert Weldon Broughton Sherry Ruth Bryant Michael Joe Burchett Kara L. Chester Tracy Elaine Denison Kenneth G. Dodson Nancy Lynn Dodson Edna Marie Duran Jonathan Lee Eppes Melissa Kay Forrest Cum Laude Dale Lee Gilliland •Amy Suzanne Hawkins Cheryl Leigh Helms Cum Laude Holly Rave Hilton Stacy Ann Holley Douglas Stephen Horton *Shelley Faye Hughes Summa Cum Laude David Allen Jones Johnna Lin Jones *†Jason E. King Magna Cum Laude •Julie Ann Krute Summa Cum Laude Gwendolyn E. Lane Carla Ann Larry Joyce Lynnette Leppert David Eric Martin Rena Elizabeth McCarty Annette M. McFarland Ronald B. McFarland Anne-Marie Miles *+Darla Jean Miller Summa Cum Laude *†Jan Ellen Milner Magna Cum Laude Abby Dora Murrell Shellaine Kay Mussleman Iames A. Neal *Lara Q. Noah Magna Cum Laude

MAJOR Kinesiology Communication Disorders

English

Social Science Biology Biology

Mathematics Child Development General Studies Advertising French Psychology Kinesiology Social Science Oral Communications Psychology Mathematics General Studies

Political Science Business Education Psychology

Social Science Special & Elementary Educ. Radio-Television Poltical Science

Social Science Child Development Psychology

General Studies

Communication Disorders Child Development Music Kinesiology Communication Disorders Kinesiology Kınesiology Radio-Television Child Development

Home Economics

Psychology Child Development Psychology Music HOME ADDRESS Clinton, N.J. Bells, Tenn.

Jackson, Tenn.

Lincoln Park, Mich. Nairobi, Kenya Lily, Ky.

Vicksburg, Miss. Ridgecrest, Calif. Dallas, Texas Denison, Texas Searcy, Ark. Cambridge, Ohio Lynn, Ark. Boca Raton, Fla. Antioch, Tenn. Denver, Colo. Rockford, Ill. Greenville, N.C.

Cape Girardeau, Mo. E. Alton, Ill. Russellville, Ark.

Parris Island, S.C. Greenville, Texas Arlington, Tenn. Denver, Colo.

Searcy, Ark. Temple, Texas Ft. Worth, Texas

Champaign, Ill.

Beebe, Ark. Searcy, Ark. San Diego, Calif. Searcy, Ark. Waldorf, Mo. Gladbrook, Iowa Searcy, Ark. Eustis, Fla. Judsonia, Ark.

Searcy, Ark.

W. Palm Beach, Fla. Harvest, Ala. Searcy, Ark. Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Bert T. Paddock Melissa J. Parsons Danielle O. Patton Robert A. Paul •*†Shauna L. Perez Summa Cum Laude †Melissa Ann Plummer Cum Laude Gregory J. Ransom *Tracy A. Rhodes Summa Cum Laude B. Shannon Roach Jason R. Roberts *†Amy J. Shollenbarger Summa Cum Laude Wavne Shorter Daniel Jeffrey Smith Cum Laude Kelly Sue Smith Steven Clifford Smith Timothy D. Smith Timothy Lynn Smithey Tracy L. Spaw Reba Gail Vaden Stephen Andrew Warren Timothy S. Wells *Melanie Ann Whitehurst Cum Laude Marlin T. Williams Tinea Louise Williams

Mathematics Communication Disorders General Studies Biology English

Biology

General Studies Music

Kinesiology Psychology Communication Disorders

Kinesiology Social Science

Child Development Mathematics Sports Management Social Science English Special & Elementary Educ. General Studies Advertising Radio-Television

Radio-Television General Studies Canon City, Colo. Searcy, Ark. Clio, Mich. Hurst, Texas Ogallala, Neb.

Searcy, Ark.

Searcy, Ark. Harrisonville, Mo.

Judsonia, Ark. Summerville, S.C. Amarillo, Texas

Greenville, Miss. Clarion, Penn.

New Braunfels, Texas Englewood, Colo. Searcy, Ark. Searcy, Ark. Rogers, Ark. McRae, Ark. Shreveport, La. San Antonio, Texas Heber Springs, Ark.

Memphis, Tenn. Pine Bluff, Ark.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

NAME William Basil Arnold Marcheta Marie Burke Lisa N. Carter Amber L. Collins Cum Laude Chris Allen Iones James Leslie Kennell *†Kelly Jean McBride Magna Cum Laude Amy Marie Parish *Nuria Isabel Portabella Summa Cum Laude Tricia L. Seibel Cum Laude Teresa R. Toland Kristin Weber Magna Cum Laude *+Stephanie Joy Wilson Magna Cum Laude Michele Winter

MAJOR Biochemistry Dietetics Biology Public Administration

Biology Mathematics Art

Art Biochemistry

Biochemistry

Art Dietetics

Mathematics

Dietetics

HOME ADDRESS Heber Springs, Ark. White River Jct, Vt. San Antonio, Texas Pt. Charlotte, Fla.

S. Rockwood, Mich. New Haven, Ind. Nashua, N.H.

Livonia, Mich. Guatemala City, Guatemala

Bismarck, N.D.

San Antonio, Texas Galena, Ohio

Searcy, Ark.

Arlington, Va.

NAME

Jill M. Fehling

MAJOR Painting HOME ADDRESS Effingham, Ill.

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

NAME

†John Thomas Scott
†Kimberly A. Scott *Cum Laude**Amy R. Showen *Summa Cum Laude*

MAJOR Music Education Music Education

Music Education

HOME ADDRESS Collierville, Tenn. Arlington, Texas

Stanberry, Mo.

SCHOOL OF NURSING Cathleen M. Shultz, Ph.D., F.A.A.N., R.N. Dean of the School

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

NAME Jennifer L. Adams Debra Erickson Carol G. Hobbs *†Tammy Kay Kodatt *Magna Cum Laude* Donald Gabriel Polk *Stephanie Rae Smith *Cum Laude*

MAJOR Nursing Nursing Nursing Nursing

Nursing Nursing HOME ADDRESS Tiffin, Ohio Searcy, Ark. Oneida, Tenn. Raytown, Mo.

Waynesboro, Tenn. Cartersville, Ga.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS David S. Tucker, Ph.D. Dean of the School

BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME

Vicki S. Barnes Kimberly A. Butts Kelly Wayne Dixon Stacia D. Morris Carmen L. Newcomb Ryan T. Pace *Cum Laude*

MAJOR

Office Systems Human Resources Human Resources Human Resources Human Resources Human Resources

HOME ADDRESS Redlands, Calif. Walnut Ridge, Ark. Greenville, Texas Paducah, Ky. Claremore, Okla.

Nixa, Mo.

NAME

Stephen M. Adams John C. Bacon Timothy M. Ballard Christopher Lee Barker Amy Lee Beaulieu Trevor A. Black John P. Boles Jackie H. Bordelon Alex Paul Bruno Magna Cum Laude Matthew L. Casto Amy S. Cavender David Patrick Christian Larry D. Creighton Donald E. Curtis Clinton L. Davis Douglas S. Davis Carrie E. Drumheller Ayanna E. Evans *Lynnette D. Gipson Magna Cum Laude Brent A. Goodwin Rutledge Alan Gordon Freeman E. Guffey tJohn Mark Hays Mark A. Lane Leslie Kirk Lawson *†Richard Loh Magna Cum Laude Bradley D. Matchett **Jim Martin Newsom** Hason M. Pace Cum Laude Tricia Doniece Parker Cum Laude Dawn Renea Pinner Cum Laude Stacey L. Saladzinski Stephen Sholly Thomas E. Simmons Cum Laude James Matthew Smith Jason H. Stipp Amy D. Stroud Deanna Lynn Tolleson Larry J. Tolleson Julie E. Turner Kevin R. Wells *†Nancee B. Wilson Cum Laude

MAJOR

Management Professional Sales Management Accounting Accounting Marketing Management Accounting **Computer Information Systems** Management Accounting Marketing Management Accounting Accounting Management Management Management Accounting Professional Sales Management Management Accounting Marketing **Computer Information Systems** Marketing Accounting Marketing Management Accounting Management Management Marketing Accounting Management Accounting Professional Sales Accounting Computer Information Systems Management Management Management

HOME ADDRESS

Searcy, Ark. Springfield, Mo. Cleveland, Miss. Bruceton, Tenn. Jacksonville, Ark. Byesville, Ohio Sulphur Springs, Texas Searcy, Ark. Searcy, Ark.

Ellenboro, W.Va. Arab, Ala. Detroit, Mich. Ovilla, Texas Searcy, Ark. Bartlesville, Okla. Midlothian, Va. Naperville, Ill. Far Rockaway, N.Y. Irving, Texas

St. Charles, Ill. Irving, Texas Dallas, Texas Sardis, Miss. Cabot, Ark. Kisumu, Kenya Singapore

S. Padre Island, Texas El Dorado, Ark. Nixa, Mo.

Stafford, Texas

Bentonville, Ark.

South Lyon, Mich. Searcy, Ark. Malvern, Ark.

Searcy, Ark. Neosho, Mo. McAllen, Texas Hurst, Texas Mt. Olive, Miss. Searcy, Ark. Richfield, Minn. Searcy, Ark.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Bobby L. Coker, Ed. D. Dean of the School

BACHELOR OF ARTS

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Tamara Lea Brack <i>Cum Laude</i>	Elementary Education	Jasper, Texas
Jonathan Craig Clark	Special Education	Tyler, Texas
Lisa Jane Cleaver	Elementary Education	Hopkinsville, Ky.
Roxanne Gwaltney Cum Laude	Elementary Education	Bald Knob, Ark.
Shannan DeeShea Horner Cum Laude	Elementary Education	Dexter, Mo.
Leigh Allison Lambert	Elementary Education	Saraland, Ala.
Monterae E. Leasure Cum Laude	Elementary Education	Bradford, Ark.
*Tonya R. Logan Magna Cum Laude	Elementary Education	Channahon, Ill.
Wendy Christine Prince	Elementary Education	Pleasant City, Ohio
Michelle D. Smith	Elementary Education	Wylie, Texas
*Tana Leigh Stewart Magna Cum Laude	Elementary Education	Kennett, Mo.
Leigh Ann Turner	Special Education	Tyler, Texas
Gena Mae Wishard	Elementary Education	Greenville, Texas

MASTER OF EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Elizabeth F. Branham B.S.E. in Elementary Educati	Elementary Administration on, Arkansas State University	Des Arc, Ark.
Donald Daniel Goudeau B.A. in Elementary Education	Elementary Administration	Batesville, Ark.
	Elementary Education	Montrose, Colo.
Linda Ann Morris B.B.A. in Accounting, Hardin		Bradford, Ark.
Beth Anne Seay B.S. in Art, Harding Univers	Art	Judsonia, Ark.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

NAME	MAJOR
Russell Leo Maynard	Bible
B.A. in Bible, Magnolia Bible James Douglas McFarland	
B.A. in Human Resources, Ha	

HOME ADDRESS Winona, Miss.

Apple Creek, Ohio

MARSHALS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION Robert Ritchie GRADUATE STUDIES Gina Shands COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION Tony Richardson COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Melanie Birmingham SCHOOL OF NURSING Eric Yarbrough SCHOOL OF BUSINESS John Webster 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 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 gradutes, 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 Gradute School of Religion experienced significant growth, received accrediation 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 3,665 students registered for classes, representing 50 states and 34 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.

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

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 processional 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.







