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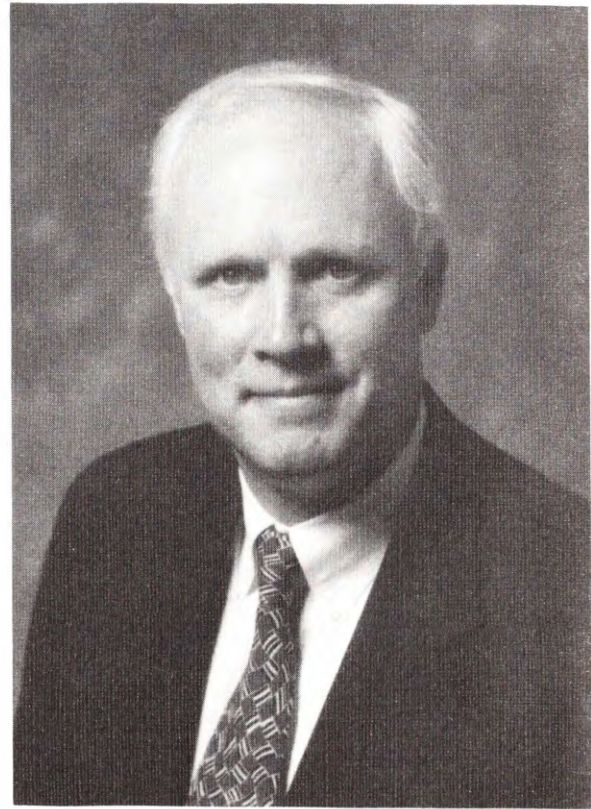




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**AROLD SMETHILLS JR.**

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Harold Smethills is president and chief executive officer for American Business Products, a highly successful sales packaging, envelope and commercial printing company. The company was acquired in February 2000, and since then Smethills has helped develop its comprehensive E-commerce system.

His impressive business career spans almost 20 years. He served as president of ACX Technologies, a Fortune 500 company and a national leader in technology-based manufacturing. In 1995 Smethills founded Hill Equities LLC, which he chaired until accepting his current position. He was appointed in 1997 to the National Advisory Board for Harding's American Studies Institute.

Smethills and his wife, Diane, live in Golden, Colo. They have two children.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Commencement Program

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July 29, 2000, 10:00 a.m., Benson Auditorium, Harding University

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PROCESSIONAL .....	<b>"Pomp and Circumstance"</b> (Audience will remain seated)
WELCOME .....	<b>David B. Burks, Ph.D.</b> <i>President</i>
HYMNS .....	<b>Ben Howe</b> "For the Beauty of the Earth" "He Leadeth Me" <i>Candidate for Degree</i>
SCRIPTURE READING .....	<b>Edward Myers, Ph.D.</b> <i>Director, Harding School of Biblical Studies</i>
PRAYER .....	<b>Paul Haynie, Ph.D.</b> <i>Professor of History</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....	<b>President Burks</b>
ADDRESS .....	<b>Harold Smethills Jr.</b> <i>American Studies Board Member</i>
RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE .....	<b>Neale T. Pryor, Th.D.</b> <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .....	<b>President Burks</b>
ROLL CALL OF GRADUATES .....	<b>Dean Priest, Ph.D.</b> <i>Dean of the College of Sciences</i>  <b>Tony Finley, Ed.D.</b> <i>Dean of the School of Education</i>  <b>Randall McLeod, J.D.</b> <i>Dean of the School of Business</i>  <b>Tom Alexander, Ph.D.</b> <i>Dean of the College of Bible and Religion</i>  <b>Larry Long, Ph.D.</b> <i>Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities</i>
ANNOUNCEMENTS .....	<b>President Burks</b>
ALMA MATER .....	<b>Shawn Lee</b> <i>Candidate for Degree</i>
BENEDICTION .....	<b>Donny Lee, Ed.D.</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Education</i>
RECESSIONAL .....	<b>"Pomp and Circumstance"</b> (Audience will remain seated)



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## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, JULY 29, 2000

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Dean B. Priest, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Eric D. Brooks	Computer Science	Augusta, Ark.
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• Ruthie Elizabeth Knowles <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Psychology	Aurora, Colo.
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April E. Tate	Psychology	Searcy, Ark.

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
* Amy B. Black <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Cordova, Tenn.
Rachel Elaine Burton <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Little Rock, Ark.
Jerit T. Davis	Chemistry	Searcy, Ark.
Clayton Samuel Ellison	Biology	Cook Springs, Ala.
Shannon M. Fowler	Dietetics	Morton, Ill.
Serena S. Harwell <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Searcy, Ark.
Lauren A. Hodge <i>Cum Laude</i>	Exercise Science	Memphis, Tenn.
†* Miriam Adams Lee <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Biology	Searcy, Ark.
Jenna Laine McKinney	Exercise Science	Columbus, Ga.
Clay G. Midyett	Biology	Germantown, Tenn.
Carla R. Redd	Biology	Memphis, Tenn.
Gretchen Ann Simmons	Criminal Justice	Romeo, Mich.

#### BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Jennie Mae Casebolt <i>Cum Laude</i>	Social Work	Valley Center, Kan.
Melinda Conlin	Social Work	Cottage Grove, Minn.
Jessica L. Deshaies	Social Work	Manchester, N.H.
Paige Shepherd	Social Work	Duncanville, Texas
Christine R. Wick	Social Work	Richardson, Texas

- \* Arkansas Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi, also wearing gold cords
- † Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
- Honors College participant
- ‡ Honors College 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



## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Tony Finley, Ed.D.  
Dean of the School

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
‡ Jamie J. Edwards	Elementary Education	Pangburn, Ark.
‡ M. Tawn Newton	Elementary Education	Holts Summit, Mo.
‡ Felicia J. Pettit	Elementary Education	Heber Springs, Ark.
‡ Denise E. Snider	Elementary Education	Bentonville, Ark.
‡ Abigail M. Drayton Stone	Elementary Education	Searcy, Ark.
‡ Shana Wolfe	Elementary Education	Graham, Texas

*Magna Cum Laude*

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Brenda C. Belford	Elementary Education	Judsonia, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
* Carolyn Deanna Brooks	Reading	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary &amp; Special Education, Harding University</i>		
Edward Carson	Administration	Montgomery, Ala.
<i>B.A. in Social Science, Harding University</i>		
*† Hayley Brooke Crouse	Early Childhood/Special Education	Wynne, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary &amp; Special Education, Harding University</i>		
* Benjamin Stewart Diles	Secondary Administration	Columbia, Tenn.
<i>B.S. in Social Science, Harding University</i>		
Carol A. Douglass	Elementary Education	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary &amp; Special Education, Harding University</i>		
Leasha Hayes	Elementary Administration	Wilburn, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Arkansas State University</i>		
Timothy W. Hobbs	History	Joplin, Mo.
<i>B.A. in Social Science, Harding University</i>		
Brian Lance Hollis	Elementary Administration	Minden, La.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Beverly Gwenn Jones	Reading	Judsonia, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary &amp; Special Education, Harding University</i>		
Robbie A. King	Elementary Administration	Judsonia, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Belinda Livingston	Reading	England, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Kenneth Darren Longar	Elementary Education	St. Charles, Mo.
<i>B.A. in General Studies, Harding University</i>		
‡† James E. Miller	Early Childhood/Special Education	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Bible, Harding University</i>		
† Sara E. Miller	Early Childhood/Special Education	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Sherri Reneé Moore	Reading	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Jenny Rebecca Moses	Theatre	Atlanta, Texas
<i>B.A. in Oral Communication, Harding University</i>		
* Nicole Lindsey Powell	Elementary Education	Ashdown, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Oral Communication, Harding University</i>		
* Julie Crocket Reedy	Family & Consumer Sciences	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.S. in Family &amp; Consumer Sciences, Harding University</i>		
‡ Laura Elizabeth Rhinehart	Early Childhood/Special Education	Tampa, Fla.
<i>B.A. in Communication Disorders, Harding University</i>		
Andrea J. Richards	Elementary Administration	McRae, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Kinesiology, Harding University</i>		
Debi Sue Riley	Mathematics	Floral, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Mathematics, Harding University</i>		

Patricia Mitts Roberson	Business Education	Heber Springs, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Business Education, Harding University</i>		
* Martha C. Smith	Reading	Kenya, East Africa
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Micheal A. Stone	Elementary Adminsitration	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Jennifer Lea White	Reading	San Diego, Calif.
<i>B.A. in Elementary Education, Harding University</i>		
Glenna D. Wright	Kinesiology	Bradford, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Social Science, Harding University</i>		

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Benjamin Philip Howe	Communication	Searcy, Ark.
<i>B.A. in Music and Theatre, Harding University</i>		
William L. Rieder	English	Brentwood, Tenn.
<i>B.A. in Social Science, Harding University</i>		

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Randall McLeod, J.D.  
Dean of the School

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Brett S. Lane	Human Resources	Torrance, Calif.

### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Moises Aguilar	Computer Information Systems	Veracruz, Mexico
* Kerri Leigh Behel <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Marketing	Memphis, Tenn.
Emilie G. Benvegna	Management	Denver, Colo.
James R. Benvegna <i>Cum Laude</i>	Professional Sales	Winter Springs, Fla.
Jay A. Brockman	Public Accounting	Memphis, Tenn.
Andrew B. Casey	Health Care Management	Colonial Heights, Va.
Jay Cowley <i>Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	North Little Rock, Ark.
Stephanie Jo Delp	Management	Memphis, Tenn.
Dwayne A. Elliott	Management	Bronx, N.Y.
Troy L. Foxwell	Professional Sales	Salisbury, Md.
Thomas Anthony Gray	Management	Tulsa, Okla.
* Franklin Gregg <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Public Accounting	Yellville, Ark.
* Jennifer Lynn Inman-Martin <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Hope, Ark.
Robert Mayer	Health Care Management	Tulsa, Okla.
Erica Rachael McDaniel <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Business	Boca Raton, Fla.
Daniel J. McDonald <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Public Accounting	Corsicana, Texas
Joseph D. Mize	Management	Batesville, Ark.
Charles C. Nance <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Public Accounting	Memphis, Tenn.
Penelope A. Pate <i>Cum Laude</i>	Accounting	Pangburn, Ark.
Gentry Reynolds-Tomlinson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Health Care Management	Shreveport, La.
Romaira E. Rodriguez	Marketing	Venezuela
Matthew J. Schmitz	Management	Ft. Collins, Colo.
Jeffrey L. Shirey	Marketing	Searcy, Ark.
Gavin B. Stewart	Management	Lancaster, Texas
Richard B. Tanner	Health Care Management	Coppell, Texas
Elizabeth D. Velasquez	Computer Information Systems	Panama City, Panama
Laura White	Information Technology	Cabot, Ark.
Daniel Grant Whittington <i>Cum Laude</i>	Management	Ontario, Canada
Troy Wolfe <i>Cum Laude</i>	Management	Breckenridge, Texas
Emily B. Woodruff	Professional Sales	Lexington, Ky.

## COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Tom Alexander, Ph.D.

Dean of the College

### BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Grant Christian Knisley	Bible & Ministry	Xenia, Ohio

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Rob R. Shaver	Bible	Jonesboro, Ark.

### BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
John M. McLain <i>Cum Laude</i>	Bible & Ministry	Lubbock, Texas
Robert H. Prater <i>Cum Laude</i>	Bible & Ministry	Tulsa, Okla.
James Paul Telgren	Bible & Ministry	Plattsmouth, Neb.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE - MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
* Robert A. Argo	Marriage & Family Therapy	Greenville, Miss.
* Jeremy Braden Blair	Marriage & Family Therapy	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Greg Brooks	Marriage & Family Therapy	Searcy, Ark.
Melissa Michelle Canterbury	Marriage & Family Therapy	Muskogee, Okla.
Briana Cunningham	Marriage & Family Therapy	Crawfordsville, Ark.
James Richard Gentry, Jr.	Marriage & Family Therapy	Georgiana, Ala.
Sarah Renay Lee	Marriage & Family Therapy	Michigan City, Ind.
* William Keith McCord	Marriage & Family Therapy	Columbia, Tenn.
Darsey Renee Smith-Henton	Marriage & Family Therapy	Williford, Ark.
* Jeremy Wayne Smith	Marriage & Family Therapy	Redlands, Calif.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Larry Long, Ph.D.  
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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
• Stacy L. Barnes <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	General Studies	Honey Grove, Texas
• Kelli D. Bright <i>Cum Laude</i>	General Studies	Springfield, Mo.
Isaac Jenkins Bruning	General Studies	Mountain View, Calif.
Rachel Aileen Chitwood <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Disorders	Derby, Kan.
• Heather Diane Clement <i>Cum Laude</i>	Communication Disorders	Taylorsville, Ky.
Denise D. Crandall	Communication Disorders	Tempe, Ariz.
Anna C. Cronberg	General Studies	Searcy, Ark.
Julie F. Hunter <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	General Studies	Nashville, Tenn.
Karyn L. Schultz	Spanish	Chula Vista, Calif.
Misti Carol Jones	General Studies	Little Rock, Ark.
Alan M. Seim	Public Relations	Pomona, N.J.
Lucas A. Summers <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	General Studies	Flushing, Mich.
*† James A. Wiser <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Political Science	Athens, Ala.
Mick J. Wright <i>Cum Laude</i>	English	Des Moines, Iowa

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
* Shalana D. Fleetwood <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Graphic Design	Ava, Mo.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Mitchell William Breitweiser	Art	Benton, Ark.
† Marlon Browne	Art	Antigua, West Indies

## HONORS COLLEGE

Larry Long, Ph.D.  
Dean of the College

### GRADUATE

(Completed 20 or more hours of honors credit.)

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
Ruthie Elizabeth Knowles	Psychology	Aurora, Colo.

### GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION

(Completed 23 or more hours of honors credit, including four honors contracts and an honors capstone project, while maintaining at least a 3.50 GPA.)

NAME	MAJOR	HOME ADDRESS
James A. Wiser <i>"Apathy At What Price? A Comparative Analysis of Political Activism and Its Effect on Political Competitiveness"</i>	Political Science	Athens, Ala.



## 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 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 (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. Seven major academic buildings, four large residence halls and several married students' apartments were constructed. At his retirement, Dr. Ganus became Harding's first chancellor.

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 September 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. With that goal in mind, the university seeks to develop the whole person through a commitment to the Bible as the Word of God. Students find a spiritual emphasis in academics, athletics, Bible classes and chapel. They are empowered for ministry, for church leadership, and for a lifetime of Christian service.

This fall, a record 4,455 students registered for classes, representing 50 states and 37 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.





