Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Fifteenth of December
Two Thousand and Seventeen
Nine-thirty O’clock in the Morning
Talmadge L. Hill Field House
Morgan State University
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, Maryland 21251
www.morgan.edu
To Our Guests

Welcome to the fifth Winter Commencement Exercises of Morgan State University. The University solicits your cooperation in helping to sustain the dignity and solemnity of this happy occasion. We respectfully request that you refrain from engaging in conversation as well as moving about while the Commencement Exercises are in progress. Once the exercises have begun, only members of the authorized working press and authorized photographers are permitted on the arena floor.

We ask our guests to stand as the academic procession moves into the arena and to remain standing until after the singing of the Hymn.

Thank you.
Anthem

LIFT EV’RY VOICE AND SING

Lift ev’ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list’ning skies.
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way.
Thou who has by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our Native land.

The list of graduates that appears in this booklet is tentative and contingent upon satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation, and participation in these Commencement Exercises cannot be interpreted as having completed all requirements for graduation from Morgan State University.
The Alma Mater

I

Fair Morgan, we love thee, so tried and so true.
Our hearts at thy name thrill with pride.
We owe thee allegiance; we pledge thee our faith,
A faith that will ever abide.

Chorus

We pledge thee our love; we pledge thee our faith,
Whatever the future may bring.
And thus our devotion, fidelity too,
And homage we pay as we sing.

II

Fair Morgan, as onward the years quickly fly,
And thou livest in memory sweet,
We bring thee our laurels whatever they be,
And lay them with joy at thy feet.

Alumni Oath of Allegiance

I hereby solemnly pledge unbroken allegiance to Alma Mater in appreciation for opportunities for development afforded me as a student at Morgan State University.

I pledge active membership in the National Alumni Association wherever I may be. Through association with fellow alumni, I shall ever do my best to uphold the ideals and traditions of Alma Mater.

I pledge as a citizen to exemplify the high ideals thus implied, rendering positive service to community, state and nation, and so to live as ever to bring honor and respect to Alma Mater.
The Remarkable 150-Year Journey of Morgan State University
The Sesquicentennial Poet Laureate

In 2017, on the recommendation of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Coordinating Committee, President David Wilson named Dr. Ruthe T. Sheffey Poet Laureate of the Sesquicentennial Celebration and charged her with writing the Sesquicentennial Poem for Morgan’s 150th anniversary celebration. Dr. Sheffey is a 1947 graduate of Morgan State College and holds the record for being the longest-continuously-serving faculty member in the history of Morgan. She began teaching at Morgan in 1949 and retired in 2010, after sixty-two years of outstanding service.

The Sesquicentennial Poem

Prologue

I have utilized the rigor of the sonnet structure which encourages a poetic discipline worthy of celebrating Morgan State University’s one hundred fifty years’ arduous and illustrious journey. The three elements of our theme—purpose, progress and promise—are challenging meditations on the visions of those under whom I studied and served—Presidents Holmes, Jenkins, Cheek, Billingsley, Richardson, and Wilson.

Please view these stanzas as a modern riff, not only on past glories but on victories yet to come. Finally, the sonnet’s iambic pentameter jam form appropriately hymns Morgan State University’s meteoric rise to becoming declared a Carnegie-classified Research Institution and a National Treasure.

Purpose

A time came when God set the captives free.
When the dark night of ignorance had prevailed,
The Methodists trained nine youths for the Ministry
Who in God’s work of winning souls travailed.

Although the Jenkins’ goals held everywhere
That what one thought, or wrote, or spoke was clear,
These best and brightest students always knew
That what each aspirant spoke was true.

In 1921 a new stone entrance proclaimed
That the love, the joy of small and great
Will always be at large acclaimed
Of all who passed within this gate.

One-fifty years later in five stages created
Morgan’s purpose, its progress, its promise validated.
Progress

In “Ole Baltimore” where Countee Cullen walked,
Where Morgan tried in vain to stretch its stone and brick sinews,
Where later in those same streets Freddie Gray was stalked,
The 70’s forces of retreat came sadly into view.

With courage resisting both despair and defeat
And valiantly always maintaining high worth
And bravely resolving to never retreat,
Morgan gave a true University birth.

All were urged to think of courage personally,
The courage to stand and let oneself be heard,
When all around you stand silently as trees.
When only the bravest Morganite was heard.

In later years, new self-empowered, human skin
Made space for a great University to begin.

Promise

For over 150 years you have walked this Morgan mile,
Over 150 dreams held like fragile eggshells in your hands.
Worn as shawls your moonlight and your sunrise, through your tears and through your smiles,
You’ll bring them back as polished jewels to grace this hallowed land.

Sustained by your leaders, your teachers, your peers,
Restained by no inner fears of low worth
You are the purpose, the progress, the promise of our future years
And you are the hope to bring new glories to birth.

Taught respect for opponents amid deepest discord
A compassionate discourse to seek,
You are the hope as new rivers we ford
And Morgan’s high standards we keep.

You were our promise from the very first start,
Not only written on paper but etched on our hearts.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!
It was African-American freedmen and former slaves who were ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church who envisioned and planted the seeds for the founding of what is now Morgan State University. The Sharp Street Church, founded in 1802, was in the forefront of the efforts to provide schooling for slaves and former slaves. Many of those who envisioned formal training for African Americans remain unnamed and unsung; however, after the founding of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (African-American), October 27-31, 1864, one day before Maryland signed the Emancipation Proclamation, at least five African-American pastors, four of whom were the founding members of the Conference—led by Rev. Benjamin Brown, pastor of Sharp Street Church—developed a vision for, and the resolve to establish, an institution devoted to the “moral and intellectual elevation” of Maryland’s African-American citizens. They successfully petitioned the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (white), which had the resources and the authority, and, particularly, one of its leaders, Bishop Levi Scott (who had presided at their founding meeting) to assist them in their efforts. The result of this seminal vision and moral commitment was two years of discussion and collaborative planning between the African-American pastors and their white friends of the Baltimore Conference. Their efforts resulted in the December 25, 1866, meeting of thirteen white community leaders, under Bishop Scott’s guidance, to found the Centenary Biblical Institute (so named for the 100th anniversary of Methodism), appoint its all-white Board of Trustees and commit a budget of $5,000 to begin their work. The Institute held its first class in the lecture hall at Sharp Street Church on April 30, 1867, and was officially incorporated on November 27, 1867.

The institution was to evolve over the years to meet the changing needs and the changing aspirations of the African-American community and the nation. Its focus was to shift and broaden from its initially narrow commitment to training men for the ministry to an expanded mission that included educating men and women and training graduates for teaching and for other professions, and early in its development it committed itself to offering an education that is equal to the finest white schools. The institution was to evolve in five major phases:

The Vision and The Commitment (1864—1867)

Centenary Biblical Institute (1867—1890)

Morgan College (1890—1939)

Morgan State College (1939—1975)

Morgan State University (1975—Present)

“The Centenary Biblical Institute of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore . . . [shall be] a body politic and corporate for the education of such pious young men, especially colored, for the ministry of the M. E. Church as shall have been judged by a Quarterly Conference to be divinely called thereto. . . . ”

Articles of Incorporation,
Centenary Biblical Institute
November 27, 1867
The Visionary African-American Founders

“Resolved, above all, that we do hereby offer devout thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all good things, for the blessing of His Providence in making Maryland a Free State, and restoring to liberty many of our brethren who have theretofore been in bondage, To God be the glory, and to us, the privilege and duty of making this dispensation available for our moral and intellectual elevation.”

Resolution at the Closing Session of the Washington Conference, October 31, 1864

Rev. Benjamin Brown, 1819-1884

Born in Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, Rev. Benjamin Brown was one of the first group of ministers selected to serve on trial for six months after the formation of the Washington Conference organized in Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1864. He served as Secretary of the Conference and was appointed Presiding Elder of the Chesapeake District. He was one of the first of two African-American preachers in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be seated in the law-making body of Methodism at the General Conference. He was given a short-term assignment of six months on trial as Pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church. He is interred at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Rev. Samuel Green, Sr., 1802-1877

Born into slavery in Dorchester County, Maryland, Rev. Samuel Green, Sr., purchased his freedom in 1833 and that of his wife Catherine in 1842. He was a highly respected preacher and conductor of the Underground Railroad. He assisted his son Samuel Green, Jr., in escaping from slavery to Canada in 1854. In 1857 he was found in possession of an anti-slavery novel, Uncle Tom’s Cabin, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison in Baltimore City. He was pardoned by Governor Bradford in 1862, predicated on his removal to Canada. He returned to Maryland in 1864 and assisted with the establishment of the Annual Conference of Colored Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church—the Washington Conference, the first African-American conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the nation. Rev. Samuel Green, Sr., is one of the visionaries and founders who framed the mission of “moral and intellectual elevation” which led to the formation of the Centenary Biblical Institute of 1867.

Rev. Elijah Grissem, 1802-1865

Rev. Elijah Grissem was born into slavery in Centreville, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, in 1802. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Centreville, ca. 1813, and, in 1827, joined the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, gaining his license to preach shortly thereafter. From 1846 to 1864, he was pastor of Revere Street Methodist Episcopal Church of the New England Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, and, after relocating to Baltimore, was placed in charge of Dallas Street Church of the East Baltimore Conference. He was one of the founders and organizers of the Washington Conference in 1864 and worked with the other founders of the Conference toward envisioning the Centenary Biblical Institute. He continued as pastor of Dallas Street Church until his death on August 13, 1865.

Rev. James Harper, 1789-1868

Rev. James Harper was born into slavery circa 1789 in Frederick County, Maryland. At the age of seventeen, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was licensed to exhort and, in 1808, received his license to preach. Rev. Harper was one of the founders and organizers of the Washington Conference of 1864. At the founding conference, Bishop Levi Scott appointed him the first Presiding Elder of the Potomac District. In 1865, Rev. Harper was assigned to Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church and retired in 1866.

Rev. James Peck, 1812-1882

Rev. James Peck was born in Talbot County, Maryland. In 1864, he joined the Washington Conference. He was appointed Pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church in 1868. During his pastorate at Sharp Street Church, the Mount Auburn Cemetery was negotiated for purchase and became the first African-American burial ground in Baltimore City. In 1871 he became the Presiding Elder of the Potomac District.
Hugh L. Bond: a lawyer and business man in Baltimore who served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. James H. Brown: pastor of several churches in the Baltimore area and a member of the Baltimore Conference who was one of the first professors at the Institute.

Isaac P. Cook: a layman and Treasurer of the Baltimore Conference Educational Fund.

Francis A. Crook: a layman and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

William Daniel, Esq.: a layman, Chairman of the Committee to Incorporate the Institute, and a member of the Executive Committee.

Henry W. Drakeley: a layman and Director of the Mt. Washington Female College, who served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. William Harden: a member of the Baltimore Conference and delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at which the Washington Conference (African-American) was authorized, who taught at the Institute from 1867 to 1869.

William B. Hill: a layman and Recording Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Samuel Hindes: a minister, member of the Baltimore Conference and member of the Trustee Executive Committee.

Thomas Kelso: a layman and businessman, first Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, in whose office at 19 South Street in Baltimore the Board meetings were held.

Rev. John Lanahan: a minister, member of the Baltimore Conference and member of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Charles A. Reid: a minister, member of the Baltimore Conference and member of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Robert Turner: a minister, member of the Baltimore Conference and member of the Executive Committee.
**Historical Timeline**

**1864**

The newly-established Washington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church develops the vision for a institution for the training of free and newly-freed African Americans.

**1867**

A “systematic course of lectures” delivered by Rev. James H. Brown at the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church to nine prospective ministers begins on April 30.

NOVEMBER 27, 10:30 a.m.: Articles of Incorporation are filed in the Supreme Court of Baltimore City, officially establishing The Centenary Biblical Institute of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore.

**1868**

Reverends James H. Brown and William Harden are appointed Professors of the Institute at $150 per annum.

**1872**

The charter is amended to admit African Americans to the Board of Trustees. The first African-American Trustees appointed are:

- Wesley J. Parker
- R. H. Robinson
- Henry W. Martin
- William Perkins.

The Trustees purchase the Payton Property at 44 E. Saratoga Street for the permanent site of CBI.

**1873**

October: Rev. J. Emory Round, abolitionist and Assistant Editor of *Zion Herald*, is appointed the first teacher (President) of CBI, at $1,500 per annum.

**1874**

First female students are admitted during the 1874-75 academic year: Mary J. Barnes, Rachel Garner, Josephine Jones, Deborah A. Moore, Anna H. Robinson and Cornelia Washington.

**1878**

The charter of CBI is amended to admit students for training as teachers.

CBI graduates its first female student: Susie H. Carr.

![Susie H. Carr](image)

**1879**

Rev. and Mrs. John F. Goucher donate property at Edmondson and Fulton Avenues and $5,000 for improvements.

The first African-American professors are appointed in the 1879-80 academic year:

- John F. Griffin (Class of ’77) as assistant in the Intermediate Department
- Sylvester N. Narwood (Class of ’77) as assistant in the Intermediate Department
- Benjamin O. Bird (Class of ’78) as assistant in the Preparatory Department.

**1881**

May 17, 1881, the Institute dedicates the new building at Edmondson and Fulton Avenues.

![The Centenary Biblical Institute on the corner of Edmondson and Fulton Avenues, 1881](image)
1882
Rev. William Maslin Frysinger, D.D., of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, is named President.
President Frysinger initiates an Evening School.

1886
The Delaware Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church establishes Princess Anne Academy (forerunner of UMES) in Princess Anne, Maryland, as a branch of the Centenary Biblical Institute.

1888
Rev. Francis J. Wagner, D.D., of the Minnesota Conference, is appointed President, on the resignation of President Frysinger.

1890
The name of the Centenary Biblical Institute is changed to Morgan College, in honor of Rev. Dr. Lyttleton F. Morgan, a longtime CBI board member who gave a large endowment to the institution, and the institution acquires authority to grant college degrees.

1893
Morgan College establishes the Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute branch in Lynchburg, Virginia.

1895
Morgan awards its first baccalaureate degree: George W. F. McMenemy becomes its first graduate.

1897
President Spencer secures a pledge of $50,000 from Andrew Carnegie to build a new building, if the College and its friends will raise a matching $50,000.

1901
Dean Charles E. Young is appointed acting President on the resignation of President Wagner.

1902
John Oakley Spencer, Ph.D., Principal of the Hudson River Institute in Claverack, New York, is appointed the fourth inaugurated President.

1907
Morgan College purchases the Ivy Mill Property in Lauraville (then Baltimore County) as the site for the College.
The College renovates the Ivy Mill Hotel, a stone structure on the corner of Hillen and Grindon (Cold Spring Lane), to house classes and a library and renames it Washington Hall in honor of the Washington Conference. It renovates three other structures and names them Young Hall, Cummings Hall and Woolford Hall.

1917
December 25, fire destroys the Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute, and the students are moved to the Baltimore campus.

1918
The Lauraville community begins an unsuccessful campaign to revoke the sale of the Ivy Mill property to Morgan.

1919
Carnegie Hall is completed, with stones quarried by African-American quarrymen, with an additional $40,000 from the Carnegie Corporation.
1925
Morgan College receives full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

1933
The College begins to offer degrees in ten fields: English, Latin, French, History, Social Sciences, Music, Biology, Chemistry, Home Economics and Mathematics

1935
The Maryland State Legislature appoints a Commission on Higher Education of Negroes in Maryland with U. S. Circuit Judge and Morgan Board Chair Morris A. Soper as chairman to weigh the merits of Morgan’s becoming a state-owned college.

1937
On the retirement of President Spencer, Dwight Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ph.D., Graduate Dean at Howard University, becomes the fifth and first African-American President of Morgan College.

1939
November 9, 1939, Morgan College is officially transferred to the State of Maryland, having been purchased from the Board of Trustees for $225,000.

1948
The College establishes the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Program.
Martin David Jenkins, Ph.D., Professor of Education at Howard University, is appointed President.

1959
The College establishes the Institute for Political Education.

1964
The College re-establishes the Graduate School.

1967
On July 1, 1967, by act of the Maryland State General Assembly, Morgan State College comes under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and Universities.
Morgan State College holds a year-long Centennial Celebration.

1969
Morgan is selected as a model liberal arts college by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is ranked by a Newsweek poll among the top ten African-American colleges and universities.

1970
Thomas P. Fraser, Ed.D., is appointed interim president of Morgan State College, on the retirement of President Jenkins.

1971
King Vergil Cheek, J.D., at age thirty-three Morgan’s youngest leader, is appointed President.

1974
Thomas P. Fraser returns as interim president, following the resignation of President Cheek.

1975
Andrew Billingsley, Ph.D., a Howard University sociologist and expert on the Black family, is appointed president.
Morgan State College, by act of the Maryland General Assembly, becomes Morgan State University, with authority to confer the doctorate, and is designated the state’s public urban university.
The University establishes six academic units: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Management, School of Continuing Education, School of Education,
School of Urban Studies and Human Resources and School of Graduate Studies.

1983

Morgan State University awards its first doctorate, the Ed.D. in Urban Educational Leadership to Elzee C. Gladden.

1984

Earl S. Richardson, Ed.D., Assistant to the Chancellor of the original University of Maryland System, is appointed ninth president.

The University establishes the School of Engineering, offering undergraduate degrees in civil, electrical and industrial engineering.

1985

The University holds its first Presidential Scholarship Ball, in honor of the inauguration of President Richardson.

1987

Assets of the Morgan State University Foundation exceed one million dollars for the first time in history.

1990

Student protests speed up renovation of dormitories: Baldwin Hall, Cummings House, Tubman House and Harper House.

The University establishes the Center for Educating the African-American Male.

1991

Clarence Blount Towers and Clarence Mitchell, Jr., Engineering Building open.

The University, following the accreditation of the Architecture Program, establishes the Institute for Urban Architecture and Planning.

The University establishes the National Center for Transportation Management, Research and Development with a $5.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The University converts its Division of Development and University Relations to the Division of Institutional Advancement.

1998

The University divides the College of Arts and Sciences into two independent units: The College of Liberal Arts and the School of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences.

2004

The University establishes the combined position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

2005

The University establishes the School of Public Health and Policy.

2007

Morgan State University is designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a doctoral research institution.

2008

The University establishes the School of Architecture and Planning.

2009

The University establishes the School of Social Work.

2010

David Wilson, Ed., Chancellor of both the University of Wisconsin Colleges and the University of Wisconsin-Extension, becomes Morgan’s 10th inaugurated president.

2012

The University creates the Division of Academic Outreach and Engagement, the Division of International Affairs, and the Division of Research and Economic Development.

Morgan signs historic memorandum of understanding with Hubei University in the People’s Republic of China for a dual-degree program for Hubei and Morgan students, signaling the internationalization of the University’s reach and character.

2013

The University establishes the School of Global Journalism and Communication.

2016

The National Trust for Historic Preservation designates Morgan State University as a National Treasure, the only HBCU to receive such designation and the only institution to receive such designation for its entire campus.

The University establishes the School of Global Journalism and Communication.
CHAIRS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (REGENTS)

LONGEST-SERVING CHAIRS

Rev. Lyttleton F. Morgan
10 Years

Rev. John F. Goucher
36 Years

Rev. Charles W. Baldwin
16 Years

Judge Morris A. Soper
15 Years

Mr. Carl J. Murphy
14 Years

Mr. Dallas R. Evans
14 Years

TRUSTEES

CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

1867—1876
Rev. Thomas Kelso

1876—1886
Rev. Lyttleton F. Morgan

1886—1890
Rev. John F. Goucher

MORGAN COLLEGE

1890—1922
Rev. John F. Goucher

1922—1938
Rev. Charles W. Baldwin

1938—1939
Hon. Morris A. Soper

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

1939—1953
Hon. Morris A. Soper

1953—1967
Carl J. Murphy

3/67—7/67
Richard W. Emory

REGENTS

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

1975—1976
Enolia P. McMillan

1976—1980
Dr. G. James Fleming

1980—1985
David Johnson

1985—1990
Francis W. Gates

1990—1995
John Green

1995—1998
Hon. Harry Cole

1999—2013
Dallas R. Evans

2013—Present
Hon. Kweisi Mfume
Presidents

John Emory Round, D.D.
1872–1882

William Maslin Frysinger, D.D.
1882–1888

Francis J. Wagner, D.D.
1888–1901

John Oakley Spencer, Ph.D., L.L.D.
1902–1937

Dwight Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ph.D., L.L.D.
1937–1948
Presidents

Martin David Jenkins, Ph.D., L.L.D.  
1948–1970

King Vergil Cheek, J.D., L.L.D.  
1971–1974

Andrew Billingsley, Ph.D.  
1975–1984

Earl S. Richardson, Ed.D., L.L.D.  
1984–2010

David Wilson, Ed.D.  
2010–Present
Growth of the Campus

1867
First classes held in the lecture Hall at Sharp Street Church

1872
Payton Property at 44 E. Saratoga Street

1881
Property at Edmondson and Fulton Streets

1893
Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute in Lynchburg, Virginia

1917
Purchase of Ivy Mill Property at Hillen Road and Gridon (Cold Spring) Lane
Washington Hall, Young Hall and Cummings Hall

1919
Carnegie Hall

1920
Old Heating Plant

1929
Baldwin Hall

1930
Spencer Hall

1937
Hughes Memorial Stadium

1939
Soper Library

1941
Tubman House

1942
New Heating Plant

1946
Truth House

1949
Memorial Refectory and Holmes Hall

1951
Hurt Gymnasium, Vivarium, Banneker Hall and Harper House

1952
Cummings Hall

1953
Calloway Hall

1954
Woolford Infirmary

1957
Soldier’s Armory

1958
McKeldin Student Union

1960
Carl Murphy Fine Arts Center

1961
President’s Residence

1963
Spencer Hall Renovation, Key Hall

1964
Carter-Grant-Wilson Administration Building and O’Connell Hall

1965
Welcome Bridge

1972
McMechen Hall

1974
New Soper Library, Hill Field House, Jenkins Building and New McKeldin Center

1980
Washington Service Center

1985
Argonne Complex

1991
Blount Towers, Mitchell Engineering Building

1992
Carnegie Hall, Key Hall and Calloway Hall Renovation

Washington Hall, ca. 1920

Early Classroom Scene
Growth of the Campus

1998
Schaefer Engineering Building

2001
New Murphy Fine Arts Center

2003
Richard Dixon Academic Research Center
Alumni House Renovation

2006
Communication Center, Communication Center Bridge, University Student Center, University Center Parking Garage

2007
Richardson Library

2009
University Memorial Chapel (Morgan Christian Center) becomes property of Morgan State University

2012
Center for Built Environment and Infrastructure Studies, North Campus Garage

2015
Morgan Business Center

2016
Heritage Bridge, Lillie Carroll Jackson Civil Rights Museum

The Morgan Business Center (opened in 2015) and the Jenkins Behavioral Science Complex (under construction)
Graduates of the Institution

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TOTAL DEGREES AWARDED: 51,338

Class of 1917

Class of 1944
Recent Graduating Classes

Class of December 2015

Class of May 2016
Honorary Degrees Awarded

Morgan College

1917
Carrington L. Davis, M.A.
John T. Fletcher, M.A.
Mason A. Hawkins, M.A.
John W. Jewett, M.A.
Charles A. Johnson, M.A.
Storer S. Jolley, M.A.
Mary R. Kiah, M.A.
Lee M. McCoy, M.A.
George W. F. McMenemy, M.A.
William A. T. Miles, M.A.
Theophileus R. Parker, M.A.

1920
W. Sampson Brooks, LL.D.
Matthew S. Clair, Sr., LL.D.
John W. Gandy, Pd.D.
Thomas H. Kiah, Pd.D.

1922
Henry J. Naylor, D.D.
John H. Nutter, D.D.

1923
William A. C. Hughes, Sr., D.D.
Charles G. Cummings, D.D.

1924
Joseph L. Jenkins, D.D.
William A. Warfield, D.Sc.

1925
James M. King, D.D.
David E. Skelton, D.D.

1926
John T. Gibson, LL.D.
Matthew Henson, M.S.
Joseph H. Lockerman, Pd.D.

1929
William F. Crockett, LL.D.
S. Bernard Hughes, D.Sc.
Samuel H. Sweeney, D.D.

1930
George E. Corry, D.D.
Charles A. Tindley, D.D.

1931
Erasmus L. Baskerville, D.D.
Robert F. Coates, D.D.
Frederick J. Hendy, D.D.
Francis M. Wood, Pd.D.

1932
J. Raymond Brown, D.D.
Julius S. Carroll, Sr., D.D.
Albert J. Mitchell, D.D.

1934
Matthew W. Clair, Jr., D.D.
John S. German, D.D.
Fairfax F. King, D.D.
Edgar C. Young, D.D.

1935
James W. Jewett, D.D.
Edgar A. Love, D.D.
John W. Scott, D.Ed.
Garnett C. Wilkerson, D.Ed.

1936
John R. Bowman, D.Ed.
William W. Davis, D.D.
G. David Houston, D.Ed.

1937
Charles W. Baldwin, D.H.L.
Robert E. Jones, D.H.L.
Edmund B. Trotman, D.D.

1938
James D. Browne, D.D.
Samuel J. Horsey, D.D.

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1939
Leslie Pinckney Hill, LL.D.
Zora Neale Hurston, Litt.D.
C. F. Abram Otley, Litt.D.

1940
Jane M. Bolin, LL.D.
Eugene A. Clark, D.Ed.
George B. Murphy, LL.D.
Harold L. Trigg, D.Ed.

1950
Elmer A. Henderson, Sr., LL.D.
Percy L. Julian, D.Sc.

1951
Ralph J. Bunche, LL.D.
Carrington L. Davis, LL.D.
William Levi Dawson, LL.D.
Theodore R. McKeldin, LL.D.

1952
John W. Davis, LL.D.
Dwight O. W. Holmes, LL.D.
Thurgood Marshall, LL.D.
Herbert Romulus O'Connor, LL.D.

1953
Houston R. Jackson, LL.D.
William P. Lane, LL.D.
Morris A. Soper, LL.D.
Furman L. Templeton, LL.D.

1954
Bliss Forbush, LL.D.
Charles H. Thompson, LL.D.
Phillip B. Perlman, LL.D.
Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., LL.D.
Clarence L. Simpson, LL.D.

1957 Honorary Degree Recipients
1955
John Henry Fischer, LL.D.
Simon E. Sobeloff, LL.D.
Charles E. Cornish, LL.D.
Branch Rickey, LL.D.
E. Franklin Frazier, LL.D.

1956
Ambrose Caliver, LL.D.
Norbert R. Davidson, LL.D.
William H. Hastie, LL.D.
Lillie May Jackson, LL.D.

1957
Marion Anderson, LL.D.
Milton S. Eisenhower, LL.D.
George W. F. McMechen, LL.D.
Lewis M. Stevens, LL.D.

1958
Helen Gray Edmonds, LL.D.
Martin Luther King, Jr., LL.D.
Walter Sondheim, Jr., LL.D.
Jacob Blaustein, LL.D.

1959
Harry Bard, LL.D.
Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr., LL.D.
William Lafayette Fitzgerald, LL.D.
Asa Philip Randolph, LL.D.

1960
W. E. B. Du Bois, LL.D.
William W. Allen, LL.D.
John Hope Franklin, LL.D.
Harold A. Stevens, LL.D.
J. Millard Tawes, LL.D.

1961
L. Manuel Hendler, LL.D.
Sidney Hollander, Sr., D.Hum.
Noah Watson Moore, LL.D.
Asa T. Spaulding, D.B.A.
H. Milton Wagner, LL.D.
Charles H. Wesley, Pd.D.

1962
Carl F. Hanson, D.H.L.
Robert C. Weaver, LL.D.
Edward N. Wilson, LL.D.
Ralph J. Young, LL.D.

1963
Kenneth B. Clark, LL.D.
Benjamin Oliver Davis, LL.D.
John Wilfred Haywood, Sr., D.H.L.
Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, LL.D.
Clifton Reginald Wharton, D.C.L.
Roy Wilkens, S.Sc.D.

1964
Eugene Carton Blake, LL.D.
W. Montague Cobb, LL.D.
Nathaniel Adams Cole, D.F.A.
Eleanor D. Corner, D.Hum.
Edward R. Dudley, D.C.L.
James Farmer, D.Hum.
Herbert M. Frisby, LL.D.
Carl T. Rowan, D.P.A.

1965
Whitney M. Young, Jr., LL.D.
William Leo Hansberry, Litt.D.
Stephen J. Wright, LL.D.
Cedric Earl Mills, S.T.D.
William Edward Henry, LL.D.
Mary Baskerville Brooks, Pd.D.

1966
Adelyn Dohme Breeskin, D.F.A.
John Wesley Lord, S.T.D.
Constance Baker Motley, LL.D.
James Madison Nabrit, Jr., LL.D.
Arthur Jerome Payne, S.T.D.

1967
Edward Kennedy Ellington, Mus.D.
Benjamin E. Mays, LL.D.
Samuel M. Nabrit, LL.D.
Spiro T. Agnew, LL.D.
Patricia R. Harris, LL.D.

Edward G. Carroll, LL.D.
Fred I. Archibald, LL.D.
Clarence Mitchell, Jr., LL.D.
John T. Williams, LL.D.

Bentley Glass, LL.D.
Samuel Lloyd Myers, LL.D.
James Wilson Rouse, LL.D.
Merce Tate, LL.D.
Hale Aspacio Woodruff, D.F.A.

Arna Bontemps, D.H.L.
Thomas J. D’Alesandro, III, LL.D.
Percy Ellis Sutton, LL.D.

Julian Bond, LL.D.
Ramsey Clark, LL.D.
Marvin Mandel, LL.D.
Melvin H. Evans, D.H.L.

Joseph C. Howard, LL.D.
Jesse L. Jackson, D.H.L.

Louis L. Goldstein, LL.D.
Parren James Mitchell, D.H.L.

Robert Bernard Watts, LL.D.
Benjamin Arthur Quarles, D.H.L.

Harry Augustus Cole, LL.D.
Gerald Hough Trautman, LL.D.
Benjamin Franklin Payton, D.H.L.
Thomas Petigru Fraser, D.Sc.

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Verda Freeman Welcome, LL.D.
Margaret Walker Alexander, D.H.L.
Howard Lee Cornish, D.H.L.
Elizabeth Murphy Moss, D.H.L.
1958 Honorary Degree Recipient

Steven Muller, D.H.L.
Henry Green Parks, Jr., D.H.L.

1977
Andrew J. Young, D.H.L.
Margaret Bush Wilson, LL.D.

1978
Clifford Leopold Alexander, Jr., LL.D.
Otis Milton Smith, LL.D.
Ernesta Gertrude Procope, D.H.L.

1979
Cicely Tyson, D.H.L.
Robert C. Embry, Jr., LL.D.
James Hubert Blake, Mus.D.
Cloe Anthony Morrison, Litt.D.

1980
W. Wilson Goode, D.H.L.
Hugh Morris Gloster, D.H.L.
Clarence W. Blount, LL.D.

1981
Lerone Bennett, Jr., D.H.L.
Lillian L. Adler, D.H.L.
Abraham M. Adler, D.H.L.
Hazel Winifred Johnson, D.Hum.

1982
Max Robinson, D.H.L.

1983
William Donald Schaefer, LL.D.
Emmanuel C. Iwuanyanwu, D.Eng.Sc.
Emmanuel Chukwuma Nnana, D.Eng. Sc.
Joe Black, D.P.S.

1984
A. Leon Higgenbotham, Jr., D.H.L.
Juanita Jackson Mitchell, LL.D.

1985
Juanita Kidd Stout, LL.D.

1986
Terrence A. Todman, D.P.Adm.
Cabell “Cab” Calloway, D.F.A.

1987
Benjamin Lawson Hooks, D.H.L.
Harry Roe Hughes, LL.D.

1988
Kurt Lidell Schmoke, LL.D.
Luna Isaac Mishoe, LL.D.
Reginald F. Lewis, LL.D.

1989
Hughlyn F. Fierce, LL.D.
Kweisi Mfume, LL.D.

1990
Barbara A. Mikulski, LL.D.
Kenneth I. Chenault, LL.D.
1991
Jester Hairston, D.H.L.
Enolia McMillan, LL.D.
Maxine Waters, LL.D.

1992
Carolyn Reid-Wallace, D.H.L.
Bernard C. Watson, LL.D.

1993
Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., LL.D.
Elizabeth Catlett, D.H.L.

1994
Charles L. Benton, LL.D.
Benjamin L. Carson, D.Sc.
August Wilson, D.H.L.

1995
James Howard Gilliam, Jr., LL.D.
Samuel H. Lacy, Sr., LL.D.
Corlis L. Moody, D.P.Adm.

1996
Francis Wheatley Gates, LL.D.
Robert M. Bell, LL.D.
Peter R. Kann, Litt.D.
Randall Robinson, LL.D.

1997
William Jefferson Clinton LL.D.
Alexis M. Herman, LL.D.
Richard N. Dixon, LL.D.
Levi Watkins, Jr., D.Sc.

1998
Rodney E. Slater, LL.D.
Shirley M. McBry, LL.D.
Steven David Dorfman, D.Sc.
Elijah Saunders, D.Sc.
Robert Benjamin Johnson, D.P.S.

1999
Paul Spyros Sarbanes, LL.D.
William L. Jews, LL.D.

2000
Larry Rudell Ellis, LL.D.
Robert L. Mallett, LL.D.
Samuel Thornton Daniels, D.P.S.
Richard Ishmael McKinney, D.H.L.

2001
Mayor Willie L. Brown, II LL.D.
Carla Diane Hayden, D.H.L.
Marion Curtis Bascum, D.P.S.

2002
Stacey Helene Davis, D.P.S.
John Brooks Slaughter, D.Sc.

2003
Charles M. Cawley, LL.D.
Hon. Michael S. Steele, LL.D.

2004
Vashh Murphy McKenzie, LL.D.
Harlow Fullwood, Jr., D.P.S.
Calvin Tyler, Jr., LL.D.

2005
James E. Clyburn, D.P.S.
Tyrone D. Tabron, D.P.S.

2006
Elijah E. Cummings, LL.D.
Victorine Quille Adams, D.P.S.
John R. Bryant, D.H.L.

2007
Pamela E. Bridgewater, D.P.S.
Catherine Liggins Hughes, D.P.S.
William E. "Kip" Ward, D.P.S.

2008
James L. Fisher, LL.D.
Loida Nicholas Lewis, LL.D.
Gloria Richardson, LL.D.

2009
Rudolph C. Cane, D.P.S.
Joan Carter Conway, D.P.S.
Michael E. Cryor, D.P.S.
Benjamin Todd Jealous, D.P.S.

2010
Linda Gooden, LL.D.
Valerie Jarrett, LL.D.
Earl S. Richardson, LL.D.
Sheila B. Richardson, D.P.S.
H. DuWayne Whittington, D.P.S.

2011
Eddie C. Brown, D.P.S.
Henrietta Lacks (posthumously), D.P.S.
Ruth Simmons, D.H.L.

2012
Larry Gibson, LL.D.
Shirley Ann Jackson, D.Sc.
H. E. Tebelelo Mzale Seretse, LL.D.

2013
Arne Duncan, D.H.L.
Fred David Gray, D.H.L.
Byron Pitts, D.H.L.
Charles Vert Willie, D.H.L.

2014
Calvin G. Butler, Jr., D.H.L.
Carolyn W. Colvin, D.P.S.
Eric H. Holder, Jr., LL.D.
Sylvester James Gates, Jr., D.Sc.
Joseph T. Jones, Jr., D.P.S.
Carl J. Murphy (posthumously), D.H.L.

2015
Morgan Student Civil Rights Pioneers (Group), LL.D.
Aurtherine Lucy Foster, D.P.S.
Graça Simbine Machel, D.P.S.
Nelson Mandela (posthumously), D.H.L.
James Edward Maceo West, D.Sc.

2016
Kevin Liles, LL.D.
Nancy Pelosi, D.P.S.
Willie E. Lanier, Sr., LL.D.

2017
Joseph R. Biden, D.P.S.
C. Sylvia Brown, D.P.S.
Shekold Goldseker, D.P.S.
April Ryan, LL.D.
### Doctoral Degrees
- Bioenvironmental Sciences: Ph.D.
- Business Administration: Ph.D.
- Community College Leadership: Ed.D.
- English: Ph.D.
- Higher Education: Ph.D.
- History: Ph.D.
- Industrial and Computational Mathematics: Ph.D.
- Mathematics Education: Ed.D.
- Nursing: Ph.D.
- Psychometrics: Ph.D.
- Public Health: Dr.P.H.
- Science Education: Ed.D.
- Social Work: Ph.D.
- Transportation and Urban Infrastructure Systems: Ph.D.
- Urban Educational Leadership: Ed.D.

### Master’s Degrees
- African-American Studies: M.A.
- Architecture: M.Arch.
- Bioinformatics: M.S.
- Business Administration: M.B.A.
- City and Regional Planning: M.C.R.P.
- Construction Management: M.S.
- Economics: M.A.
- Educational Administration and Supervision: M.S.
- Electrical Engineering: M.S.
- Engineering: M.E.
- English: M.A.
- Higher Education Administration: M.A.
- History: M.A.
- Hospitality Management: M.S.
- International Studies: M.A.
- Landscape Architecture: M.L.A.
- Master of Arts in Teaching: M.A.T.
- Mathematics: M.A.
- Mathematics Education: M.S.
- Museum Studies and Historical Preservation: M.A.
- Music: M.A.

### Bachelor-Master’s Degree Combinations
- Architecture & Environmental Design—Landscape Architecture: B.S., M.S.
- Architecture & Environmental Design—City & Regional Planning: B.S., M.S.
- Architecture & Environmental Design—Architecture: B.S., M.Arch.
- Engineering: B.S., M.S.
- Nursing: R.N., B.S., M.P.H.

### Post-Baccalaureate Certificates
- Bioinformatics: P.B.C.
- Cyber Security: P.B.C.
- Health Leadership & Management: P.B.C.
- Health Records Management: P.B.C.
- Museum Studies and Historical Preservation: P.B.C.
- Project Management: P.B.C.
- Psychometrics: P.B.C.
- Sustainable Urban Communities: P.B.C.
- Urban Planning & Health Management: P.B.C.
- Urban Transportation: P.B.C.

### Bachelor’s Degrees
- Accounting: B.S.
- Actuarial Science: B.S.
- Applied Liberal Studies: B.S.
- Architecture and Environmental Design: B.S.
- Biology: B.S.
Broadcast and Integrated Media Production  B.A., B.S.
Business Administration  B.S.
Chemistry  B.S.
Civil Engineering  B.S.
Computer Science  B.S.
Construction Management  B.S.
Economics  B.A., B.S.
Electrical Engineering  B.S.
Elementary Education  B.S.
Engineering Physics  B.S.
English  B.A.
Entrepreneurship  B.S.
Family and Consumer Science  B.S.
Finance  B.S.
Fine Art  B.A.
Health Education  B.S.
History  B.A.
Hospitality Management  B.S.
Industrial Engineering  B.S.
Information Systems  B.S.
Journalism  B.A., B.S.
Management  B.S.
Marketing  B.S.
Mathematics  B.S.
Medical Technology  B.S.
Multimedia Journalism  B.S.
Multiplatform Production  B.S.
Music  B.A.
Nursing  B.S.
Nutritional Science  B.S.
Philosophy  B.A.
Physical Education  B.S.
Physics  B.S.
Political Science  B.A.
Psychology  B.S.
Public Relations, Advertising and Media Ratings
   and Sales  B.A., B.S.
Screenwriting and Animation  B.A., B.F.A.
Services and Supply Chain Management  B.S.
Social Work  B.S.
Sociology  B.A.
Strategic Communication  B.S.
Theatre Arts  B.A.
Transportation Systems  B.S.

On-line Degrees

Doctoral Degree
Community College Leadership  Ed.D.

Master’s Degrees
Business Administration  M.B.A.
   Accounting
   Finance
   Management
   Marketing Management
   Marketing Research
   International Management
Community College Administration &
   Instruction  M.Ed.
Project Management  M.S.
Public Health  M.P.H.
   Executive Health Management
Social Work  M.S.W.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates
Advanced National Security  P.B.C.
Product Management  P.B.C.
Urban Journalism  P.B.C.

Bachelor’s Degrees
Electrical Engineering  B.S.

Off-campus Degrees
Bachelor’s Degree
Electrical Engineering  B.S.
   (Harford Community College)
Morgan's Rankings
in Degrees Awarded to African-Americans

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Fulbright Scholars
- 1st Among all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), with a total of 136 grants to students to 44 countries and 63 grants to faculty to 40 countries

Doctoral Research Degrees
- 6th in Engineering
- 11th in All Disciplines Combined
- 21st in Business, Management, Marketing and Related Services
- 22nd in Education

Master's Degrees
- 5th in Engineering
- 6th in Architecture and Related Services

Bachelor's Degrees
- 2nd in Architecture and Related Services
- 4th in Engineering
- 6th in Communication, Journalism and Related Programs
- 7th in Marketing
- 9th in Hospitality Administration/Management
- 10th in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences
- 14th in Education
- 15th in Business, Management, Marketing and Related Services
- 15th in Philosophy & Religious Studies
- 18th in Finance and Financial Management Services
- 19th in All Disciplines Combined
- 22nd in Accounting and Related Services

STATEWIDE RANKINGS

Doctoral Research Degrees
- 1st in Total Doctorates
- 1st in Business, Management, Marketing and Related Services
- 1st in Public Health
- 2nd in Engineering
- 2nd in Education

Master's Degrees
- 1st in Architecture and Related Services
- 1st in Social Work
- 1st in Visual and Performing Arts
- 3rd in Engineering
- 4th in Public Health
- 4th in Total Master's Degrees
- 5th in Social Sciences

Bachelor's Degrees
- 1st in Architecture and Related Services
- 1st in Civil Engineering
- 1st in Communication, Journalism and Related Programs
- 1st in Engineering
- 1st in Electrical Engineering
- 1st in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences
- 1st in Hospitality Management/Administration
- 1st in Industrial Engineering
- 1st in Marketing
- 1st in Philosophy & Religious Studies
- 2nd in Accounting and Related Services
- 2nd in Business Management, Marketing and Related Support Services
- 2nd in Education
- 2nd in Finance and Financial Management Services
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Ms. Paris Adkins-Jackson, Graduate Student Association Vice President for Social and Community Affairs
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Ms. Judith Wise

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Dr. OluwaTosin Adgbola  Ms. Jacqueline Jones
Dr. Baruti N. Kopano

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Dr. Charlene Allen  Ms. Thelma Rich
Dr. Paul Archibald

**The Procession**

**Academic Administrators**

**Faculty Emeriti**

**Faculties of the University**

**Platform Party**

**President of the University Council**

**President of the MSU Alumni Association**

**Clergy**

**Registrar**

**President of the Senior Class**

**Special Guests**

**Iva G. Jones Medallion Awardee**

**Sandye Jean McIntyre, II, Sash Awardee**

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**University Counsel**

**Chief of Staff to the President**

**Professor of Military Science**

**Chairman of the Commencement Committee**

**Deans of the University**

**Vice Presidents of the University**

**University Board of Regents**

**Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**Honorary Degree Recipients**

**Chairman of the Board of Regents**

**Commencement Speaker**

**President of the University**
The Morgan State University Presidential Chain of Office is bestowed upon each President of the University at an official inauguration ceremony and is worn by the President at Commencement and all official occasions requiring the wearing of academic regalia. It is a permanent insignia of office and is passed down to each succeeding president of the University.

The Morgan State University Presidential Chain of Office is cast in bronze with an antique patina and consists of a chain of 1 1/2-inch medallions engraved with the names of the presidents of the institution and the four periods and dates in its evolution: Centenary Biblical Institute, Morgan College, Morgan State College and Morgan State University. The medallions for the current and past presidents drape around the front, and the medallions noting the periods in the history of the institution drape around the back of the academic regalia. Near the bottom of the Chain are two banners with laurel leaves, attached to two round medallions bearing the official logo of the University. At the bottom of the Chain is a banner, crested with laurel leaves, bearing the inscription President, below which sits the official Presidential Medallion, a 3-inch round medal with a double-faced design embossed in bas-relief with the Seal of the University and its colors on the front and engraved with the University logo on the verso plane. Below the Presidential Medallion is a banner inscribed with the name of the current President.

The Presidential Chain was designed by the Inauguration Committee for Morgan’s Tenth Inaugurated President, Dr. David Wilson, in collaboration with the Office of Public Relations and Communications, and crafted by Medallic Art Company of Northwest Territorial Mint in Dayton, Nevada, in 2010. It was donated by Dr. Clara I. Adams, Morgan State University Class of 1954, Special Assistant to the President, and Mr. Wilbert L. Walker, Morgan State University Class of 1950.
The Morgan State University Maces

The mace (Arabic, ṣamād; Latin, macea) was originally a weapon: a short handle topped with a metal ball, its bludgeoning force eclipsed that of a club. A common sight in medieval armies, the mace also served as a symbol of authority, appearing on the seals of such monarchs as Edward the Confessor, Philip Augustus, and Frederick Barbarossa.

In academic settings, a bedellus (lay church official) processed with the mace during commencement; hence, it was adopted by colleges and universities throughout the West and, in the United States, is usually borne by the Chief Faculty Marshal in academic processions.

The Morgan State University Mace is made of wood from one of the oldest buildings that existed on campus, a polished stone from the campus quarry, and three silver strips, each engraved with an epoch of Morgan’s history. It is decorated with silver clasps and semi-precious stones. It was a gift to the University from the General Alumni Association (June 4, 1956).

The Mace was designed and executed by the late Dr. Charles W. Stallings, formerly of the Morgan State College faculty in the Department of Art.

CHIEF FACULTY MARSHALS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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<td>1914-1948</td>
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THE NEW UNIVERSITY MACE

During its Sesquicentennial Celebration—December 2016 to December 2017—Morgan State University is retiring its sixty-year-old mace and replacing it with a longer mace that will be able to accommodate the names of additional Presidents over the years and that displays more prominently the insignia of the four major periods of its development: Centenary Biblical Institute, Morgan College, Morgan State College and Morgan State University. The new mace, crafted by the Medallic Art Company in Dayton, Nevada, has a 36-inch-tall fluted mahogany staff with 14 antique brass banners encircling it, the first ten engraved with the names and terms of the inaugurated presidents of the University. The mace head is a four-sided mahogany crown that bears images of three iconic Morgan structures and, on one side, the seal of the University, all in bronze, and, at its top the traditional flame of knowledge. The base of the mace is adorned with a tiered brass foot. The new Mace was designed by the Sesquicentennial Celebration Coordinating Committee, and it is a Sesquicentennial Gift to the University from the MSU Alumni Association.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL MACE

The Sesquicentennial Mace, crafted by the Medallic Art Company in Dayton, Nevada, was commissioned by the Sesquicentennial Celebration Coordinating Committee for Morgan’s 150th-Anniversary Celebration. Similar to the New University Mace, it has a 54-inch-tall fluted mahogany staff with 10 antique brass banners encircling it, bearing the names and terms of the inaugurated presidents of the University. The mace head is a four-sided mahogany crown that bears images of three iconic Morgan structures and, on one side, the seal of the University, all in bronze, and, at its top, is a three-inch bronze medal bearing the Sesquicentennial Logo, against a mahogany background, which is surrounded by brass leaves. The base of the mace is adorned with a tiered brass foot. After the Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Sesquicentennial Mace will be retired, put temporarily on display in Richardson Library and, thereafter, assigned to the Archives of the University in the Beulah Davis Special Collections Room.
Some colleagues and community friends of the late Dr. Iva Gwendolyn Jones, Professor Emerita of the Morgan State University Department of English, honored her as a scholar, leader, and teacher, by extending as a gift to Morgan State University the Dr. Iva G. Jones Medallion Emblem, which is the conception of the late Assistant Professor Emeritus Samuel L. Green, who was, likewise, one of the two co-designers of the symbol. The second co-designer, and medallion silversmith, is retired Associate Professor Kenneth Royster.

The Emblem fabric approximates in width the border of the master’s hood, is velvet, and employs the University colors—blue and orange. The detachable chain, which surmounts the emblem and helps to drape the wearer’s front and shoulders, bears silver mounts that hold the medallions in suspension.

Appraisers have assessed each silver medallion at over ten times the value of the United States silver dollar, which the medallions resemble. The twenty-one (21) emblem medallions—which the Philadelphia Mint created exclusively for the Negro Commemorative Society (Membership Number 1043)—display the images of African-American notables like Crispus Attucks, Benjamin Banneker, Henry O. Tanner, Lorraine Hansberry, Mary Church Terrell, Alaine Locke, and Ralph Bunche.

Annually, colleagues, employing University-approved criteria, select an individual to wear the Emblem. Those honored by this selection are persons who reflect vividly in their professional lives the qualities distinguishing the individual whose name the Emblem bears.

**AWARDEES**

1986-88    Dr. Iva G. Jones, *Professor of English Emerita* **
1988-89    Dr. Sandye Jean McIntyre, II, *Professor of Foreign Languages Emeritus*, **
1989-90    Dr. Esther J. Ridley, *Professor of Biology* **
1990-91    Dr. Cecil W. Payton, *Associate Professor of Biology*
1991-92    Dr. Vergial S. Webb, *Acting Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies*
1993-95    Dr. Ruthe T. Sheffey, *Professor of English*
1995-96    Dr. Ernest Silversmith, *Professor of Chemistry*
1996-97    Dr. Nathan Carter, *Professor of Music* **
1997-99    Dr. Dinker Raval, *Professor of Business Administration*
1999-2000  Dr. Pamela Leigh Mack, *Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering*
2000-2001  Mr. Bala Subramanian, *Associate Professor of Business Administration*
2001-2002  Dr. Frederick Oliver, *Professor of Physics*
2002-2003  Dr. Anna R. McPhatter, *Associate Professor of Social Work and Mental Health*
2003-2004  Dr. Ali Emdad, *Associate Professor of Information Science and Systems*
2005-2006  Dr. M’bare N’gorn, *Professor of World Languages*
2007-2008  Dr. Gaston N’guerekata, *Professor of Mathematics*
2010-2011  Dr. Asamoah Nkwanta, *Associate Professor of Mathematics*
2011-2012  Dr. Alex Tang, *Professor of Finance*
2012-2013  Dr. Burney J. Hollis, *Professor of English*
2013-2014  Dr. Conrad Williams, *Professor of Physics*
2014-2015  Dr. Sandra Chipungu, *Professor of Social Work*
2015-2016  Dr. Carroll S. Perrino, *Associate Professor of Psychology*
2016-2017  Dr. Yacob Astatke, *Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering*
2017-2018  Dr. Halaevalu Vakalahi, *Associate Dean, School of Social Work*

**Deceased**
The Dr. Sandye Jean McIntyre, II
International Award

The Dr. Sandye Jean McIntyre, II, International Award, a sash designed and tailored specifically for this award, is inspired by the diplomatic sash customarily worn for formal occasions by ambassadors, consuls, and other dignitaries. It is red satin accented with a traditional rosette and blue, white, yellow and green ribbons, representing the flags of the United States of America, France, Senegal, and other countries with which Dr. McIntyre had contact in his diplomatic and academic careers. In the center front of the sash, a specially-commissioned gold medal (struck by Charles Nusinov and Sons) features a world map enclosed by laurel wreaths and the name of the award.

The Award was established in 1997 and conferred upon Dr. McIntyre at the annual Founders Day Convocation in 1997. It is given to that member of the Morgan faculty who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to global learning and international understanding and who promotes international programs at Morgan.

AWARDEES

2000  Dr. Joseph Overton, Associate Professor of Political Science
2006  Dr. Carleen S. Leggett, Associate Professor of World Languages
2007  Dr. M’bare N’góm, Professor of World Languages
2008  Dr. Zekeh Gbotokuma, Associate Professor of Philosophy
2009  Dr. Joanna Crosby, Associate Professor of Philosophy
2010  Dr. Gaston N’gurekata, Professor of Mathematics
2011  Mr. Sanjit Roy, Assistant Professor of Architecture
2012  Dr. Glenn O. Phillips, Professor of History
2013  Dr. Max Hilaire, Associate Professor of Political Science
2014  Dr. Eric Conway, Associate Professor of Music
2015  Dr. Tsenay Serequeberhan, Professor of Philosophy
2016  Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Associate Professor of World Languages
2017  Dr. James Lee, III, Professor of Music
The traditional black caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic procession have been the historic regalia of scholars since medieval times. Because many scholars of that period were members of monastic orders, the academic regalia probably represents an adaptation of ecclesiastical dress.

A uniform code for academic regalia was drafted by an intercollegiate commission in 1893 and has since been adopted by the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. Each of the three academic degrees—bachelor’s, master’s and doctor’s—has its own distinctive gown and hood. The gown representing the bachelor’s degree is distinguished by its long pointed sleeve. The master’s gown has a longer, narrow, closed sleeve, extending below the knee. The arm is passed through a slit at the elbow. In contrast, the doctor’s gown is faced with wide velvet bands, which may be black or a color indicating the general field of learning of the wearer—for example, dark blue for philosophy, green for medicine, and purple for law.

The most colorful and distinctive item of the academic regalia is the hood, which passes around the neck and extends down the back. The doctor’s hood is the largest, and the bachelor’s hood is the smallest. Often the use of a bachelor’s hood is omitted. The wearer’s field of learning is indicated by the color of the hood and the tassel. Among the colors of hoods are:

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The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the college or university which conferred the degree. The tassel may be either black or the color of the field of learning. The tassel of the doctor’s cap is usually gold.
The Academic Degrees

The first known degree was a doctorate conferred by the University of Bologna in the middle of the 12th century. Originally, the doctor’s and master’s degrees were used interchangeably, each indicating that the holder was qualified to give instruction to students. The bachelor’s or baccalaureate degree indicated only entrance upon a course of study preparatory to the doctorate or mastership. Gradually, however, the bachelor’s degree came to mean successful completion of one level of study preparatory to the higher degrees.

Today, there are more than 1,600 different academic degrees conferred by colleges and universities in the United States. The advanced degrees granted by Morgan State University are the Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration, Master of Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture, Master of City and Regional Planning, Master of Engineering, Master of Public Health, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Public Health.

The Doctoral Degree

The doctoral degree or doctorate represents the most advanced degree conferred at institutions of higher education in the United States. The Oxford English Dictionary defines a doctor in the academic sense as “one who, in any faculty or branch of learning, has attained to the highest degree conferred by a university.”

There are two major types of doctoral degrees: earned doctorates and honorary doctorates. Earned doctorates are further divided into two distinct types—the research degree and the professional or practitioner degree. The distinguishing feature of the research degree is that it normally requires a lengthy scholarly dissertation which is usually designed to constitute a substantial contribution to the existing body of knowledge in its field. The most important doctorate of the research type at institutions of higher education in the United States is the Doctor of Philosophy. The only other earned doctorate of the research type which has secured wide recognition and use by a large number of leading United States universities is the Doctor of Education.

The Master’s Degree *

The master’s degree is an academic honor conferred upon students who have successfully completed one or two years’ work beyond the baccalaureate. A thesis and an oral examination are usually required. The word magister connected with a qualifying phrase was used among the Romans as the title of honor, but its present meaning must be traced to the time of the establishment of the oldest universities. Regularly organized faculties were not then known as they now exist in the universities. The whole circle of academic activity was limited to seven liberal arts. Those who received public honors in the completed studies, and who had already received the degree of baccalaureus (bachelor), were called magistri artium (masters of the liberal arts).

The Bachelor’s Degree **

The bachelor’s degree represents completion of a four-year course of study of collegiate grade and is the oldest academic degree used at institutions of higher learning in the United States. The degree of Bachelor of Arts was the first conferred in the United States in 1642 on nine young men, comprising the first graduating class of Harvard College. Yale conferred its first Bachelor of Arts in 1702; Princeton in 1748; William and Mary in 1753; Pennsylvania in 1757; Columbia in 1758; and Morgan State to George W. F. McMechen in 1895.


** Sometimes designated as the baccalaureate degree, from the Latin baccalaris, “under the influence of,” and lauris, “laurel,” used as a designation of honor, distinction, or fame.
THE HONORABLE BOYD K. RUTHERFORD
Lieutenant Governor of the State of Maryland
Commencement Speaker

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Lieutenant Governor of the State of Maryland

Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford is an accomplished attorney with a lifetime of experience in both the public and private sectors. He served as Associate Administrator for the U. S. General Services Administration, where he was responsible for increasing utilization of small businesses in government procurement, as well as continually improving the efficiency of the agency.

In addition, Lt. Governor Rutherford served as Assistant Secretary for Administration for the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). He was nominated for the position by President George W. Bush and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate. As Assistant Secretary, Lt. Governor Rutherford led efforts that saved millions of taxpayer dollars.

Prior to serving in the USDA, Lt. Governor Rutherford served as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) under Governor Bob Ehrlich. In that capacity, Lt. Governor Rutherford was responsible for more than $900 million in annual contract administration and 10 million square feet of State-owned and leased facilities. As Secretary of DGS, Lt. Governor Rutherford continued to find creative ways to save Maryland taxpayers millions of dollars, while also initiating and completing the expansion and renovation of numerous State buildings.

In addition to his public service, Lt. Governor Rutherford has extensive legal and business experience, including service in business and government law, information technology sales, and small and minority business development.

Lt. Governor Rutherford holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and Political Science from Howard University. Additionally, he has a Master’s Degree in Communications Management and a law degree, both from the University of Southern California.

Lt. Governor Rutherford resides in Columbia, Maryland, with his wife Monica. They have three adult children.
Honorary Degree Recipients

JOHN EMMORY ROUND
Doctor of Laws
(Posthumously)

Rev. John Emory Round was the first president of the Centenary Biblical Institute, now Morgan State University. A staunch abolitionist and Assistant Editor of the Zion Herald, a publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, he was appointed President of the Centenary Biblical Institute in 1872, five years after its founding in 1867, and served as President for ten years. During his tenure, President Round guided the transformation of the Centenary Biblical Institute from a theological training institute to one with a broader mission to serve the growing needs of the African-American community. His progressive agenda witnessed the relocation of the institution from Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church to the Peyton Property at 44 East Saratoga Street and, later, to the new facility constructed at Edmondson and Fulton Avenues; the appointment of the first African Americans to the Board of Trustees; the appointment of the first African-American faculty members; the admission of female students and graduation of the Institute’s first female student; and the proposal to expand the curriculum to include teacher, academic and technical training for those not preparing for careers in theology.

WILLIAM MASLIN FRYINGER
Doctor of Laws
(Posthumously)

Rev. William Maslin Frysinger was appointed in 1882 as the second president of the Centenary Biblical Institute, now Morgan State University. A religious leader in the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he set the institution, during his six years as its leader, on the sure path toward becoming a liberal arts college and reaching a level of attainment equal to the best educational institutions in the country. Under his stewardship, the Centenary Biblical Institute implemented fully the plans of his predecessor to offer a three-part curriculum that included theological, teacher-training and college-preparatory tracks. In the midst of the decline of interest in the theological curriculum, he developed the Institute’s first evening school program in 1882 and established the Delaware Conference Academy (later Princess Anne Academy), located in Princess Anne, Maryland, as a teacher-training or normal-school branch of the Centenary Biblical Institute in 1886.
Honorary Degree Recipients

FRANCIS J. WAGNER

Doctor of Laws
(Posthumously)

Rev. Francis J. Wagner, the third president of the Centenary Biblical Institute, was appointed in 1888 and led the institution during one of its most difficult, but successful, periods of transition. During his brief three-year tenure as president, amidst declining enrollment in the theological program, he petitioned the Board of Trustees to change the mission of the Centenary Biblical Institute to become a degree-granting college, with branch academies in two locations. In 1890, therefore, he became the first president of Morgan College, with two extension programs—Delaware Conference Academy, renamed the Princess Anne Academy in 1890, and the Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute, established in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1893. Under President Wagner, Morgan College awarded its first bachelor’s degree in 1895, and the College began what would become its long-standing advocacy for equal opportunity in higher education in Maryland by considering establishing a law department, in response to the decision of the State University of Maryland no longer to admit African-American students to the study of law.

JOHN OAKLEY SPENCER

Doctor of Laws
(Posthumously)

Dr. John Oakley Spencer, Principal of the Hudson River Institute in Claverack, New York, was appointed fourth president of the institution and second president of Morgan College in 1902 and, serving as president until 1937, was the longest-serving president in the history of what is now Morgan State University. The first Morgan president with academic, rather than theological, training, he accepted the appointment only because the Board committed itself to allowing him to expand and improve the college. He undertook a major campaign to build the campus and the academic program. Under his leadership, Morgan moved to its present location on the Ivy Mills property at Hillen Road and Cold Spring Lane, renovated and repurposed several existing structures and, through a number of successful fund-raising campaigns that attracted funds from the Carnegie Corporation, the Rockefeller Foundation and institutional supporters, transformed the campus with the construction of four new buildings. He built the faculty with educators destined to become Morgan legends, and, as early as 1923, launched a graduate program at Morgan College. After a period of curriculum building, Morgan achieved its first professional accreditation by the Middle States Association in 1925. Spencer’s 33-year term as president represents the first era of great, sustained progress at Morgan.
King Virgil Cheek
Doctor of Laws

Dr. King Virgil Cheek, President of Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, was appointed seventh president of Morgan State College in 1971, a position that he held until 1974. At age 33, he was the institution’s youngest president. He joined the institution during its campaign for university status and began to restructure it to embrace that opportunity. During his tenure, he reorganized the university into four divisions—academic affairs, development, finance, and planning and operations—and positioned it to be a more accessible and progressive urban university, a status that it was to achieve the year after his departure. He enhanced the offerings of Morgan State College by introducing programs and curricula that emphasized in-service continuing education opportunities for government and business workers, recruitment of disadvantaged students, training through compensatory educational programs, credit through proficiency testing, early admissions for gifted students, a structured honors program, co-op programs, a university-without-walls component and increased research on urban problems. Since leaving Morgan in 1974, Dr. Cheek has been an educational leader at the Union of Experimenting Colleges and Universities, New York Institute of Technology, and New York College of Health Professions. He is currently Professor of Social Sciences at the New York Institute of Technology, the Chief Executive Officer of Quadra-Media Group, Inc., a film-production and publishing company, and a licensed private investigator at ICI, Inc., where he is Vice President and Senior Partner.

Andrew Billingsley
Doctor of Laws

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Howard University, was appointed eighth president of Morgan State College in 1975. He occupies a unique position in the history of leadership at Morgan as the last president of Morgan State College and the first president of Morgan State University. When appointed to the presidency of Morgan State College in 1975, Dr. Billingsley, who was and today remains the nation’s foremost authority on the African-American family, intensified Morgan’s campaign for university status, a battle that was won when Morgan was named Morgan State University in 1975. Under his leadership, Morgan restructured itself for university status, establishing the divisions of academic affairs, planning and operations analysis, development and university relations, student services, and business and finance. It also inaugurated six schools in the academic division: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Management, School of Continuing Education, School of Education, School of Urban Studies and Human Resources, and School of Graduate Studies. It established seven new master’s degree programs, adding to Morgan’s existing inventory of 21 programs, and Morgan’s first doctoral program, which awarded its first Doctor of Education Degree in Urban Educational Leadership in 1983. When he left the University in 1984, he left it well poised to achieve its mission as Maryland’s designated public urban university. Since that time, President Billingsley has continued his work as scholar and educator at a number of major universities, including the University of Maryland College Park, University of Ghana and University of South Carolina, where he is currently John and Eula Mae Cleveland Distinguished Professor of Afro-American Studies and Scholar-in-Residence.
Morgan State University
FIFTH WINTER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Order of Exercises
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Dr. David Wilson
President of the University, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance” .......................................................... Edgar Elgar

The Morgan State University Band
Mr. Melvin Miles, Conductor

The audience is requested to stand as the academic procession moves into the arena and to remain standing until after the singing of “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.”

TOLLING OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL BELL .................................. Dr. Edwin T. Johnson
Assistant University Archivist

WELCOME ....................................................................................... President David Wilson

INVOCATION .................................................................................. Rev. Dr. Bernard Keels
Dean, University Memorial Chapel

HYMN ......................................................................................... Led by Anitra McKinney, Morgan State University Choir

“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson

GREETINGS .................................................................................. Rev. Dr. Frances Murphy Draper
Vice Chair, Board of Regents

SESQUICENTENNIAL POEM .......................................................... Dr. Ruthe T. Sheffey
Poet Laureate of the Sesquicentennial Celebration

PRESENTATION OF U. S. SENATE RESOLUTION ............................. The Honorable Ben Cardin
U. S. Senator for Maryland
The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
U. S. Senator for Maryland

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ......................................................... President David Wilson

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ......................................................... The Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford
Lieutenant Governor of the State of Maryland

MUSICAL SELECTION ..................................................................... Anitra McKinney, Soprano

“Believe in Yourself” from The Wiz

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES ...................................... Presented by Vice Chair Frances Murphy Draper and President David Wilson
Citations Read by Dr. Burney J. Hollis, Professor of English and Dean Emeritus

Boyd K. Rutherford, Doctor of Public Service
John Emory Round, Doctor of Laws (Posthumously)
William Maslin Frysinger, Doctor of Laws (Posthumously)
Francis J. Wagner, Doctor of Laws (Posthumously)
John Oakley Spencer, Doctor of Laws (Posthumously)
King Virgil Cheek, Doctor of Laws
Andrew Billingsley, Doctor of Laws

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR HONOR GRADUATES ............................. Dr. Gloria Gibson
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude
PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS .............................................. President David Wilson

President’s Second Mile Award
President’s Award for Exceptional Creative Achievement

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE ........................................ Presented by Provost Gloria Gibson

GRADUATE DEGREES—SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
................................................................. Names Read by Dr. Darryl Peterkin, Director of the Clara I. Adams Honors College

DOCTORATES ........................................................................ Candidates presented by
Dr. Mark Garrison, Dean

MASTER’S DEGREES .................................................................. Candidates presented by
Dr. Mark Garrison, Dean

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
................................................................. Names Read by Ms. Shirley Basfield-Dunlap, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts,
and Mr. Brian Naughton, Instructor of Multiplatform Production

JAMES H. GILLIAM, JR., COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS ..................... Candidates presented by
Dr. M’bare N’gom, Dean

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING .......................... Candidates presented by
Dr. Mary Anne Alabanza Akers, Dean

EARL G. GRAVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT ........ Candidates presented by
Dr. Fikru Boghossian, Dean

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND POLICY .................... Candidates presented by
Dr. Kim Dobson Sydnor, Dean

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER, MATHEMATICAL AND NATURAL
SCIENCES ............................................................................... Candidates presented by
Dr. Hongtao Yu, Dean

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND URBAN STUDIES ...................... Candidates presented by
Dr. Patricia L. Welch, Dean

CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR., SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING ............ Candidates presented by
Dr. Michael G. Spencer, Dean

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION .... Candidates presented by
Professor DeWayne Wickham, Dean

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK .................................................. Candidates presented by
Dr. Anna McPhatter, Dean

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS .......................................................... By College/Schools, as above

SALUTE TO THE GRADUATES ..................................................... Ms. Michaela Scott
President of the Senior Class

INDUCTION INTO THE MSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .................... Rev. Dr. Charles D. Fletcher, Jr.
President of the MSU Alumni Association

THE ALMA MATER ............................................................... Led by Funmike W. Lagoke, Morgan State University Choir

BENEDICTION ........................................................................ Rev. Dr. Bernard Keels

RECESSIONAL ........................................................................ The Morgan State University Band

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edgar Elgar
Candidates for Degrees

School of Graduate Studies

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Ali-Sha Alleman ................................................................. Social Work
B.S.W., Rutgers University, 1993
M.S.W., Washington University in St. Louis, 1997
Chair: Halaevalu Vakalahi, Ph.D.

Simone Barrett ................................................................. History
B.A., Morgan State University, 2006
M.A., Morgan State University, 2010
Dissertation: “We Bring Thee Our Laurels Whatever They Be”: “A Concise History of Morgan State Student-Led Protests”
Chair: Debra Newman Ham, Ph.D.

Enock Bonyi ................................................................. Bioenvironmental Science
B.S., Maseno University, 2007
M.S., Morgan State University, 2013
Dissertation: “Rapid Assessment of Biological and Environmental Samples in Resource-Limited Settings Using Microwave-Accelerated Bioassay Technique”
Chair: Kadir Aslan, Ph.D.

Martin Dada ................................................................. Higher Education
B.A., University of Ibadan, 1999
M.A., Concordia University, 2004
Dissertation: “African American Students’ Assumptions About Blackness or Whiteness, Explored in the Context of College Selection: An Interpretive Analysis”
Chair: Benjamin Welsh, Ph.D.

Turkessa Demisse ................................................................. Social Work
B.S.W., Morgan State University, 2002
M.S.W., Michigan State University, 2004
Dissertation: “Factors Affecting the Professional African American Woman’s Domestic Violence Trajectories”
Chair: Rhonda Wells-Wilbon, Ph.D.
Katherine Lloyd ................................................................. Higher Education
B.S., West Chester University, 2003
M.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2006
Dissertation: “Racism and the White Studies Experience at a Predominantly White Institution”
Chairs: Glenda Prime, Ph.D. and Kmt Shockley, Ph.D.

Candice Marshall ............................................................. Mathematics
B.S., Morgan State University, 2005
M.A., Morgan State University, 2011
Chair: Alexander Pankov, Ph.D.

Chelsea Schrader .............................................................. Business Administration
B.S., Frostburg State University, 2010
M.B.A., Frostburg State University, 2011
Dissertation: “The Impact of Audit Committee Tenure and Compensation on Audit Fees”
Chair: Huey-Lian Sun, Ph.D.

Behnam Tabatabai ............................................................ Bioenvironmental Science
B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2009
M.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2011
Dissertation: “Biotechnological Approaches to Enhance Halotolerance and Photosynthetic Efficacy in the Cyanobacterium, Fremyella Diplosiphon”
Chair: Viji Sitther, Ph.D.

Solomon Tadesse ............................................................... Bioenvironmental Science
B.S., Addis Ababa University, 1988
M.S., North Carolina A&T State University, 2001
Dissertation: “Synthetic and Natural Probes for Selective Anion Sensing”
Chair: Kadir Aslan, Ph.D.

Olatoundji Yessoufou ........................................................ Bioenvironmental Science
B.S., University of Benin, 1997
M.Sc., Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, 2001
Dissertation: “Immunohistochemical Protein Quantitation: Establishing Optimal Conditions for Linear Changes in Signal Detection as a Function of Bound Antibody and the Relationships Between Staining Intensity, Protein Levels, and Messenger RNA for Tyrosine Hydroxylase Within Rat Brain Tissue Sections”
Chair: Gloria Hoffman, Ph.D.

Doctor of Education Degrees

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  Chair: Warren Hayman, Ed.D.

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B.S., Information Systems

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B.S., Nutrition Science

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B.S., Business Administration

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B.S., Management

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B.S., Service and Supply Chain Management

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B.S., Health Education

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B.A., Speech Communication

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The President’s Award for Exceptional Creative Achievement was established in 1953 by Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, President of what was then Morgan State College, and the tradition has been continued to encourage and give recognition to the expression of worthwhile original ideas among the students of the university. It is intended that this award will go to that member of the graduating class who has made an exceptional contribution of a creative nature.

One of the most important functions of an institution of higher education is to stimulate the development of original ideas. Although major contributions are hardly to be expected, certainly the techniques of creative thought and the habit of expressing original ideas should be developed during the undergraduate days. The budding techniques and habits so developed, it is hoped, will come to fruition in post-university years.

The Award for Exceptional Creative Achievement may go to a student who makes a creative contribution in any field or area. The winner of the President’s Award for Exceptional Creative Achievement is selected by a faculty committee. Departments and individual faculty members are invited to submit nominations for the award through the appropriate department chairperson. Nominations are supported by adequate description of the nominee’s achievement.

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