

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

and

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



SUNDAY, MAY the FIRST

NINETEEN HUNDRED and EIGHTY-THREE

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

WESLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

President Grant S. Shockley, Presiding

ORGAN PRELUDE	"Prelude and Fugue In E Minor"	J. S. Bach
PROCESSIONAL 91	"When Morning Gilds The Skies"	Laudes Domini
CALL TO WORSHIP		The Rev. Dr. James E. Rush Acting College Minister
HYMN 1	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	Azmon
INVOCATION		College Minister
ACT OF PRAISE 629		College Minister
GLORIA PATRI 729		Greatorex
ANTHEM	"I Was Glad" Collegiate Chorale	Daniel Pinkham
OFFERTORY		The Rev. Varnell M. Norman Minister, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
BACCALAUREATE SERMON		The Rev. Dr. Julius S. Scott, Jr. Board of Higher Education The United Methodist Church Nashville, Tennessee
SPIRITUAL	"I Believe This is Jesus" Collegiate Chorale	U. Smith-Moore
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. Crawford J. Mims
RECESSIONAL HYMN 478	"Lead On, O King Eternal"	Lancashire
BENEDICTION		The Rev. Mr. Norman
CHORAL AMEN		
ORGAN POSTLUDE	"Thou Art The Rock"	Henry Mulet

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS AUDITORIUM

President Grant S. Shockley, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL	"The War March Of The Priests"	F. Mendelssohn
INVOCATION		Bishop John W. Hardt, D.D. Oklahoma Area The United Methodist Church
HYMN 28	"O God Our Help In Ages Past"	St. Anne
1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!	4. A thousand ages, in thou sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.	
2. Under the shadow of thy throne Still may we dwell secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.	5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.	
3. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.	6. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for year to come; Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home!	Amen.
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER		President Grant S. Shockley, Ed.D.
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS		Dr. James A. Joseph, LL.D., President Council of Foundations, Washington, D.C.
ANTHEM	"He Watching Over Israel" Collegiate Chorale Dr. David Le'ron Walker, Ph.D., Director	F. Mendelssohn
CONFERRING OF DEGREES TRUSTEE AUTHORIZATION		Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, D.D. The Arkansas Area, The United Methodist Church and Chairperson, Board of Trustees
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES		Dr. Crawford J. Mims, Ed.D. Vice President for Academic Services
ADMISSION TO DEGREES		President of the College
SPIRITUAL	"Daniel, Daniel" Collegiate Chorale	U. Smith-Moore
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION		Mr. Curtis D. Gillespie National Alumni President

ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater, tried and true,
We'll win respect and love for you;
We pledge our hearts to you each day
To do our best at work, at play.

Dear P.S.C., When from your fold
We'll lift the dear old green and gold;
O'er Alma Mater vigil keep,
Her high ideals we'll strive to meet.

When college days are at an end,
Our hearts will ever toward you bend;
With loyalty we'll always be a part of you
Dear P.S.C.

BENEDICTION

Bishop W. T. Handy, Jr.
Missouri Area
The United Methodist Church

RECESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance"

E. Elgar

COLLEGE MARSHALS

Dr. McKinley Newton, Ph.D., Chief Marshal
Dr. Vertie L. Carter, Ed.D., Platform Party Marshal
Dr. William H. Woods, Ph.D., Faculty Marshal
Dr. Charles E. Nesbitt, Ph.D., Senior Class Marshal

RECEPTION

The President cordially invites the Graduates, Commencement Guests, Alumni/ae, Faculty, Staff and Students to a Reception in the Student Union Center at 7:30 P.M.

CANDIDATES FOR SPRING GRADUATION

May 1, 1983

Degrees

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

Abadom, Anthony Obiaguncha Cum Laude 3rd rank in class	Herbert, LaShell June Cum Laude
*Abadom, Felix Abiodun Cum Laude Distinction in Field	*Hill, Maria
Ahunamba, Emeka Michael	Igwe, George
Allen, Gary	Iloka, Anne N. Eriuche Baker
*Babak, Seyed Ataollah	Iriah, Charles
Booker, Mary J.	*Isonguyo, Clement Dennis Cum Laude 1st rank in class
Bosah, Francis Olisaeloka Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field 1st rank in class	Kirkwood, Mary Ella
*Chukwu, Sunny John Cum Laude Distinction in Field 2nd rank in class	Lee, Chiles Allison
Cooley, Carolyn Butler Distinction in Field	*Lovelace, Evelyn Louise
Daniels, Reggie Lamar	McKenzie, Benita Eskew
Davis, Kathy Jean	Miller, Patricia Louise
Dockett, Avis Felecia Cum Laude Distinction in Field	Moore, Carrie Lee
*Enemo, Ernest Chukwuma Cum Laude Distinction in Field 3rd rank in class	Moore, Vera Jean
Fluker, Ruby Jean Davis	Mitchell, Larry Eugene
*Fountain, Glean Ellen	Montgomery, Vanessa Cum Laude
Gilbert, Diwanya Jean	Nelson, Anthony Cum Laude
Henderson, Marvin Tyrone	Nkoloenyi, Godwin Okey
	Oporum, Nnadozie Mbanefo
	Portis, Tezell
	Pugh, Donnie Ray
	Rice, Alfreda Turner
	*Stewart, Barbara Ann

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

Suell, Elzie Lee

*Walker, Charles Douglas

Taylor, Comfort Patricia

Washington, Cheryl Gail

Turner, Larry

Washington, Noreen

Wakwe, Benedict Ifeanyi
Magna Cum Laude
Distinction in Field
2nd rank in class

THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Okechukwu, Ike Jude

Watson, Girtha Lee

*Prime, Lennox Simon

Wilson, Reginald L.

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Humane Letters

Norman W. Handy, Jr.

Julius S. Scott, Jr.

F. Herbert Skeete

Doctor of Divinity

Ethan W. Dodgen

J. Walter Lofton

Marjorie S. Matthews

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James A. Joseph, President
Council of Foundations, Washington, D.C.

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Malon A. Martin, Director
Department of Finance and Administration

COMMENCEMENT

The term "Commencement" derives from a practice in the Medieval University where it was customary for a candidate for an academic degree (Bachelor's, Master's or Doctor's) to present a public lecture or disputation to the faculty and other scholars gathered to hear it. If the disputation was successfully defended and accepted, the candidate was "admitted" to the degree "with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereunto appertaining."

This first public lecture or disputation was originally called an "inception". It signified the beginning or "commencement" of the scholar's academic career in the degree to which he had been admitted. The ceremony surrounding this inception or "graduation" from "bachelor" to the "master" and eventually to "doctor" has subsequently come to be called Commencement. Today Philander Smith College celebrates her 106th Commencement.