FOUNDERS' DAY
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Commemoration of the 182nd Year

PRELUDE:
“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”.................. Scottish Melody
Raymond Ebert (’60), University Carillonneur
Suzanne Mullins (’18), Student Carillonneur
Prelude in G Major............................. Dietrich Buxtehude
Chorale Prelude on “A Mighty Fortress”........... Helmut Walcha
Donald L. Armitage, University Organist

PROCISIONAL:
Prelude to a “Te Deum”.................. Marc Antonio Charpentier

INVOCATION................................. The Reverend Timothy L. Auman
University Chaplain

WELCOME.............................. Nathan O. Hatch
University President

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR ORATIONS........... Michele Gillespie
Dean of the College

SENIOR ORATIONS.......... Senior Colloquium Oration Finalists

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF
MORTAR BOARD, OMICRON DELTA KAPPA,
THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL, HONORS AND
ETHICS COUNCIL, AND THE BOARD OF
INVESTIGATORS AND ADVISORS.................. Penny Rue
Vice President for Campus Life

PRESENTATION OF THE TEACHING,
RESEARCH AND SERVICE AWARDS............. Rogan Kersh
Provost

PRESENTATION OF THE
MEDALLION OF MERIT.......................... President Hatch

PRESENTATION OF THE SENIOR VIDEO........... M. Adam Hammer
Student Government President

THE ALMA MATER:
“Dear Old Wake Forest”.................. Eatman and Paschal

Dear Old Wake Forest, Thine is a noble name;
Thine is a glorious fame, Constant and true.
We give thee of our praise, Adore thine ancient days,
Sing thee our humble lays, Mother, so dear.

Dear Old Wake Forest, Mystic thy name to cheer;
Be thou our guardian near, Fore'er and aye.
We bow before thy shrine, Thy brow with bays entwine;
All honor now be thine, Mother, today.

RECESSIONAL: Fanfare................... Jacques Lemmens
Donald L. Armitage, University Organist

CARILLON POSTLUDE:
“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”.................. Raymond Ebert

Following the service, the Provost’s Office will host a reception for the
campus community and guests in the lower lobby, Scales Fine Arts Center.
MORTAR BOARD

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Emily McCaslin Felvey
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AWARDS

URECA FACULTY AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP
IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK

This award is presented annually to two faculty members who demonstrate excellence in the mentoring of undergraduate students. Established and funded by URECA (Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Center), the award recognizes those faculty members who engage Wake Forest undergraduates outside the classroom and inspire, guide, and support the students’ intellectual and creative endeavors.

THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

This award is presented annually to an outstanding young scholar in the College or School of Business who is either an assistant professor or is in, at latest, his or her fourth year as an associate professor. The prize for this award is made possible through support from the Alumni Association.

DONALD O. SCHOOLMAKER
FACULTY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

This award was established in 1988 by the Wake Forest Alumni Council to recognize extraordinary community service of a respected teacher-scholar from the College or School of Business. The award was named in memory of Donald Schoonmaker ’60, professor of politics. Dr. Schoonmaker was posthumously awarded the faculty prize for community service in 1993.

JON REINHARDT AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

This award recognizes an experienced member of the faculty, distinguished as a teacher in the broadest sense of the word, and recognized not only for performance in the classroom but also for exemplifying the ideals of a liberal arts education. To be considered for the award, faculty members must have held the rank of associate or full professor, or its equivalent, for at least a year.
The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award

This award was established in 1985 to honor Chief Justice Joseph Branch (JD ’38, LLD ’83) upon his retirement from the North Carolina Supreme Court. Recipients are chosen from the School of Law faculty on the basis of outstanding teaching and service to the legal profession.

The Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award

This award was established in 1982 by the Wake Forest Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa to recognize an outstanding faculty member who bridges the gap between classroom and student life. The recipient must contribute beyond the expected duties of teaching and research. In 1997, the award was endowed by the Kulynych Family Foundation and the name was changed to honor the Kulynych family.

The Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching

This award is for faculty members in the College and School of Business who are still in the early part of their careers. The award was established in 1971 and renamed in 1986 in recognition of the generosity of the late Wilbur Doyle (’48), who endowed the prize to honor his philosophy professor, A.C. Reid. The Reid-Doyle Prize is also supported by the Alumni Council and the Alumni Association.

Senior Orations

Wake Forest Institute, founded in 1834, was re-chartered as Wake Forest College in 1838. From the very beginning, students organized and expanded debating and literary societies and promoted “oratory” at special occasions of the College. This annual tradition has included senior orators with such familiar names as Poteat, Kitchin, Worrell, Hankins, Paschal, Royall, Wingate, Folk, Wilson and Christman. In 1946, Nancy Hyde Easley became the first female senior orator.
The Medallion of Merit is the highest honor given by Wake Forest and is presented annually for outstanding achievement and distinguished contribution to the University. Previous recipients include presidents of the University, trustees, benefactors, and retired faculty and administrators.

2016  Jenny Robinson Puckett, ('71), Retired Lecturer  
James T. Williams, Jr., ('62, JD '66), Chair, Board of Trustees and Benefactor

2015  Louis C. Argenta, Professor and Chairman Emeritus,  
Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Michael J. Morykwas, Professor and Director of Research,  
Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

2014  Margaret Supplee Smith, Harold W. Tribble  
Professor Emerita

2013  Rhoda B. Billings (JD '66), Professor of Law, 1973-2003;  
Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court

2012  L. Glenn Orr Jr., Chair, Board of Trustees and Benefactor

2011  K. Wayne Smith ('60), Chair, Board of Trustees and Benefactor

2010  Barbara Babcock Millhouse, Founding President, Reynolda House Museum of American Art

2009  Richard H. Dean, First President, Wake Forest University Health Sciences  
Marvin D. Gentry ('57), First Chair, Wake Forest University Health Sciences Board of Directors

2008  Murray C. Greason Jr. ('59, JD '62), Chair, Board of Trustees and Benefactor

2007  Edgar D.Christman ('50, JD '53), University Chaplain, 1969–2003

T. Eugene Worrell ('40), Trustee and Benefactor

2005  Timothy Pennell ('55, MD '60), Professor of Surgery,  
School of Medicine, 1966–2002  
Willis E. "Doc" Murphey ('52, JD '57),  
Old Campus Personality


2003  Leon H. Corbett Jr. ('59, JD '61), Vice President and Counsel, 1968–2002

2002  C. Douglas Maynard ('55, MD '59), Chair, Department of Radiology, School of Medicine, 1966–2003

2001  Victor I. Flow Jr. ('52), Trustee and Benefactor

2000  Richard Janeway, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, 1966–1997
1999 Mary Ann Taylor ('56, MD '60), Director, Student Health Service, 1961–1991
1998 Henry S. Stroupe ('35, MA '37), Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of History, 1937–1984
1997 Ivey C. Gentry ('40), Professor of Mathematics, 1949–1989
1996 Lula M. “Lu” Leake, Associate Vice President and Dean of Women, 1964–1997
1995 Mark H. Reece ('49), Dean of Students and Dean of Men, 1956–1988
1994 Thomas E. Mullen, Dean of the College and Professor of History, 1957–2000
1993 Germaine Bree, Kenan Professor of Humanities, 1973–1985
1991 Weston P. Hatfield ('41), Chairman, Board of Trustees
1990 Eben Alexander, Professor of Neurosurgery, School of Medicine, 1949–2004
1989 Harold M. Barrow, Chair of Physical Education, 1948–1977
1988 Richard T. Myers, Chair, Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, 1950–2000
1987 Russell H. Brantley Jr. ('45), Director of Communications, 1953–1987
1986 D. Wayne Calloway ('59), Chairman, Board of Trustees
1982 D.A. Brown, Professor of English, 1941–1973
1981 Owen F. Herring ('13, MA '14), Professor of Religion, 1946–1963
1980 Nancy Susan Reynolds, Benefactor
1979 Grady S. Patterson ('24), Registrar, 1924–1972
1978 A.C. Reid, Professor of Philosophy, 1920–1965
1977 Melvin Q. Layton ('47), Superintendent of Grounds, 1951–1977
1976 Clark Vincent, Professor of Medical Sociology, School of Medicine, 1964-1978
1975 Carroll W. Weathers ('22, JD '23), Dean and Professor of Law, 1950–1972
1974 Egbert L. Davis Jr. ('33), Chairman, Board of Trustees
1973 Charles M. Allen ('39, MA '41), Professor of Biology, 1941–1989
1972 J. Allen Easley ('43), Professor of Religion, 1938–1963
1971 Clara Carswell, Benefactor
1970 Harold T. P. Hayes ('48), Editor, Esquire magazine
1969 Irving Carlyle, President, Board of Trustees
1968 Camillo Artom, Professor of Biochemistry, School of Medicine, 1939–1961

Dates following title indicate total years of service to Wake Forest
Founded in 1834 by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Wake Forest Institute opened on February 3, 1834, on the Calvin Jones plantation in Wake County, North Carolina. Principal Samuel Wait welcomed sixteen students that first year. Four years later, the school was rechartered as Wake Forest College.

The School of Law was founded in 1894, followed by the opening of a two-year medical school in 1902. The medical school moved to Winston-Salem in 1941 to become associated with the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and was named the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

In 1946, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation offered significant ongoing financial support to move the rest of the College to Winston-Salem. Charles and Mary Reynolds Babcock donated much of the R.J. Reynolds family estate as the site for the new campus. Following the groundbreaking in 1951, the first fourteen buildings were constructed during the next five years. The move to Winston-Salem took place during the summer of 1956.

Wake Forest was exclusively a college for men until World War II, when women were admitted for the first time. The trustees voted to end segregation in 1961. That same year, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences was established. Wake Forest achieved University status in 1967.

The Babcock Graduate School of Management opened in 1969 and added the Charlotte campus in 1995. The undergraduate program in business and accountancy, which began in 1948, was reconstituted as the School of Business and Accountancy in 1980. The school was named in honor of Board of Trustees Chair Wayne Calloway (’59, LLD ’88) in 1995. In 2009, the two schools merged to become the Wake Forest School of Business.

The medical school was renamed the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in 1997 to more closely reflect its affiliation with the University. The School of Divinity opened in 1999.