Academic Regalia

Stylized and distinctive academic regalia is a notable feature of all formal functions of colleges and universities throughout the world. The use of a particular kind of costume to distinguish university scholars grew up in Europe during the earliest days of these schools. Since there was an intimate relationship between the early universities and the Church, a large number of scholars were prepared for the priesthood and many of the faculty were clergymen. The garb adopted for students was similar to that worn by the clergy, although differing enough in design to set the scholars apart from the clergymen.

There are three types of gowns, three styles of hoods, and two kinds of cap tassels included in American academic costume. The bachelor's gown is without ornamentation and has long, pointed and open sleeves; the master's gown is similar, but has even longer sleeves, which are closed at the bottom (there are openings about midway for the hands); the doctor's gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars. The master’s gown may be worn either open or closed.

All hoods are lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree and faced with the traditional color of the primary field of study. The bachelor's hood is three feet long, the master's hood is three and a half, the doctor's four. The doctor's hood has wide set panels. The major field of study can be determined from the facing on the hood according to the following scheme: arts white; science gold/yellow; nursing apricot; physical education green; business administration dark; librarianship lemon; education blue.

The mace, a great and splendid staff, is actually a club; it is a symbolic weapon. Medieval universities would not defend themselves with the sword. It was not considered appropriate for gentle scholars to draw blood, but they could defend, using a cudgel and they did. The mace has come to stand as a symbol for two critical matters. First, it stands for the freedom of the academy to seek the truth and to teach it. It also stands for the authority of the academy. This authority is best described by two traditional Latin terms: magisterium and auctoritas. The first term, magisterium, includes control of equipment, building and grounds, as well as the behavior of members and visitors ensuring order and liberty. The second term, auctoritas, includes a defense of the liberty to do research, to study, to publish and to learn. The mace makes the statement that the academy must protect and foster those things.

The Floyd College mace was designed by Mr. David Mott, associate professor of art, and Dr. David Cook, retired professor of biology. The faculty selected Mr. Fred Green, associate professor of English, to have the honor of carrying the mace in the processional.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dr. J. Randy Pierce, President, Presiding

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   Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 in D Major, OP. 39............................................ Elgan
Mace Bearer, Mr. Fred Green, Associate Professor of English
WELCOME
   Savannah Younghblood, Chairperson, Student Engagement Council
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
   Dr. Stuart Gulley, President, LaGrange College
PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS
   Dr. J. Randy Pierce
   PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
   Lyons and Jo Heyman
   WESLEY C. WALRAVEN FACULTY AWARD
   To be announced
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
   Dr. Virginia Carson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Floyd College
   Assisted by: Ms. Judy Sims, Professor of Communications
AWARDING OF DEGREES
   Dr. J. Randy Pierce
   Assisted by: Ms. Sandie Davis, Registrar and Ms. Sherri Beideck, Graduation Specialist, Enrollment Management
COMMENTS TO THE GRADUATES
   Dr. J. Randy Pierce
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
   Ms. Lesley J. Henderson, President
CLOSING
   Melissa N. Baker, Class of 2005, Dental Hygiene
*RECESSIONAL
   Psalm XIX.................................................................Marcello

* Audience will please stand.
The audience is asked to remain standing until the Processional and Recessional are complete.
Only hand-held video cameras will be allowed and must be used from your seat.
Still photos may be taken only from behind the graduate seating area.
Music provided by Carolyn Walker.
Interpreters provided by the Floyd College Access Center.
The Floyd College Alumni Association will be represented by Ms. Mary Norton, Alumni Development Specialist.
Sound engineering and digital keyboard provided in cooperation with Ready or Not, Inc., Lee Shealy.
Large screen video production by PCTV (Floyd College Television).
Potted plants graciously supplied by the Home Depot.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
Dr. Stuart Gulley

Dr. Stuart Gulley became president of LaGrange College in 1996, after a distinguished career in higher education at Emory University with an emphasis in theology. Since he arrived at LaGrange, he has been named by Georgia Trend magazine to its list of “Forty Under 40: 1997 Rising Stars in Georgia Business, Politics and Academics.” He also served as president of the LaGrange Rotary Club during 2003-2004.

Prior to his presidency at LaGrange College, Dr. Gulley held the position of associate vice president for university development and church relations at Emory, where he was responsible for the institutional advancement of the schools of business, law, Oxford College, theology, the Carlos Museum and the Emory Ethics Center. He has also served as the director of development and director of admissions and student placement for the Candler School of Theology at Emory. Earlier in his career, he was assistant pastor at Briarcliff United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Dr. Gulley holds a doctorate in higher education from Georgia State University, a master’s degree in divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory and a Bachelor of Arts in modern European history from Vanderbilt University.

PRESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS
Mr. and Mrs. Lyons J. Heyman

President Pierce chose the Heymans for this year’s award in recognition and appreciation of their many years of service to the college. Over the years, they have jointly and separately served on the boards of many charitable organizations in Rome and have contributed to numerous projects that have benefited the community. Jo Heyman was asked to serve on the board of Floyd College Foundation in 1978 and contributed in this capacity for many years, becoming an honorary lifetime member in 1998. That same year, the Heymans served as chairpersons for the Sixth Annual Monte Carlo Night, a yearly fundraiser for the college. singly or together, they have also been active in the Chieftains Museum, Chamber of Commerce, Open Door Home, Junior League, Red Cross, Salvation Army, YMCA, Rome Rotary Club, Nine Court Club, Rome Symphony Orchestra, Boys and Girls Club of Rome, Floyd Medical Center and the Rodeph Shalom Congregation. Mr. Heyman is managing trustee of the Heyman Family Foundation. In 2003, he was named Distinguished Alumnus at Darlington School. As a couple, the Heymans were awarded one of the highest honors in the Rome community - the Heart of the Community Award.

Candidates for Graduation
Associate of Arts

- Karel Marie Berdnik
- Jennifer Lynn Buffington
- Jeanne M. Cail
- Andrew Calvin Colquitt
- Kimberly Beth Cornett
- Stephanie Sabrina Crews
- T’Naiba Elizabeth Eaker
- Jenny Ables Eason
- Ebony Carmen Everett
- Melissa Linda Graham
- Donald West Gresham
- Sarah Elizabeth Henderson
- Sandy Gayle House
- Joshua Bradley Kerce
- William Wesley Latta III
- Emmanuel Louis-Jean
- Tina Leigh Loyd
- Nicole C. Maric
- Christopher Chad Martin
- Sharinda S. McKnight
- Ebony Christheena
- Nicole Miller

Associate of Science

- Salvador A. Alvarado
- Rebecca Nicole Alford
- Anna Ellen Cornelius Arp
- Richard Todd Bailey
- Meghan Kathleen Bailey
- Kathleen Rebecca Barger
- Jessica Lyn Bishop
- Heather L. Black
- Tonya Michelle Black
- Tara Michelle Bolton
- Phillip J. Breaux
- Naki Dewon Brinson
- Karla Marie Brown
- Melanie WillisBrown
- Zachary D. Brown
- Ashley Nicole Bush
- Jessica C. Cain
- Lorin Chadwick Ciganerio
- Candice Harrell Chambers
- Emily Lauren Chapman
- Joseph Wade Clemons
- Selena L. Cooper
- Regan W. Copelan
- Meta Lea Cox
- Betty Gall Crider
- Jessica Rena Crowder-Blevins
- Chad Crowe
- Kari L. Cunningham
- Hunter Davis
- Karen Danielle Derr
- Seth Dittmer
- D. Jason Duggar
- Lorrie Ann Earwood
- L. Danielle East
- Jill M. Elrod
- Brennon Ferguson
- Amanda T. Focht
- Tabatha F. Garrett
- Robert Pierce Gossett
- Lisa Lolita Griffin
- Joshua William Theodore Grubb
- Elizabeth Ann Hammmonds
- Stephanie S. Hardy
- Lois Rana Melissa Harner
- Wendy Nicole Harris
- Martha Ann Heath
- Sandy T. Hemphill
- Dana L. Hett
- Jesse E. Hicks
- Barry Jay Holden
- Danny House
- Penn Colbert Howell
- Darlyn Rhiannon Howerton
- Cynthia G. Hughes
- C. Michelle Hutchins
- Linda S. Iman
- Tracey Renee’ Jacks
- Gerald T. Jenkins
- Preston B. Jordan
- Steven Andy Kight
- Kisha Denise Kiser
- Michael L. Kitchens
- Elizabeth Tilley Lane
- Amanda Kasey Langston
- Christopher Shane Lanham
- Julie Lynn Ledbetter
- Meagan L. Lemaster
- Derrick Leppard
- Kimberly Ann Longshore
- Roger Eugene Lowe
- William Christopher Lundy
- Tasha Lily
- Deborah Lynn Lyele
- Terri Brooks Mansfield
- Ashley Lynne McCann
- Andrew J. McCarrick
- Jonathan McKay
- Stacey Nicole Middlebrooks
- Kelley R. Milligan
- Ashley Montgomery
- Beverly Money
- Jewayne Morgan
- Bobby Joe Motz Jr.
- Tiffany Dawn Nelsit
- Sarah Elizabeth Nicholson
- Amy Elizabeth Butler Noles
- Brandy Davis Norris
- Angela R. Norris
- Ashley Marenda Nugent
- Lindsey Oliver
- Donnis J. Pace
- Laura Jessica Patterson
- Jennifer Wiley Payne
Associate of Science

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Eunice Devon Waters
Rickie Flynn Waters Sr.
Amanda Charleece Welch
Melisa C. Welchei
Lesie Nicole Wells
Lesie Nicole Wells
Whiteney Renee’ White
Jason Wildor
Natalie Groce Williams
Brantley Jermaine Wilson
Heather M. Wilson
Joshua Clifford Wright
Kimberly Joy Wright
Savannah Ruth Youngblood
Joseph Z. Zimmerman
Traci Zirkelbach-Percuis

Associate of Science in Nursing

Heather S. Akin
Elizabeth Ard
Pamela White Atkins
ida B. Atrill
John D. Baldes
Frances N. Beck
Vickie Jeanette Beckler
Ava Michelle Bierkamp
Sandra Marie Bonds
Gene Floyd Brannon
Lisa Ann Bird Brown
Traci D. Burk
Amanda Gail Caubine
Ruth Ann Cavazzini
Cass Kanum Cearwood
Sheleena FayeAnn Chisolm
Jessica Lorraine Collins
Christina Nicole Coronet
Sonja Cowan Cumble
Rose M. DiPasquale
Amanda Nicole Dutton
James Kelly Ferguson
Brenda K. Fletcher
Jessica A. Forrestor
Jennifer Michelle Franklin
Cherrito LaKayle Freeman
Pamela B. Green

Associate of Applied Science

Clinton Alan Dillard
Stacey R. Dillard
Debbie Delores Driggers
Karen Joyce Edwards
Henry S. Ees
Kimerley C. Finley
Zella Elenna Fleming
Brittian N. Futral
Teresa Annette Gainor
Brent Jude Gholson
Kandy Gibbs
Randolph Scott Gilstrap
Diane E. Harrington
Hattie Harris-Lawrence
Connie J. Hash
Anthony Steven Johnson
Daniel Keith Kincer
Christi P. Kleiman
Kathy S. Lewis
Stephanie Elizabeth McBurnett
Clifford McClinic Jr.
Michael George Meakes
Rachael A. Moore
Lucy Waniksu Nandug
Heather Ann Nix
Tammy Renea Noblit
Ina Jane Pickard
Tamra Alicia Pierce
Veronica Unita Ross
Julie Ann Slackeford
Michael Sims
Hope Michelle Smith
Sharon Elaine Smith
Kathryn Will Smith
Starling Smith Jr.
Belinda Sue Smith-Hughes
Jennifer Marie Thompson
Eric Bernard Turner
Takisa Otte Turner
Sara Vail
Lisa J. Wagner
Adelia Leann Cox Wiggins
Karen Wilkins
Stephanie LaShonne Woodley
Linda G. Young

Floyd College Alumni Association

Become a member of the Floyd College Alumni Association and participate in the college’s future. Connect with fellow alumni, stay informed and take advantage of a host of benefits. Any person who attended Floyd College is eligible to join the alumni association.

The list of degree candidates was required by the printer several days prior to commencement to allow for the production of this program. The status of some candidates may have changed since that time. Some will not have completed all requirements for their degrees, and some will have achieved or lost Honors status. The listing of the names in this program in no way implies an obligation on the part of Floyd College to award a given degree or a given Honors status. For official purposes, a final correct list of graduates will be retained in the office of the Registrar, Floyd College.
Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

- Melissa Nicole Baker
- April Garner Campbell
- Genesis M. Williams Chester
- Lauren Elizabeth Duvall
- Emily Meagan Edmonds

- Jennifer Leigh Fowler
- Deena M. Givens
- Keri Nicole Johnson
- Natalie Higgins Kinsey
- Kimberlee Harris McClure

D. Michelle Rudaseal Nix
Amber Rae Parham
Kimberly Kay Swett

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American Sign Language
Interpreter Training Certificate

Vernice Bailey
Deborah Elizabeth Baker
Sheron D. Barefield
Stephanie DeAnne Boyer
Kathy Cameron Coker
Brenda N. Culpepper
Debbie Deloris Driggers

Lynda M. Duvall
Valerie Gwendolyne Eison
Carolyn B. Grissom
Jessica Elaine Johnson
Susan Kelly Brooks Johnson
Patricia Karen Martin
Rita Fay Nikolajczyk

Tammy Renea Noblit
Kirsten Rumpler
Debra Sanderson
Julie A. Shackleford
Tamara Gilresh Tidwell
Mary Melinda Ward
Kathleen Ann Crumpler Webster

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Certificate in Criminal Justice

Amy Michelle Wallace
Zella Ellenna Fleming

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The Floyd/Bartow College Foundation serves as a vital link between the institution and the communities it serves. Foundation trustees are responsible for ensuring the Floyd College is positioned to meet the current and future needs of public higher education throughout Northwest Georgia.

The foundation works closely with the institution to support advancement activities, including development of a comprehensive campaign strategy with major gifts, annual fund and planned giving programs. Through these programs, donations from the private sector provide scholarships and support special funds, programs and services.

During 2004, the Floyd College Foundation and the Bartow/Cartersville College Foundation merged to form the Floyd/Bartow College Foundation. The foundation is in the process of conducting the first major gifts campaign in the college's 35-year history, appropriately entitled Celebrating the Past Preparing for the Future.

The leadership provided by the foundation trustees is essential to the success of the college. As a regional, multi-campus institution, Floyd College is indebted to the community leaders who serve as foundation trustees, support the mission of Floyd College and embrace its vision.
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The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents was created in 1931 as a part of a reorganization of Georgia's state government. With this act, public higher education in Georgia was unified for the first time under a single governance and management authority. The governor appoints members to the board, who each serve seven years. Today the Board of Regents is composed of 16 members, five of whom are appointed from the state-at-large and one from each of the 11 districts. The board elects a chancellor who serves as its chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer of the University System.

The board oversees 34 institutions: four research universities, two regional universities, 13 state universities, two state colleges and 13 two-year colleges. These institutions enroll more than 200,000 students and employ more than 9,000 faculty and 30,000 employees to provide teaching and related services to students and the communities in which they are located.

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The Floyd College graduation ceremony can be seen on Comcast Cable channel 4 FCTV on the following days and times:

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The History of Floyd College

Floyd College is a two-year division of the University System of Georgia, established in 1968. It has served the Northwest Georgia community with a solid educational foundation for the first two years of college. Founded in 1970 as Floyd Junior College, Floyd College is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia. It serves students who commute from throughout a large portion of Northwest Georgia and Northeast Alabama.

In 1976, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia authorized the establishment of Floyd Junior College in Floyd County. Under the board's policy, the local community provided a $3.2 million bond issue by a margin of nearly three to one. Construction began in early 1970. The College's first classes were offered during the fall quarter of 1970, in temporary facilities. At the end of 1970, all operations were moved to the new campus on Highway 27 (Cedarwood Highway), six miles south of Rome.

Dr. David B. McCorkle became the first president of Floyd Junior College on January 1, 1970, and served in that position until June 30, 1991. Following Dr. McCorkle's retirement, Dr. Richard Trimble was appointed acting president of Floyd College and served until the November 1992 selection of Dr. H. Lynn Cundiff as the college's second president. Dr. Cundiff left the college in August 2000. During the 2001 academic year, Robert Watts served as interim president. The Board of Regents named Dr. J. Randolph Pierce the third president of Floyd College on June 15, 2001.

Now enrolling nearly 3,500 students in transfer and career academic programs, Floyd College operates additional sites in Cartersville and Acworth. The institution will begin offering classes in Marietta on the campus of Southern Polytechnic State University this summer semester, which begins June 6. The college also pioneered cooperative programs with Coosa Valley Technical College as early as 1972 and now offers joint programs with North Metro Technical College.

In recent years, the college has become more innovative with its outreach and programming, offering more courses via nontraditional means to meet the needs of its diverse student population and initiating programs that serve as models for colleges across the country.

In 1994, the college opened Heritage Hall in downtown Rome to be more accessible to the working student. FCTV, a 24-hour cable television station went on the air that same year. It offers classes that could be viewed multiple times a week for students with scheduling conflicts. An open-access channel, FCTV is broadcast in Floyd County through the Comcast cable system.

In 1999, construction was completed on a new classroom building on the central campus in Rome. In addition to classrooms, the Lakeview Building features an art lab, an art gallery and an exhibit hall. The college's student center has also recently undergone extensive expansion and renovation.

Construction is nearly complete on a new Bartow County center. Classes are scheduled to begin for this fall semester 2005. Located on Highway 20 near I-75, the center will serve more than 2,000 students when it opens. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is slated for Friday, August 26.

Floyd College, which has grown significantly during the past three years, continues to offer an advanced educational foundation to its expanding student body in Rome, Cartersville, Acworth and Marietta. On August 1, the institution officially becomes Georgia Highlands College to reflect the regional nature of the population it serves. Today's graduates are distinguished as the last graduating class of Floyd College. Your continuing support and comments are always appreciated.