



Ninety-Second Annual Commencement 2016

Thursday, May Twelfth
A.D. Two Thousand and Sixteen

Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr.
President

Albert G. Berry
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mayor Megan Barry

Mayor Nashville, Tennessee

Megan Barry is the seventh mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. Her election in the Sept. 10, 2015, runoff, after receiving the most votes in the Aug. 6 general election, represents a historic milestone as she is the first female mayor of Nashville.

Barry's election is also historic in that she is the first Metro Council member to ascend to the office of mayor. First elected in the runoff election of 2007 for the position of Council at-large, Barry went on to receive the most votes of the five winning at-large candidates in 2011.

Barry's focus as mayor will be on improving the educational outcomes at our public schools, engaging regional and state partners to develop a unified vision and plan for transportation, creating more affordable housing options for residents of all backgrounds, and continuing to grow our economy while ensuring all parts of Davidson County share in the prosperity.

Megan Barry is married to Bruce Barry, a professor of organization studies at Vanderbilt. Their son, Max, is a junior in college, and they share their home with two rescue dogs, Hank and Boris.



Commencement

Thursday May 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The President, Speaker, Administrative Officers, and Faculty

MARSHALL

Professor Joseph Tribble

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr., President

Presiding

Prelude

Convener	Mr. Richard Jackson, Esq. Vice President of Finance, Administration, and Legal Affairs
Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance”
Hymn.....	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Invocation	Professor William A. Green (‘85) Faculty
Old Testament Scripture	Isaiah 40:25-31 Professor Asha D. Hunter Assessment Coordinator
New Testament Scripture	Philippians 4:4-8 Dr. LaShante Walker Associate Academic Dean
Musical Selection.....	ABC Gospel Ensemble
United States Armed Forces Recognition	Master Sgt. Jarrell Marable (‘12)
Introduction of Senior Class Speaker	Dr. Renita J. Weems Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean
Senior Address	Deborah Adewalamoss (‘16) Graduating Senior Tremaine Sails-Dunbar (‘16) Graduating Senior
Recognition of Guests & Introduction of the Speaker.....	Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr. (Th.B. ‘79) President
Musical Selection.....	ABC Gospel Ensemble
Commencement Address	The Honorable Megan Barry Mayor, Nashville Tennessee



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society Award
 Deborah Adewalamoss
 Tremaine Sails-Dunbar

Theta Alpha Epsilon Honor Society Award
 Thomas P. Bates
 Jeremy Thomas Meriwether

Who's Who Among Students In America Universities and Colleges
 Deborah Adewalamoss
 Winston Guerney Davidson
 Marc Leonard Quarles
 Tremaine Sails-Dunbar
 Brandon JaDarius Smithson

Dean's List

Winston Guerney Davidson
 Tremaine Sails-Dunbar

President's Honors

Deborah Adewalamoss
 Thomas P. Bates

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Dr. Renita J. Weems
 Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr. (Th.B. '79)

CHARGE TO GRADUATES

Rev. George Parks, Jr. ('05)

LAMP & OIL CEREMONY

GRADUATE INDUCTION INTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Special Induction Ceremony

Senior Class Presentation.....Deborah Adewalamoss ('16)
 Alma Mater C. O. Inge
 Benediction President Forrest E. Harris, Sr. (Th.B. '79)
 Recessional "Pomp and Circumstance"

****President's Reception Immediately After Service**

GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE, GENERAL STUDIES

Marvell L. Polk	Nashville, Tennessee
Montel D. Richardson Sr.....	Bowling Green, Kentucky

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE, BIBLE & THEOLOGY*

Deborah A. Adewolamoss *** +	Lagos, Nigeria
Thomas P. Bates *** ++	Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Cornelius Donte Berry	Racine, Wisconsin
David Vincent Clark.....	Detroit, Michigan
Winston Guerney Davidson * +(Vet).....	Nashville, Tennessee
Timothy Da-Shon Hayes Jr.	Kansas City, Missouri
Terence Lamar Hodges	Cleveland, Ohio
Otis C. Hodges Jr.	Jacksonville, Florida
Brandon L. Malone	Hernando, Mississippi
Jeremy Thomas Meriwether * ++	Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Courtney L. Myers	Nashville, Tennessee
Miranda Robinson-Jones	Memphis, Tennessee
Tremaine Timotheus Sails-Dunbar * ^ +	Honolulu, Hawaii
Arvis Sawyers	Nashville, Tennessee
Brandon Jadarius Smithson +	Nashville, Tennessee

BACHELORS OF THEOLOGY*

India B. Cannon-Harkless *	Nashville, Tennessee
Brittney Gaines	Flint, Michigan
Floyd Miley III.....	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Marc Leonard Quarles *** +	Nashville, Tennessee
Amy Lynn Turner ***	Nashville, Tennessee

*Cum Laude 3.25 GPA — White Cord

**Magna Cum Laude 3.50 GPA — Blue Cord

***Summa Cum Laude 3.75 GPA — Gold Cord

+Who's Who — Blue and Gold Cord

++ Theta Alpha Epsilon Honor Society — Red Cord

^ Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society

*NOTE: Because of circumstances, which require names to be furnished one week prior to Commencement, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for the degree. Inability to remove a name does not commit the College to grant the diploma to a person listed in error.



Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring;
Ring with the harmonies of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies;
Let it resound, loud as the rolling seas.

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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast 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.

C.O. Inge



Alma Mater

We love thee, Alma Mater, the school we cherish so.
The world will read thy data wherever we may go
Thy words we'll never alter, we'll never, never falter
In showing forth thy faithfulness, A.B.T.S.

The world will praise thy students wherever they may go
Thy walls have made them prudent because they love thee so.
They'll ne'er forget the pleasures, the care and precious treasures
Of all thy love and righteousness, A.B.T.S.

The mem'ry of thy teachers shall linger in our hearts.
The words of all thy preachers shall battle Satan's darts.
We'll honor thee forever, forsake thee never, never,
For'er we'll sing thy blessedness, A.B.T.S.

James Weldon Johnson



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