

COMMENCEMENT

2017

COMMENCEMENT Exercises

*Of the 129th year at the
University of Charleston*





UNIVERSITY OF
CHARLESTON

Charleston, West Virginia

Commencement Ceremony

May 7, 2017 • 2 p.m.
UC Riverfront Lawn



PRE-COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Grand Marshal

Sandra S. Bowles, RN, EDD, CNE,
*Assistant Dean for Assessment and Special Projects
in the School of Pharmacy*

Assistant Marshal

Dr. Martha Spiker,
Professor of Psychology

Members of the Graduating Class of 2017

Members of the Faculty

Members of the Board of Trustees

Stage Party

President of the University

The Mace, carried by the Grand Marshal, is a traditional symbol of authority at governmental, ecclesiastical, and scholarly occasions. Originally a war-like implement, it has evolved in form to fit its present ceremonial purpose.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Order of Exercises

Processional * Pomp and Circumstance, Opus 39
by Edward Elgar

Invocation.* Reverend Janet Harman

Welcome Dr. Edwin H. Welch
President

Commencement Address The Honorable Irene C. Berger

Conferring of Honorary Degrees President Welch

Recipient: The Honorable Irene C. Berger
Doctor of Laws

presented by: Dr. Rebecca Linger

Recipient: John G. Marshall
Doctor of Fine Arts

presented by: Dr. Mark Watson


Omnia Sol University Concert Choir
by Z. Randall Stroope Dr. Joseph Janisch, *conductor*
Ms. Janet Brightbill, *keyboard*

**Presentation of Candidates
for Degrees** Dr. Letha B. Zook
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Conferring of Degrees President Welch

Recognition of Graduates Provost Zook

Outstanding Senior/Graduate Recognition**.....President Welch
and Closing Comments



In the shadow of the mountain by Ka-na-wha's ri - ver Our be-lov-ed



Al - ma Ma-ter proud-ly stands for - ev - er. U - ni-ver-si - ty of Charles-ton,



true we'll ev-er be. U - ni-ver-si - ty of Charleston, hail, all hail to thee.

Alma Mater *.....University Singers

Benediction *.....Reverend Janet Harman

Recessional *.....Procession of the Nobles
by Rimsky-Korsakov

** The audience is requested to stand during the processional and to remain standing during the Invocation. The audience should also stand during the singing of the Alma Mater and remain standing at seats until the commencement participants, including the graduating seniors, have departed the ceremonial area.*

*** Please see pg. 20 for a list of nominees.*

ACADEMIC REGALIA

For more than 500 years, European and American Universities have awarded academic degrees in a public ceremony similar to that in which you take part today. This public ceremony usually includes the wearing of academic regalia, now only worn on such ceremonial occasions. Because early universities were subject to the discipline of the church, students and faculties wore the habit (clothing) of a religious order. The flowing robe, the shoulder cape, and the hood were traditional academic dress prior to this century. The origin of the "mortarboard" cap is obscure, although it came into use at a much later date.

Although the basic pattern of academic robes remains similar for all degrees, small details differ according to the discipline of the degree and the level of academic attainment. The sleeve length of the bachelor's gown retains the long wing-shape of medieval dress, while the master's gown has a half-sleeve with a trailing pouch. Most doctors' gowns have long, full sleeves with three velvet chevrons attached.

The hood, no longer needed for protection in unheated and drafty halls, has evolved into the badge of academic attainment. The inside of the hood is lined with silk in the design and colors of the institution that granted the degree. The color of the velvet border of the hood (and often the facing and chevrons of the doctor's gown) indicates the degree or field of study. Some examples include:

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|---------------|---|-------------------------|
| Dark Blue | - | Philosophy |
| White | - | Arts and Letters |
| Golden Yellow | - | Science |
| Apricot | - | Nursing |
| Drab | - | Business Administration |
| Light Blue | - | Education |
| Purple | - | Law/Jurisprudence |
| Green | - | Medicine |
| Scarlet | - | Theology (Leadership) |
| Pink | - | Music |
| Brown | - | Fine Arts |
| Peacock Blue | - | Public Service |

Associates and bachelor's candidates wear black robes and caps. Master and doctoral degree students wear gowns and hoods appropriate for the discipline. Faculty robes and caps are usually black with gold tassels representing holders of the doctoral degree. Trustees wear robes in the University's colors, maroon and gold, as do some of the ushers.

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Commencement Speaker **Judge Irene C. Berger** *Doctor of Laws*



You are a genuine champion of justice for all. You treat the powerful and the poor with equity and respect. You require from them integrity and responsibility. You deal with them in fairness and firmness.

You are the real deal from West Virginia. Your early years were spent in McDowell County. You graduated from West Virginia University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and from the West Virginia College of Law in 1979. Your entire professional career has been one of service to your home state.

You began your career as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Charleston and you next joined the Office of the Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney. In 1994, you became the Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia.

In June of that year, Governor Gaston Caperton appointed you to be the first African American female on the Circuit Court of West Virginia. You served until November 9, 2009, when President Barack Obama appointed you as United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia and you became the first African American Federal Judge in West Virginia history.

You recently presided over a critical, high profile trial that was the center of national attention. You mediated the contentious opposing sides and made all of the necessary and bold court decisions. Despite heated appeals, every one of your judgments was unanimously upheld.

You have invested your time in civic and professional organizations including judicial associations, study commissions and West Virginia University. You have deservedly received many recognitions for your numerous contributions to state and local government and to community building.

It was a wonderful day for the University of Charleston when Elizabeth Hallahan, our hall of fame alumna, West Virginia's treasured jurist, and your often times mentor, invited you to join UC's Board of Trustees. The University has benefited immensely from your wise counsel and insight.

Because you serve the people of West Virginia so well by exercising your judgment and authority -- and

because you embody the virtues of productive work, enlightened living, and community service, the University of Charleston proudly bestows the Doctor of Laws degree, *honoris causa*, on you, the Honorable Irene C. Berger.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin H. Welch". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Edwin H. Welch, President
May 7, 2017

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

John G. Marshall *Doctor of Fine Arts*



You are a West Virginia native from nearby Belle and a 1974 graduate of Morris Harvey College. You graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Humanities and with specializations in voice and conducting. It was at Morris Harvey that you honed your passion for music through study and through performance in the Philharmonic Choir. In your senior year, you earned the privilege of being the bass soloist for the Morris Harvey annual production of *Handel's Messiah*.

You have touched the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds with the sounds of music. For nearly 40 years, you implanted music in the classrooms of Kanawha County elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. You served as a Chairman for both the WV State Show Choir Festival and the All-County Choral Festival, organized student trips to New York City as well as alumni band events, and you were a Kanawha County Teacher of the Year nominee in 2012.

For 42 years, you have been an inspiring church choir director – first, at First Presbyterian Church in South Charleston and now at St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

Your longest and most impressive service has been bringing quality performances to joyous audiences through the Charleston Light Opera Guild. You have performed in over 100 productions, including *1776*, *The Music Man*, *Chicago*, *Annie*, *Oliver*, and many more. In 1980 you directed and conducted your first main stage production and this spring you are working on your 85th production. You make Charleston productions world-class performances.

Your life of devotion to the arts in our community has impacted generations of West Virginians. You have been applauded for being able to assist artists of wide ranging abilities and you give them your time and attention independent of their talent levels. As Charleston's own Kennie Bass has written, "You cannot be in John Marshall's presence without experiencing his passion and commitment. He is a one-of-a-kind creator who has chosen to share his love for the arts with anyone open to accepting it."

For your tireless success in implanting music and performance into the life of your community and for embedding the arts at the core of enlightened living, the University of Charleston proudly presents the Doctor of Fine Arts degree, *honoris causa*, to you, John G. Marshall.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin H. Welch".

Dr. Edwin H. Welch, President
May 7, 2017



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UC is a private, non-profit institution with locations in Charleston, Beckley and Martinsburg, West Virginia as well as online. The University offers academic programs ranging from associate degree programs to doctoral programs.

UC's nationally recognized outcomes-based curriculum focuses on flexible, learner-centered, demonstrable learning. Students are prepared to thrive in the real world with skills in Citizenship, Communication, Creativity, Innovation, Critical Thinking, Ethical Practice, Inquiry, and their chosen career. Classes at UC are geared to do two things: engage students in active learning and let them grow as people. What sets the school apart is that the education is outcomes-focused -- meaning students prove their learning every step of the way, and every class is an exercise in understanding how the coursework relates to the real world.

Many UC students finish their degrees in fewer than four years, which gives them one less year of tuition and up to a year of extra earning power. Placement in graduate school and careers is consistently above national averages, with health sciences and pre-professional studies leading the way. UC offers fast-track programs in pharmacy, business and physician assistant studies, in which motivated undergraduate students have the opportunity to achieve their goals of an advanced degree on an accelerated schedule.



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