

# MEREDITH COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT



May 1-2, 2021

## Message from the President

**Congratulations from Meredith College!** I am so pleased that we are able to celebrate your many accomplishments, made all the more impressive by the truly unimaginable circumstances in which we have found ourselves over the past year. It was heartbreaking to miss so many milestones, most notably, of course, your Commencement ceremony. That loss makes this year's belated celebration all the more special, no matter whether you are attending in person or participating from afar.

Your college career was profoundly changed by the past year, but its effect on the rest of your life remains to be seen. I hope that you have taken from Meredith a deep conviction in your ability to take charge of your own destiny. Our emphasis on Going Strong by identifying and making the most of your innate strengths is not simply a gimmick or a tagline – it is a research-based approach that **prepares you to live your best life**. As the proud President of our alma mater, I can think of no better take away from your College education.

Warmest wishes and, again, heartiest congratulations to you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

Dr. Jo Allen, '80  
President, Meredith College

## Program

\*INVOCATION

Stacy Pardue, A.B., MATS  
*Meredith College Chaplain*

WELCOME

Jo Allen, '80, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
*President of the College*

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF GRADUATES

Allison Barrow  
*President, Class of 2020*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES — COMPLETED AUGUST AND DECEMBER 2019, MAY AND AUGUST 2020

Matthew Poslusny, A.S., B.S., Ph.D.  
*Senior Vice President and Provost*

President Allen

CLOSING REMARKS

President Allen

ASSISTING WITH THE CEREMONY:

Meredith College Executive Leadership Team

Lennie Barton, B.S., M.S., Ed.D.  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

Kristi Eaves-McLennan, A.B., MBA ('14)  
*Vice President for Marketing and Communications*

N. Jean Jackson, '75, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.  
*Vice President for College Programs*

Tammi Jackson, B.S., MBA, J.D., Ed.D.  
*Vice President for Business and Finance*

*Meredith College Board of Trustees 2019-20*

**Carolyn Leith, '85, Chair**

**Yvette Brown, '90, Vice Chair**

**Leslie Landis Hayes, '80, Immediate Past Chair**

Christie Bishop Barbee, '83

Elizabeth Triplett Beam, '72

Nancy Williams Cheek, '63

Adrienne Cole, '93

Thomas E.H. Conway, Jr. (Deceased, May 2020)

Jo Cooper, '67

Robert W. Eaves, Jr.

Sam E. Ewell, Jr.

Ella Frantz, '80

Betsy Porter Fritschel, '77

Jena Muntz Gallagher, '85

James Gaynor

Shepard Halsch, '85

Alma Ammons Hoffmann, '89, M.Ed.

H. Alexander Holmes

Ann Batson James, '67

Phillip J. Kirk, Jr.

Jenn Mann, '92

Carol Lancaster Milano, '79

LoriAnn Messina Moscato, '99

Sarah Parker, '64

Lisa Robie Poole, '86

Gwen Reynolds, '86

Chris Rolfe

Charles Royal

Nancy Pentecost Siska, '76

Claire Slaughter, '72

Silda Wall Spitzer, '80

Donna Wilson Thagard, '87

Richard Urquhart

David L. Warren

Heather Clark Warren, '93

*This list reflects students who completed requirements for the degree in August 2019, December 2019, May 2020, and Summer 2020. Honors Scholar, Teaching Fellow and Dual Degree Engineering designations are listed for students enrolled in these programs.*

*The information listed was accurate as of April 15, 2021.*

*Students who complete all degree requirements, earn at least 62 credit hours in residence, and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 earn the distinction "cum laude," 3.7 "magna cum laude," and 3.9 "summa cum laude."*

### ***Candidates for the Bachelor of Science Degree***

Allison Chapman Barrow – μ  
*Class President*

Yasmin Abdrahman  
Asiyah Ahmad  
Fareeha Battol Ahmad  
Sarah Claudette Allen – τ, μ  
Alyssa Nicole Baker  
Cassidy Alexis Baker  
Rozanne Banicki  
Lauren Mary Beichner – μ  
Linda Dolores Belt  
Diana Betancourt – σ  
Giselle Betancourt – σ  
Tizita Mengesha Biru  
Jessica Lee Boyette  
Samantha Reese Boykin  
Anna Marie Brescia  
Chaise Dametria Brown  
Kadesia Majik Brown  
Nola Grace Brown – §, μ  
Olivia Louise Brown – χ  
Victoria Rose Bueti  
Wallace Marbeth Cameron – σ

Lauren Jean McMillen Cannon – μ  
Christy Ann Capps – χ  
Delena Abigail Carcamo-Melgar  
Maura Elizabeth Carroll  
Kathryn McFadyen Carter  
Elizabeth Ann Cavanagh  
Lina Wafaa Jalal Charawi – μ  
Giovanna Chacon Lopez – χ  
Winy Chepkurui  
Elizabeth Lauren Clapp  
Mackenzie Rae Cole  
Marissa Elizabeth Cole  
Hope Elizabeth Cooper – χ  
Callie Aeline Copeland  
Caroline Elyse Corey – σ  
Valerie Michelle Crenshaw  
Abigail Elizabeth Crooks  
Ana Celina da Silva Cordeiro dos Santos  
Ayanna Elizabeth Darden  
Taina Dauphin – χ  
Leia Amanda Davis  
Miranda LeAnn Davis – χ  
Cathleen Jeanne Delano – χ  
Cosette Gillian DeLoach  
Shivani Sri Devaguptapu  
Barbara Ellen Diamond – μ  
Natalie Amanda Dickman  
Bridget Rose Dieter  
Hannah Missouri Dove  
Samantha C. Duerring – §, χ  
Taylor Staton Edmondson  
Monica Tyitianna Gessette Edwards  
Rachel Caroline Edwards  
Hannah Morgan Elvington – §, μ  
Laryssa Paige Entler  
Brianna Christina Estrada  
Jillian Alexis Fearing  
Megan Laurel Fesperman – μ  
Kelly Nicole Fox – μ  
Adrianna Nicole King Freeman  
Ryelle Kursha French

Elysee Nicole Frisby  
Hannah Lindsey Gann  
Perla Garcia Sánchez  
Karla Teresa Garibaldi Reyes  
Casey Jean Gentry  
Erica Elizabeth Gilarranz  
Elizabeth Grace Gildner  
Mary Margaret Gill – χ  
Grace Joy Giustiniani – χ  
Jenny Elizabeth Glidewell – σ  
Elizabeth Ann Goodwin  
Erin Graber  
Christina Lee Grabowski  
Kenley Lane Green  
Maxine Sidney Green  
Madeleine Alexandra Greeson  
Vanja Grgic  
Anna Nell Griffin – §, σ  
Miranda Nicole Griffin – §, σ  
Lauren Nicole Grodi – μ  
Tania Gutierrez Reyes  
Nabila Haidari  
Annika Lynn Hanley  
Kayla Nicole Hansen – τ, χ  
Sydney Brooks Hardee  
Janah Nicole Hassell  
Catherine Carson Herring – χ  
Connor Elizabeth Hobbs  
Hannah Grace Hoisington – χ  
Katherine Ann Holmes  
Olivia Bennett Holway – §, σ  
Eunbi Hong  
Kathryn Virginia Howard – σ  
Mikayla Whitnie Hoyle – μ  
Ellis Ashley Hudson – μ  
Seema Azmat Hussain  
Maha Alexandra Issa – σ  
Carolyn Michelle Jablonski – §, σ  
Emily Lauren James  
Marisa McPhail Jannetta – χ  
Sara Marie Jarvis Earle

Anya Kaelyn Johnson  
Jessica Marie Johnson  
Marie Therese Johnson – μ  
Brooke A. Jones  
Catherine Luvenia Jones  
Kiley Erica Jones  
Megan Georgiane Jones  
Shivani Kareer  
Chloé Fawn Kelley  
Rahel Kerego  
Taylor Kiara Keyes  
Nabiha Shezre Khan  
Amber Faith Kirby  
Courtney Dolores Kline – χ  
Kaelyn Nicole Korovich  
Valerie Marguerite Shaw Kutter  
Allison Nicole Kvasnicka – μ  
Briana Olivia Landis  
Marilian Pamela Lara  
Meghan Jean Lee  
Mary Abigail Lilliston  
Sophia Marion Lindem – χ  
Kylie Marie Lopes  
Jennifer Lisette Lopez  
Courtney Blaire Lovegrove  
Mikayla Zhong Malone  
McKenna Kyle Sophia Mann  
Chauntia La'Nai May  
Rachel Elizabeth McDonald  
Amy Katelyn McGaughy – μ  
Cassidy Campbell McLain  
Monica Renee McMillan  
Lily Ashlyn Micho  
Emma Beaty Moore  
Shannon Elise Morris – μ  
Juanisdeli Muñoz-Patiño – χ  
Abigail Delaney Myers  
Kayla RaEllen Myers  
Kathryn Austin Nelson  
Heather Cox Nicholson  
Kayla Ann Norris

Sophia Janet Owen  
Olivia Grace Parker – χ  
Brittany Mariah Pecoraro – μ  
Sarah Elizabeth Pegram  
Megan Elizabeth Pennington – χ  
Anna Ursula Waltraut Perez  
Madison Brooke Perry  
Holly Ann Pittman  
Aurora Alessandra Pleites – χ  
Gabrielle Autumn Poeta  
Leah Banner Poole – χ  
Sarah Thomas Porter  
Allison Leigh Powell  
Parimala Prahalad – μ  
Julie-Anne Daigle Pretty  
Adelaide Teresa Pritulsky  
Natalie Genevieve Purcell – χ  
Jasmine Aaliyah Ray  
Johnashia Krishel Robertson  
Josie Marie Robinson – μ  
Belle Whitaker Rose – χ  
Leslie Rae Rouse  
Rosemary Lisa Rozario  
Victoria Downing Ruddy  
Ana Patricia Santamaria Martinez  
Carly Brynn Savage  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Sawyer  
Alayna Claire Schwenker  
Hannah Leann Scurlock  
Rosemary Lynn Shingleton  
Fareena Qamar Shujauddin – §, μ  
Meredith Scott Sinclair  
Elisabeth Ann Smith  
Kaitlynn Bryce Smith  
Samantha Jo Smith – §, σ  
Christa Elizabeth Soyars – §, σ  
Kristian Jaylyn Spinks  
Zoë Evangelia Stavredes  
Jordan Michaela Stellar – μ  
Colbie Normann Stephens – μ  
Marissa Anne Stephenson – σ

Hannah Iman Strickland  
Samantha Lynn Sykes  
Aspen Cian Ling Taylor – χ  
Hailey Nicole Taylor  
Barbara Elizabeth Heard Teague  
Alexis Lynn Tennant – τ, σ  
Brittany Sigourney Terrell  
Essence Gabrielle Thomas  
Brittnee Clayre Todd  
Miranda Blake Tomb  
Marely Topete  
Anna Maria Torres  
Madison Paige Trainor  
Olivia Theone Trapatsos  
Caroline Rebecca Tyndall  
Calla Nicole Tyrrell  
Ayesha Ara Ullah  
Marin Edward Van Staalduien  
Savannah Leann Vaughn – σ  
Mikala Feliz Verderosa  
Ebonique Sage Ward – χ  
Jessica Audrey Ware  
Meredith Anne Welch – μ  
Leah Madeline West  
Hanna Lea Williams  
Kendall Elizabeth Williams – §  
Alexandra Mary-Jewell Wilson  
Tiffany Michelle York – χ

*Candidates for the  
Bachelor of Arts Degree*

Madalene Theresa Adams  
Julia Clarke Albert – μ  
Katlyn Inez Alphin  
Katelyn Erin Amstutz – χ  
Elizabeth Grace Arbutina  
Gabriella Rayne Axner  
Caroline Lindsay Ballard  
Ariana Barcenas  
Jasmine Marie Barnes – χ

Tajiauana Monae Basnight – χ	Marissa Leigh Fowler – σ	Bianca Denise Lanier
Amanda Brooke Bateman	Morgan Elizabeth Garrett	Kristin Marie LaPointe
Sarah Grace Best	Hannah Grace Geelhart – τ, χ	Brittany Elizabeth Lawson
Joy Elizabeth Billings	Madison Rose Gladwell – §, μ	Morgan Elaine Leslie – χ
Vaune C. Blalock	Catherine Grace Glenn – χ	Jasmine Elizabeth Lewis
Grace Elizabeth Bolton	Emily Pamela Gorman	Lizbeth Lorraine Liefer – χ
Soren Jade Bradley – τ, σ	Crystal Gotay	Kelsey Eve Locke
Kristin Nicole Bradsher	Keliy Nicole Grobbelaar	Alma Lugo-Charrez – χ
Nicole Brady	Megan Amanda Haliloglu – μ	Lauren Whitley Luke – §, χ
Anna Marie Brescia	Caroline Elizabeth Hall	Kelsey Lynn Mabe
Brittney Josephine Brown	Taylor Michelle Harris – τ, χ	Jennifer Rose Mackaman
Lydia Grace Brown	Sarah Morgan Harvey	Allie Michelle Manchester – τ, μ
Meredith Paige Brown	Kendall Paige Hathaway – μ	Brooke Nicole Mattingly – σ
Carolina del Pilar Brust – χ	Alanna Morgan Haughey – χ	Miriam Kelly Mays
Allison Christian Bucknam	Alexis Erin Haynes – χ	Sofia Faith Mazzola – §, μ
Allison Chelsea Burke – χ	Morgan Mei Hendrix – σ	Kamryn Nicole McGehee
Allison K. Buys	Samantha Anne Hewett – μ	Faith Adrianna Miller
Johana Estephany Calderon Suarez	Shannon Wynn Holian	Jori Jalyse Miller
Kathryn Currie Carter	Christina Nicole Holmgreen	Katelyn Rose Misinonile
Rebecca Rose Ceglia – σ	Nicole Danielle Impelzino	Emily Rebecca Mitchum – §, σ
Avni Chaudhari	Alyssa Marie Irons	Melanie Dawn Montague
Kately Grayce Clark	Avion Jamiyha Jenkins	Myah Mary-Zell Morse
Jordan Lynn Clodfelter	Laura Brooke Jenkins – §, μ	Maria Josefina Mosso-Castizo
Caroline Tobi Cole – σ	Hannah Davis Johns	Victoria Lynn Mulcahy – μ
Cecilia Alexandria Coleman	Julia Ann Elvina Johnson	Chasity LeAnn Murphy – μ
Marianne Elizabeth Cook	Morgan Diane Johnson – §, σ	Ashleigh Noel Murr – σ
Ana Lizbeth Corona Dedho – χ	Sarah Johnson	Heia Hussein Nasa
Lauren Beth Currier	Eleanor Kate Jones – μ	Ashley Nicole Nelson – E, μ
Gabrielle Nicole D'Agostino – χ	Hannah Kayleigh Jones – §, τ, μ	Rachel Elizabeth Norris
Erin Nicole Dailey – μ	Erin Taylor Jordan	Hailey Michelle Oakes
Cathleen Jeanne Delano – χ	Sarah Leanne Joyner – μ	Natalie Jayne Yvonne Olson
Ashley June Devries – μ	Tamani Kasawne – χ	Elizabeth Leeanne Page
Caroline McCarter Diorio – §, χ	Safa Amber Khan – E, χ	Lena Pedlikin
Corina Tosca Dixson	Dania Amira Khusayem	Rachel Ann Peel
Katherine Marie Dorn – σ	Katelynn Elizabeth Kilburg	Whitney Paige Pepper – τ, μ
Julia Alyssa Doyle – E, μ	Sara Elizabeth King	Anna Ursula Waltraut Perez
Allison Brady Drake	Diana Brooks Kirk	Rebekah Blake Perry
Laney Logan Flaughter	Kerryanne Lynn Krumsiek	Haley Elizabeth Pinkowski – μ
Hannah Claire Flood	Allison Nicole Kvasnicka – μ	Kassidy Dawn Pitchford
Leah Pearce Foil – σ	Mackenzie Rose Lambert	Caitlin Elizabeth Privette
Kristin Nicole Eiffert Foster – χ	Elise Arielle Landres	Amanda Beth Puckett

Emma Caroline Ransom – μ  
Delaney Brannock Rhodes – μ  
Hannah Grace Marie Ridgeway – χ  
Jennifer Frances Riggs  
Dulce Belem Rosas Barrera  
Alexandra Finley Rouch – §, σ  
Wafaa Sabir-Calloway  
Hannah Grace Sadel  
Sofia Sanchez Tallone  
Jancie Lyz Santiago González  
Emily Nicole Santrock  
Kayla Neleine Satterwhite – §, μ  
Mary Louis Abdou Sharkawy – E, σ  
Stephanie Sierra – §, E  
Ashley Marie Simmons  
Meredith Scott Sinclair  
Emily Claire Skoglund – §, μ  
Emily Nicole Slusser  
Nadia Thelma Louise Smith – χ  
Samantha Jo Smith – §, σ  
Alexis Bouchard Stanley – σ  
Michelle Blair Starling – §, μ  
Rebecca Elizabeth Stewart – E, σ  
Sierra Cassandra Stroeber  
Julie Clarke Sullivan  
Sarah Flynn Sullivan  
Ashleigh Jordan Tew – μ  
Sara Scott Thompson – τ  
Molly Jean Tinney – μ  
Sarah Elizabeth Treadaway  
Aidyn Payne Truesdale – μ  
Cassidy Jones Turner – τ, μ  
Calla Nicole Tyrrell  
Mia Monique Van Holten  
Emily Clay Vick – τ, χ  
Kayla Renee Walker  
Peri Katheryn Wall  
Jessica Elizabeth Wallace  
Alexis Jacqueline Walmer  
Emily Alyssa Watkins – μ  
Whitney Janae Watkins – τ, σ

Kaeleigh Siobhan Wayland  
Margaret Hays Weidman – χ  
Sophia Maria Weimer-Siegel – σ  
Haley Nicole Whitfield  
Abigail Anna Williams  
Carlton Denise Williams  
Kathryn Williams – χ  
Meredith H. Williams – μ  
Megan Leigh Wilson – χ  
Taylor Randall Wilson – χ  
Lilly Rhain Wood  
Taylor Kathryn Wood  
Candace Holly Woodard  
Afton Lois Wooten – χ  
Hayleigh Rebekah Young  
Haley Katherine Yow – τ  
Momina Zahid

*Candidates for the  
Bachelor of Music Degree*

Leidy Johana Carmona – χ  
Guadalupe De la Rosa Gonzalez  
Savannah Therese Hahn – χ  
Brittany Michelle Hayes

*Candidates for the  
Bachelor of Social  
Work Degree*

Katelyn Erin Amstutz – χ  
Tajiauana Monae Basnight – χ  
Maria Leigh Codispoti  
Erin Nicole Dailey – μ  
Lindsey Rose Davis  
Edith Berenice Galvan Lopez – μ  
Rachel Danielle Kennedy  
Stephanie Jordan Lucas – μ  
Elizabeth Grace Martin  
Olivia Ann McKain – σ  
Lindsey Danielle Norris – σ

Jennifer Juliana Patiño  
Henley Louise Peatross – σ  
Nyia Lauren Pulliam – μ  
Hannah Grace Marie Ridgeway – χ  
Peyton Claire Rigsbee – μ  
Karina Santibañez Garcia  
Natalie Michelle Tippet  
Brittany Marie Wartman – μ  
Emily Alyssa Watkins – μ

**School of Business**

*Candidates for the  
Master of Business  
Administration Degree*

Sarah Renee Arthur  
Viviane Esther Avisse  
Kendra Neese Bowers  
Shital Chitrakar  
Dominique Nicole Clay  
Christina Margaret Cowperthwait  
Sally Ann Hanson Creedon  
Amanda Nicole Dean  
Jordan Elizabeth Dean  
Whitney Brianna DesChamps  
Matthew Ryan Evans  
Molly Jo Fares  
Taylor Kelly Gordon  
Jessica Rose Gray  
Joan Istmenia Huertas  
Madilynn Elizabeth Kendricks-Bush  
Lesley Ann Naomi Lockhart  
Sandra Maria Losa-Ward  
Margaret Elizabeth Maple  
Jyrita Raquel Moore  
Jerry Neely  
Maggy Alexandra Norwood  
Karla Pacheco Patel  
Adelie Salagnac  
Evonna Carolina Sampedro



Alexis Kathryn Schaus  
Sara Ashleigh Selser  
Nalini Singh  
Sydney Alexandria Spadaro  
Justin Allen Stringfield  
Lauren Elizabeth Voorhees  
Xiaoting Yan  
Rhonda Hoover Zillmer

## **School of Education, Health and Human Sciences**

### *Candidates for the Master of Arts in Psychology Degree*

Halle L. Evans  
AJ Alan Jenkins  
Sarah Elizabeth Johnson  
Lisa Noel Jones  
Paul Marshall Jones  
Jordyn Monet Matthewson  
John Cassidy Moorefield  
Anne Elizabeth Morin  
Ashley Nicole Muñoz  
Sydney Lee Payne  
Jennifer Nicole Perry  
Shelby Monique Sweat  
Shanda Wingate

### *Candidates for the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree*

Abla Awadallah  
Donna Melina Bahena Bustos  
Freida Elaine Brown  
Katelyn Elaine Edwards  
Sarah Ellen Mackeson Hand  
Olivia Nicole Holman  
Paul Lee Robinson  
Kathleen Elizabeth Schaefer  
Ellen Gardner Schwartz  
Margaree Hamilton Walston

### *Candidates for the Master of Education Degree*

Sharon René Hartfield  
Sarah Christina Mills

### *Candidates for the Master of Science in Nutrition Degree*

Cecilia Irene Batchelor  
Kaeli Angela Beaver  
Rachael Catherine Bell  
Paige Elizabeth Canfield  
Mary Alexandria Cauley

Paige Louree Craven  
Alissa Brier Dix  
Vanessa Monireh Ghofrani  
Quinn Ashley Griffin  
Jesslyn Celia Hill  
Mary Caitlin Hollis  
William Kyle Hood  
Natalie Miles Jarrett  
Rachel Ann Jones  
Victoria Dawn Kerekes  
Connie Bagley Knox  
Alexandra Christine Langer  
Nicole Leary  
Kerry Anne Leonard  
Jessica Jayne Long  
Ayah Iyad Muhsen  
Arati Dipak Patel  
Olivia Anne Shipp  
Brittany Elizabeth Smith  
Marnie Freeman Stober  
Kathleen Grace Stolwyk  
Stirling Margaret Sullivan  
Kelly Lynn Teague  
Elizabeth Marie Thompson  
Juli Christine Tracy  
Kathleen Carrelli Walton  
Emilene Sequoia Whidbee  
Madeline Virginia White  
Sydney Spigle Wills

## Academic Regalia

The wearing of formal academic dress on this occasion serves as a reminder of our union with an academic heritage whose ceremonial tradition dates from the medieval university. The varied patterns of cut and color in the dress of faculty members indicate the level of their degree, their academic discipline and the universities which granted their degrees. The distinguishing mark of the gown is the sleeve. Bachelor's degree gowns have long pointed sleeves. Master's degree gowns have oblong sleeves which open at the wrist. Doctor's degree gowns have bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet chevrons, indicating years of post-graduate study.

Hoods, which vary in length for the three degrees, are lined with silk in colors identifying the institution granting the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. The color of the velvet edging indicates the discipline in which the degree was earned. The colors associated with some disciplines are as follows:

Arts and Letters.....	<i>White</i>	Law .....	<i>Purple</i>
Business.....	<i>Drab</i>	Library Science.....	<i>Lemon</i>
Economics.....	<i>Copper</i>	Medicine .....	<i>Green</i>
Education.....	<i>Light Blue</i>	Music.....	<i>Pink</i>
Engineering.....	<i>Orange</i>	Philosophy.....	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Fine Art.....	<i>Brown</i>	Science.....	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
Journalism .....	<i>Crimson</i>	Theology .....	<i>Scarlet</i>

Bachelor's degree candidate regalia consists of the maroon robe and mortarboard with tassels distinguishing the degree conferred: Bachelor of Arts, black; Bachelor of Music, pink; Bachelor of Science, gold; and Bachelor of Social Work, white. Cords or stoles denote membership in various honor societies. Master's degree candidate regalia consists of the black robe and mortarboard with hood distinguishing the degree conferred.

