

Getty's College

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**190<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT**  
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025, 4:30 P.M.  
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In the spirit of global citizenship and community, Gettysburg College welcomes you in each language currently offered for study:

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Welcome

*English*

Bienvenue

*French*

Willkommen

*German*

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*Greek*

Benvenuti

*Italian*

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*Japanese*

Salvete

*Latin*

Bem-vindos

*Portuguese*

Bienvenidos

*Spanish*

Gettysburg College was founded on April 7, 1832, by anti-slavery theologian Samuel Simon Schmucker. Five years later, the institution (then known as Pennsylvania College) moved into Pennsylvania Hall, built on land provided by Thaddeus Stevens, whose illustrious career in Congress included authorship of the 14th Amendment, which guaranteed full civil rights to citizens of all states.

When the Civil War erupted, the College stood in its midst. Elements of two great armies swept through campus on July 1, 1863, the first day of the decisive Battle of Gettysburg. Pennsylvania Hall became a hospital for hundreds of soldiers from both North and South.

On November 19, 1863, townspeople, students, and faculty marched to hear President Abraham Lincoln hallow the National Cemetery with his *Gettysburg Address*. David Wills, an 1851 graduate, invited Lincoln to deliver “a few appropriate remarks.”

Almost a century later, President Dwight D. Eisenhower settled in Gettysburg after leaving the White House in 1961 and served on the College’s Board of Trustees. He wrote his memoirs in what is today the College’s Admissions Office.

Today, Gettysburg College is a vibrant learning community that has produced prominent graduates in a wide variety of fields, including former White House Counsel Fred Fielding ’61, U.S. Congressman Ron Paul ’57, Nobel Prize-winning cancer researcher Michael Bishop ’57, former NAACP President and CEO Bruce Gordon ’68, five-time Oscar-nominated cinematographer Owen Roizman ’58, Chair of the Global Partnership for Education Carol Bellamy ’63, Newbery Medal-winning *Maniac Magee* author Jerry Spinelli ’63, leading sleep researcher Mary Carskadon ’69, McKnight Foundation President Kathryn Wolford ’79, and Emmy-award winning actor, stylist, author, and fashion guru Carson Kressley ’91.

## PRELUDE

Promenade from Pictures at an Exhibition  
*Modest Mussorgsky (1839–1881)*

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## PROCESSIONAL

Moderato  
*Hugh S. Livingston Jr. (1945–2014)*  
Christian Keller '27, *organist*

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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Robert W. Iuliano  
*President*

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Chaplain Bright  
*Director of Religious and Spiritual Life / College Chaplain*

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## INVOCATION, SERVICE OF ILLUMINATION

Chaplain Bright  
*Director of Religious and Spiritual Life / College Chaplain*  
Danae Louise Remie Madama '25

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## FIRST SACRED READING

Proverbs 3:13-18  
Lillian J. Abbott '25

- 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,  
14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.  
15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her.  
16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.  
17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.  
18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

## FIRST SENIOR ADDRESS

Colin A. Thibault '25

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## OFFERING OF SONG

Will There Really Be a Morning?

*Composer: Ricky Ian Gordon (1956–)*

*Text: Emily Dickinson (1830–1886)*

Ana M. Griffin Morimoto '25, *soprano*

Christian Keller '27, *accompanist*

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## SECOND SACRED READING

**Philippians 4: 4-9**

Sarah E. Guistwite '25

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.  
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.  
6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any  
excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.  
9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me,  
do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
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## SECOND SENIOR ADDRESS

Laura de Matos Leal '25

### THIRD SACRED READING

Surah 94, Al-Inshirah (Solace or Relief)  
Abdoul-Abakar Rassoul Hachym '25

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
1. أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ  
2. وَوَضَعْنَا عَنَّا وِزْرَكَ  
3. الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ  
4. وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ  
5. فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا  
6. إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا  
7. فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ  
8. وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ

Transliteration:

*Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem*

1. Alam nashrah laka sadrak
2. Wa wa d'ana 'anka wizrak
3. Allazee anqada zahrak
4. Wa raf 'ana laka zikrak
5. Fa inna ma'al usri yusra
6. Inna ma'al 'usri yusra
7. Fa iza faragh ta fansab
8. Wa ilaa rabbika far ghab

Translation is:

1. Did We not expand for you, your breast?
2. And We removed from you your burden
3. Which had weighed upon your back
4. And raised high for you your reputation.
5. For indeed, with hardship (will be) ease.
6. Indeed, with hardship (will be) ease.
7. So when you have finished (your duties), then stand up (for worship).
8. And to your Lord direct (your) longing.

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### BACCALAUREATE POET

Where is Home?

Danae Louise Remie Madama '25

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### THIRD SENIOR ADDRESS

Aja Monet Short '25

#### FOURTH SACRED READING

Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 4, Verses 36-42

Vivek Krishna Rallabandi '25

अपि चेदसि पापेभ्यः सर्वेभ्यः पापकृत्तमः ।

सर्वं ज्ञानप्लवेनैव वृजिनं सन्तरिष्यसि ॥ 4:36

यथैधासि समिद्धोऽग्निर्भस्मसात्कुरुतेऽर्जुन ।

ज्ञानाग्निः सर्वकर्माणि भस्मसात्कुरुते तथा ॥ 4:37

न हि ज्ञानेन सदृशं पवित्रमिह विद्यते ।

तत्त्वयं योगसंसिद्धः कालेनात्मनि विन्दति ॥ 4:38

श्रद्धावान् लभते ज्ञानं तत्परः संयतेन्द्रियः ।

ज्ञानं लब्ध्वा परां शान्तिमचिरेणाधिगच्छति ॥ 4:39

अज्ञश्चाश्रद्धानश्च संशयात्मा विनश्यति ।

नायं लोकोऽस्ति न परो न सुखं संशयात्मनः ॥ 4:40

योगसंन्यस्तकर्माणं ज्ञानसंछिन्नसंशयम् ।

आत्मवन्तं न कर्माणि निबध्नन्ति धनञ्जय ॥ 4:41

तस्मादज्ञानसम्भूतं हृत्स्थं ज्ञानासिनात्मनः ।

छित्त्वेन संशयं योगमातिष्ठोत्तिष्ठ भारत ॥ 4:42

Translation:

- (36) Even if you are the very worst of all transgressors, with the boat of knowledge you shall plot a safe course through all crookedness.
- (37) As a lighted fire reduces kindling to ash, in the same way, Arjuna, the fire of knowledge incinerates all actions.
- (38) Nothing on earth has the purificatory power of knowledge; eventually, the man who has perfected his disciplined practice discovers it in himself.
- (39) Restraining his senses, the man of faith who is devoted to knowledge attains it. And having attained knowledge, he rapidly achieves supreme peace.
- (40) The faithless and ignorant man, whose nature it is to doubt, perishes. Not this world, nor the one beyond, nor happiness exists for the doubter.
- (41) But the selfpossessed man, Dhananjaya, who has renounced action through discipline, and cut through doubt with knowledge, is not bound by actions.
- (42) Therefore, having severed with the blade of knowledge this doubt of yours, which stems from ignorance and is fixed in the heart, act with discipline, Bharata—arise!

**OFFERING OF SONG  
BACCALAUREATE CHOIR**

Our Love Is Here to Stay

*George & Ira Gershwin (1898–1937) / (1896–1983)*

Singers from the Gettysburg College Choral Program

Directed by Robert Natter, *Sunderman Conservatory of Music faculty member*

The more I read the papers, the less I comprehend  
The world and all its capers, and how it all will end.  
Nothing seems to be lasting, but that isn't our affair;  
We've got something permanent, I mean in the way we care.  
It's very clear our love is here to stay; not for a year but ever and a day.  
The radio and the telephone and the movies that we know  
May just be passing fancies, and in time may go.  
But, oh my dear, our love is here to stay; together we're going a long, long way.  
In time the Rockies may crumble, Gibraltar may tumble,  
They're only made of clay, but our love is here to stay.

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**HOMILY**

A Litany for the Living

Chaplain Bright

*Director of Religious and Spiritual Life / College Chaplain*

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**MEDITATION**

Adoration

*Florence Beatrice Price (1887–1953)*

Christian Keller '27, *organist*

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**THE ALMA MATER**

*F.E. Reinartz 1924, text by P.S. Gilbert 1922*

Ana M. Griffin Morimoto '25, *soprano*

Christian Keller '27, *accompanist*



## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & BENEDICTION

Chaplain Bright

*Director of Religious and Spiritual Life / College Chaplain*

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## RECESSIONAL

Song For All The Saints

*Mary McDonald (1956–)*

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## POSTLUDE

Te Deum

*Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1624–1704)*

*James D. Kimball, arr. (1947–)*

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## BACCALAUREATE CHOIR

Directed by Robert Natter, *Sunderman Conservatory of Music faculty member*

Troy Ayado '25

Camryn Counsil '25

Evan Hilborn '25

John Llano '25

Katie Poliero '25

Stephen Shea-LaSala '25

Maren Carter '27

Vivian Davenport '25

Hayden Johnston '25

Jocelyn Little '25

Beckett Reynolds '27

Michael Tropp '25

Libby Carpenter '25

Marissa Duggan '24

Christian Keller '27

Aztiani Maguffee '25

Kate Sallee '25

Devyn Wesolowski '25

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## ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST

Christian Keller '27

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## VOCALIST

Ana M. Griffin Morimoto '25

Today, as we celebrate together, we remember these family members  
and friends in our prayers and hold them in our hearts.

José Augusto Chaves Alves	Amanda Metzger
James Beardsley	Simon Nguema
Albert L. Blackman	Hawa Hart Ohanwadi
Mary Elizabeth Blackman	Billy O'Hara
Helen and Carl Calhoun	Dan O'Leary
Ellen Conlan	Anselmo Perez Adelaide dos
Pat, Louis, and Joe Costa	Santos Moucho de Aguiar Quadros
Frank Debenham	Adam Rhea
Anthony Detuccio	Audrey Riker
Matt Distefano	Matthew Rivera
Sara Abdulkadir Gifford	Anetildes de Aguiar Rossiter
Charlotte Hagan	Melissa Sacchiero
Daniel Hagan	Pamela Schiliro
Diedra Hallett	Stephen Schiliro
Richard Irwin	Autumn Short
Belle Jones	Alvaro Solis-Lobo
Maurice Jones	Joanne Szlosek
Mable Keith	Jean-Remy Taty
Thomas Patrick Kennedy	Grandpere Pierre Tchapi
John J. Labrie Sr	Michael Andrew Thibault
Donald Lenigan	Thomas and Marie Thorpe
Bob Little	Yamiris Torres
Neil Macdonald	Rafael Trevino
Irene Macdonald	Arsenio Meira de Vasconcellos Jr.
Louise "Nu Nu" Macsherry	Truc Vo
Didier Manica	Annette Weismantle
Mac McEachron - grandfather	Edward Wheeler
David C. Meckley	Douglas Zipprich

## IN MEMORIAM

Gettysburg College remembers the following individuals of our College community who have touched the lives of many through their service to others.

**Sherrin Hilburt Baky-Nessler '65, P'01**

*Trustee Emerita*

**Peter S. Carmichael**

*Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies and  
Director of the Civil War Institute*

**Rev. Dr. Rudolph Featherstone '56**

*Rev. Dr. Featherstone was the first African American  
to graduate from Gettysburg College.*

**Robert "Bob" Kenworthy '59**

*Sports Information Director*

**William T. Kirchhoff '63, P'86**

*Trustee Emeritus*

**Steven Litten**

*Drivers II  
Casual Staff in Transportation Services*

**Edward James (Jim) Morton**

*Trustee Emeritus*

**Victor T. Smith '10**

*Alumni Board of Directors*

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We join with many in our community and people all over the world to mark the passing of Pope Francis.

**Pope Francis**

*Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ*



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