

Newberry College

Fall Commencement



Friday, December 8, 2023
Wiles Chapel
10 a.m.

The Lutheran College of the South Carolina, Southeastern, Florida-Bahamas,
and Caribbean Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE FALL COMMENCEMENT

PRELUDES “I Love Thee” arr. Martha Sobaje
“Prelude I” C.I. Latrobe

*The audience will please rise at the beginning of the Processional and remain standing until the conclusion of the Invocation.
Please turn off all cell phones.*

PROCESSIONAL “Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar, arr. Fred Bock
INVOCATION The Rev. David Wesley Coffman ’97
WELCOME Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Dr. Lenna Young ’77
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Dr. Altheia Richardson
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. John Lesaine ’07
Dr. Lesaine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management from Newberry College in 2007 and holds master’s degrees from Valdosta State University and Capella University. He earned his Doctor of Education degree from the United States Sports Academy. Dr. Lesaine returned to his alma mater in 2009 as the assistant women’s basketball coach and joined the faculty in 2012. He currently serves as Associate Dean and Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Success and an Associate Professor of Physical Education.
PRESENTATION OF BACHMAN HONOR SOCIETY HONOREES Dr. Sid Parrish, Jr.,
Dr. John Lesaine ’07, Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens, Mr. Barry McClanahan
PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF FALL 2023 Dr. Sid Parrish, Jr.
Mr. Al de Lachica
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Dr. Maurice W. Scherrens, Dr. Sid Parrish, Jr.,
Mr. Barry McClanahan, and Dr. Carrie Caudill
INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Ms. Laura Beth Shealy ’16

The audience will please rise for the Alma Mater and remain standing throughout the Benediction and the Academic Recessional.

ALMA MATER

Though small nor rich in worldly goods,
Our Alma Mater dear,
We bless thy name, fresh crowned with fame,
In every passing year.

Oh, Newberry, we pledge to thee
Our hearts and hands this day;
Our love, our faith, our loyalty,
Hail, Scarlet and the Gray.
Our love, our faith, our loyalty,
Hail, Scarlet and the Gray

When years have passed and college days
Become but memories,
Though far or near we’ll all hold dear
Thy name, thy victories.

Where’er we go, come weal or woe,
For thee we’ll work and pray,
Thy loyal ones we’ll ever hail,
The Scarlet and the Gray.
Thy loyal ones we’ll ever hail,
The Scarlet and the Gray.

BENEDICTION: The Rev. David Wesley Coffman '97

RECESSIONAL: "In Celebration" arr. Gayden Sikes

The audience will remain at their seats until the conclusion of the Postlude.

HONORS

Cum Laude
3.5 GPA-3.74 GPA
on a 4.0 Scale

Magna Cum Laude
3.75 GPA-3.89 GPA
on a 4.0 Scale

Summa Cum Laude
3.9 GPA or higher
on a 4.0 Scale

Distinguished Transfer and Online Student Honors
30-55 credit hours
3.75 GPA
on a 4.0 Scale

BACHMAN HONOR SOCIETY

The Bachman Honor Society was founded on March 15, 1962, by a group of faculty who were members of Phi Beta Kappa and others who were deeply committed to fostering high standards of scholarship. The society is named for the Rev. John Bachman, D.D., churchman and scholar, and the main guiding force in the founding of Newberry College in 1856. Each year the Society inducts new members from the top eight percent of the senior class, as well as distinguished members of the faculty.

Lauren Laverne Alston
Bowdy Caleb Daniel Boyce
Emma Grace Dowell

Lillian Kate Drury
Luke Nathan Cargill Seals

ACADEMIC HOODS FOR 2023 GRADUATES

Members of the graduating class receive academic hoods, similar to those worn by the faculty, as part of the commencement ceremony. These hoods, trimmed in white for the Bachelor of Arts degree, pink for the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees, gold for the Bachelor of Science degree, apricot for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, gold for the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy degree, and drab for the Master of Science in Organizational Development and Leadership degree, are lined with the Newberry College colors of scarlet and gray.

SAFETY STATEMENT

For safety purposes, all guests are required to remain in their seats throughout the commencement ceremony. Professionals are in place to photograph all graduates. Each graduate will be contacted by email so that proofs may be viewed and ordered.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Newberry College Security, members of the men's wrestling team, and invaluable staff for their assistance with fall commencement.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
DECEMBER 8, 2023

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lauren Lavonne Alston
Graphic Design
Newberry, South Carolina

Andre Malik Banks
History

MINORS: Coaching AND Communications
Lincolville, South Carolina

Booker Cusaac
Communications: Broadcasting
Lexington, South Carolina

Casey Jamal Brown
Interdisciplinary Studies
Charleston, South Carolina

Janet Denise Roberson Brown
Criminal Justice
Lake City, South Carolina

Maecy Seawright Burton
Psychology
Clinton, South Carolina

Haley Capotosti
Criminal Justice
MINOR: Psychology
West Columbia, South Carolina

Kendrick Dewayne Cox, Jr
Psychology
Sylvania, Georgia

Hanna Marie Homa
Psychology
MINOR: Sociology
Columbia, South Carolina

Jaden Johnson
Communications
MINOR: History
Ladson, South Carolina

Steven Lavelle Johnson, Jr.
Criminal Justice
Greenville, South Carolina

Rachel Lee Jolly
Art
Greenwood, South Carolina

Christopher Jordan
Political Science
MINORS: Public & Non-Profit Administration AND
Sociology
Chapin, South Carolina

Katie Ann Koon
Music
Pomaria, South Carolina

~ **William Aidan Christoff Listermann**
Political Science
MINOR: Business Administration
Atlanta, Georgia

Maria Abigail Meza
Psychology
Laurens, South Carolina

Titilayo Khadija Robinson
Criminal Justice
Newberry, South Carolina

India Ruby Westery
Psychology
Lexington, South Carolina

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Andre Diego Amaker
Exercise Science
Sumter, South Carolina

Ahja Symone Amos
Health Care Management
Elgin, South Carolina

Christopher Blake Arnoult
Exercise Science
Little Mountain, South Carolina

Trinity Alexis Blackmon
Chemistry: Biochemistry
Irmo, South Carolina

Bowdy Caleb Daniel Boyce
Physical Education
Bell Buckle, Tennessee

Olivia Faith Bradley
Health Science
MINOR: Chemistry
Pace, Florida

Kyia Renee Brown
Business Administration AND
Health Care Management
Yemassee, South Carolina

Curtis James Bukta
Sport Management
Woodstock, Ontario, CANADA

Keenan Vo'shon Coats
Business Administration
Gaston, South Carolina

Kegan Dakota Crowell
Health Science
Beaufort, South Carolina

Clyde Cecil Dean, III
Computer Science
Chapin, South Carolina

Luke Goodness Deji
Computer Science: Information Technology
Ekpesa, NIGERIA

Malik Hakeem Devine-Brown
Sport Management
Saint Petersburg, Florida

Heather LeAnn Dowd
Exercise Science
Walterboro, South Carolina

Emma Grace Dowell
Biology
MINOR: Chemistry
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Lillian Kate Drury
Biology
Ballarat, Victoria, AUSTRALIA

Shaniah Akira Farrow
Health Science
Greenwood, South Carolina

Tenasha Fladger
Business Administration
Fork, South Carolina

Devante Emaje Gambrell, Sr.
Business Administration
Anderson, South Carolina

Jorge Eduardo Castilla de la Garza
Sport Management
MINOR: Psychology
Mexico City, MEXICO

Cameron Jacari Gaymon
Sport Management
Sumter, South Carolina

Ashley Danielle Guillot
Exercise Science
MINOR: Psychology
Beaufort, South Carolina

Traci Alyssa Hall
Business Administration
Batesburg, South Carolina

Jasmine Hamilton
Health Care Management
Ladson, South Carolina

Reginald Bernard Harris, Jr.

Sport Management
Gaffney, South Carolina

Charles Ivon Henderson

Business Administration
Simpsonville, South Carolina

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Howell

Biology
MINOR: English
Lexington, South Carolina

Lucas Carlos Hoyt

Exercise Science
Saint Paul Park, Minnesota

Mason Mabry Johnson

Physical Education
Anderson, South Carolina

Lucious Keon Kennedy

Physical Education
Columbia, South Carolina

Melvin Tramel Lundy

Business Administration
Sumter, South Carolina

Donesha Sheniya Mack

Exercise Science
Winnsboro, South Carolina

Noah Mangum

Business Administration
Piedmont, South Carolina

Gibson Allen Marsh

Business Administration
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Brianna Leigh McCabe

Exercise Science
Chapin, South Carolina

Jason McElroy

Sport Management
Jefferson, Maryland

Margaret Emma McMahon

Biology
MINOR: Chemistry
Sumter, South Carolina

Justin Dale Mitchell

Business Administration
Newberry, South Carolina

Taylor Joelle Monahan

Health Science
MINOR: Psychology
Little River, South Carolina

Hailey Paige Moore

Exercise Science
MINOR: Business Administration
Greenwood, Delaware

Sanne Maria Inge Pronk

Digital Marketing AND Graphic Design
MINOR: Psychology
Eindhoven, THE NETHERLANDS

Mary-Ellen Pulliam Reese

Health Care Management
MINOR: Accounting
West Columbia, South Carolina

Seth Clyde Rentz

Business Administration
MINOR: Art
Pelion, South Carolina

Margaret Kathryn Runyon

Health Care Management
MINOR: Business Administration
Charleston, South Carolina

Bria Rose Sanders

Exercise Science
Beech Island, South Carolina

Luke Nathan Cargill Seals

Sport Management
MINOR: Business Administration
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Bryant D'Amontae Tresean Seibles

Exercise Science
MINOR: Sport Management
Winnsboro, South Carolina

Jaquez Donell Smith

Physical Education: Leisure Services
MINOR: Coaching
Gaffney, South Carolina

Rizza Marie Songco

Biology
Oceanside, California

Tuxberry Suber, III

Sport Management
Columbia, South Carolina

David Luke Taylor

Exercise Science
MINOR: Sport Management
Summerville, South Carolina

Alex Dominique Thomas

Business Administration
Aiken, South Carolina

Shelby Wicker

Elementary Education
Prosperity, South Carolina

*** Jose P Zuniga**

Health Science
Maynard, Massachusetts

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Brittany Nicole Buff

Nursing
Blythewood, South Carolina

Muireann Joseph Cleary

Nursing
North Charleston, South Carolina

Amber Marie Dalfonso

Nursing
Apopka, Florida

Hailey Gilmore Fee

Nursing
Columbia, South Carolina

Tashayna Destinie-Nicole Flinch

Nursing
MINORS: Biology AND Psychology
Acworth, Georgia

^ Destiny Rajane Sims

Nursing
MINOR: Military Science Leadership
Greenwood, South Carolina

Kailey Bree Suber

Nursing
Joanna, South Carolina

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY**

Monica Lynn Bennett

Respiratory Therapy
Graniteville, South Carolina

Justin Lomax

Respiratory Therapy
Concord, North Carolina

Christina Marie Sumeral

Respiratory Therapy
Clinton, South Carolina

Lauren Woodward Talley

Respiratory Therapy
Simpsonville, South Carolina

MASTER OF SCIENCE

George Keith Avery

Organizational Development & Leadership
Clinton, South Carolina

The poinsettias at the front of the chapel were given in honor of the following:

In honor of David “Luke” Taylor

Given by Paige Taylor

In honor of the December Class of 2023

Given by Dr. John Lesaine '07

In memory of the Rev. Dr. Mike Beggs

Given by Dr. John Lesaine '07

In honor of Dr. Lindsay Boateng

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Professor Mandy Butler

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Dr. Amanda Hodges

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Dr. Danielle Lewis

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Dr. Sara Peters

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Mrs. Sandy Smith

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Dr. Peggy Winder '86

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In memory of the Rev. Dr. Mike Beggs

Given by Dr. J. Tracy Power

In honor of Luke Seals

Given by Debbie Seals

In honor of the December Class of 2023

Given by Ruth Guillot

In memory of Bill Couthen, Ryan Heriot's PaPa

Given by Teresa Heriot

In honor of Muireann Cleary

Given by Kathleen Cleary

In honor of Bryant Seibles

Given by Dr. Altheia Richardson

In honor of India Westery

Given by Dr. Altheia Richardson

In honor of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Political Science

Given by Dr. Dennis Lambries

In honor of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Public and Non-Profit Administration

Given by Dr. Dennis Lambries

In honor of Muireann Cleary

Given by Megan Cleary

In honor of the December Class of 2023

Given by Drs. Sandy and Morrie Scherrens

In memory of Marion Scherrens

Given by Drs. Sandy and Morrie Scherrens

In memory of the Rev. Alfred and Mrs. Lois Hubler

Given by Drs. Sandy and Morrie Scherrens

In honor of Bowdy Boyce

Given by Benjamin Boyce

In memory of Ahmad Jamal

Given by Marshall Maddy

In memory of Rudy Mancke

Given by Marshall Maddy

In honor of the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy graduates

Given by Dr. Jerry Alewine

In honor of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates

Given by Dr. Jerry Alewine

In honor of the faculty and staff of the Nursing and Health Sciences Division

Given by Dr. Jerry Alewine

In memory of Jerry and Eleanor Alewine

Given by Dr. Jerry Alewine

PLATFORM PARTY

Maurice W. Scherrens, Ed.D. President of Newberry College
Sid Parrish, Jr., Ph.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lenna Young '77, Ph.D. Newberry College Board of Trustees
Barry McClanahan, M.A. Vice President for Student Affairs
David Wesley Coffman '97, M.Div. Campus Pastor
Al de Lachica, M.A. Assistant Professor of Communications
Marilyn Eason, MBA Registrar
Altheia Richardson, Ph.D. Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,
& Belonging and Chief Diversity Officer

MUSIC

Jonathan Hall, DMA College Organist
Chris Sheppard, DMA Associate Professor of Music
Music Department Chair

HEARING INTERPRETER

Larrysa Martin

FACULTY MARSHALS

John A. Lesaine '07, Ed.D. Associate Dean & Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Success,
Associate Professor of Physical Education
Carrie Caudill, Ph.D., LPC, NCC Associate Professor of Psychology

STUDENT MARSHALS

Student Marshals have achieved the highest scholarship ranking in their respective classes. Freshman Marshals are named in January.

SOPHOMORES

Dantzler Long
Camryn Wiley

SENIORS

Steven Johnson
Kevin Raines
Jareed Raymond
Destiny Thomas

Disclaimer

This program contains the most accurate graduation information available at press time. Appearance of a degree candidate's name in the program is presumptive evidence of graduation and graduation honors, but it must not be regraded as conclusive. The signed and sealed diploma of Newberry College remains the official testimony of the possession of a degree. This program has the graduation candidates for fall 2023.



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