



MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Ten o' Clock in the Morning

EDUCATING
THE NEXT GENERATION OF
LEADERS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES,
MEDICINE,
AND PUBLIC HEALTH



PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

May 16, 2020

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG

President and Dean, Morehouse School of Medicine

Presiding

Prelude “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Arrangement: David E. Oliver DMA, Morehouse College

Program Opening..... “Don’t Rush”

Call to Order.....*Franklyn Geary, Jr. MD, FACOG*
Grand Marshal
Professor and Program Director, Obstetrics & Gynecology

Tribute to Hugh M Gloster.....*President and Dean Montgomery Rice, MD*

Invocation.....*Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP*
Chaplain
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine
Senior Pastor, First St. Paul AME Church

National Anthem “The Star Spangled Banner”
Words by Francis Scott Key

+*Hymn* “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Performed by Grammy-Award Winning Singer/Songwriter John Legend
Words and music by James Weldon Johnson

The Occasion.....*President and Dean Montgomery Rice, MD*

Greetings..... *Arthur R. Collins*
Chair, Board of Trustees
Morehouse School of Medicine

Class Remarks..... *Ashley-Marie Jones*
President, Student Government Association Member, Class of 2020

Introduction of the Speaker..... *President and Dean Montgomery Rice, MD*

Commencement Address..... *Gary H Gibbons, MD*
Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health

Alumni Induction..... *B David Blake, MD, DABFM, '93*
President, Morehouse School of Medicine National Alumni Association

Special Greetings..... *The Hon Andrew Young*
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Charge to the Class..... *President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD*

Benediction *Marvin L Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP*

Recessional..... *Morehouse School of Medicine Hymn "SOAR"*
Words and Music by Jerry E Peters

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

<i>Conferring the Master of Public Health Degree</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>International Declaration of Health Rights</i>	Stephanie Miles-Richardson, D.V.M., PhD Associate Dean, Graduate Education in Public Health
<i>Conferring the Master of Science in Biomedical Research Degree. . .</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>Conferring the Master of Science in Biotechnology</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>Conferring the Master of Science in Clinical Research Degree.</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>Conferring the Master of Science in Medical Sciences Degree.</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>Conferring the Doctor of Philosophy Degree.</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>A Scientist's Pledge.</i>	Ward Kirlin, PhD Acting Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

<i>Conferring the Doctor of Medicine Degree.</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD and Vice President & Executive Vice Dean Harris-Hooker, PhD
<i>The Oath of the Hippocrates. . . .</i>	Martha L. Elks, MD, PhD, FACP, FACE Senior Associate Dean, Educational Affairs
<i>Alumni Induction.</i>	B. David Blake, MD, DABFM, '93 President, Morehouse School of Medicine National Alumni Association
<i>Charge to the Class.</i>	President & Dean Montgomery Rice, MD
<i>The Morehouse School of Medicine Hymn.</i>	“SOAR” Words and Music by Jerry E. Peters
<i>Benediction.</i>	Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP
<i>Recessional.</i>	“Morehouse School of Medicine Hymn “SOAR” Words and Music by Jerry E Peters
<i>Grand Marshal.</i>	Franklyn Geary, Jr., MD, FACOG

Overview

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), located in Atlanta, Ga., was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, MSM became an independently chartered institution. MSM is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for its social mission. MSM faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research, and public policy.

MSM is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Council on Education for Public Health, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mission

We exist to:

- Improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities.
- Increase the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce.
- Address primary health care through programs in education, research, and service.

With emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia, the nation, and the world.

Vision

Leading the creation and advancement of health equity

GARY H. GIBBONS, MD



Gary H. Gibbons, MD, is Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where he oversees the third largest institute at the NIH, with an annual budget of approximately \$3 billion and a staff of nearly 2,100 federal employees, contractors, and volunteers. NHLBI provides global leadership for research, training, and education programs to promote the prevention and treatment of heart, lung, and blood diseases and enhance the health of all individuals so that they can live longer and more fulfilling lives.

Since being named Director of the NHLBI, Dr. Gibbons has enhanced the NHLBI investment in fundamental discovery science, steadily increasing the payline and number of awards for established and early stage investigators. His commitment to nurturing the next generation of scientists is manifest in expanded funding for career development and loan repayment awards as well as initiatives to facilitate the transition to independent research awards.

Dr. Gibbons provides leadership to advance several NIH initiatives and has made many scientific contributions in the fields of vascular biology, genomic medicine, and the pathogenesis of vascular diseases. His research focuses on investigating the relationships between clinical phenotypes, behavior, molecular interactions, and social determinants on gene expression and their contribution to cardiovascular disease. Dr. Gibbons has received several patents for innovations derived from his research in the fields of vascular biology and the pathogenesis of vascular diseases.

Dr. Gibbons earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Medical School in Boston. He completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at the Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Dr. Gibbons was a member of the faculty at Stanford University in Stanford, CA, from 1990-1996, and at Harvard Medical School from 1996-1999. He joined the Morehouse School of Medicine in 1999, where he served as the founding director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute, chairperson of the Department of Physiology, and professor of physiology and medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine, in Atlanta. While at Morehouse School of Medicine, Dr. Gibbons served as a member of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council from 2009-2012.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gibbons has received numerous honors, including election to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences; selection as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Minority Faculty Development Awardee; selection as a Pew Foundation Biomedical Scholar; and recognition as an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association (AHA).

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Master of Public Health

Honorary Class Member

Bryson Jefferson

+Terrence Dashard Alexander

Research Title: The Effects of Tuberculosis and Syphilis Co-infection on HIV Viral Load and CD4 Cell Count among People Living with HIV/AIDS in Tanzania

******Taylor Louise Alston**

Thesis Title: Prevalence and Predictors of Healthy Sleep Among Adults 18 Years and Older in the United States

Donika Monique Bather

Research Title: Electronic Cigarette Usage in Adolescents Ages Eleven to Eighteen in Fulton County Georgia

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Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

******Porsha Vanee' Curtis**

Thesis Title: The Association Between Asthma and Disruptive Behavior Among Children Ages 3-5 in the United States

Zipporah Davis

Research Title: The Association between Volatile Organic Compounds and Asthma in Adults ages 18 years and older in the United States

******Keith Ezell Green II**

Thesis Title: Congestive Heart Failure and Depression: A review of the literature

Akil-Vuai Shomari Gregory

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis

of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

Shaqil Donquez Hogan

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

Gretchen Trucel Courtney Ingram

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

******Amina Isom**

Thesis Title: Exploration of the Association Between Sociodemographic Factors and Self-Reported Health Priorities Among Women in Metropolitan Communities in Atlanta, Georgia

******Abrianna Jackson**

Thesis Title: The Prevalence and Predictors of Cesarean Deliveries Among First Time Mothers Ages 14-15 in the United States

*****+Amber Jefferson**

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

Jada Rhianna Johnson

Research Title: Coronary Heart Disease Prevention

******+Chekesha Maia Jordan, D.O.**

Thesis Title: Factors Associated with Health Information Seeking Behavior Among Persons with Cancer Aged 18 Years and Older in the United States

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Thesis Title: The Association Between Self-Reported Sports Related Concussion and Depression Among Adolescents in the United States

Nylah Michalah Littles

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

Jaylin Isaac Mann

Research Title: The Southwest Atlanta Hypertension Prevention and Control Initiative: A Community-level Health Intervention

Tyra Montour

Research Title: Early Childhood Violence: Individual Behavioral Intervention

Darielle Alexis Oliver

Research Title: A Community Based Intervention and Evaluation Proposal addressing Uterine Cancer

Raven-Elisa Proby

Research Title: Food for Thought Program Intervention to Combat Hypertension through Minimizing Salt-Intake in African Americans

******Jonela Olivia Rogers**

Thesis Title: A Comparison of Urban Food Banks in Akron, Ohio and Atlanta, Georgia

Sha-Hanna Savoya Saffold

Research Title: Cardiovascular Disease due to High Blood Pressure in Adults over the age of 35

Marshawn Shelton

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

Kylan JaHaan Simpson

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Sadia Nyemadé Sleweon

Research Title: Examining the Association Between Hepatitis C and Pre-diabetes among Adults aged 18 years and older in the United States

+Daijah Kiara Thibodeaux

Research Title: SAMCare Community Hospital Case Study: An individual analysis of African American maternal mortality and proposed federal legislation to mitigate underlying causes

******Brianna Sharice Walker**

Thesis Title: Factors Associated with Forced Sexual Intercourse and Depression Among Adolescents Aged 12-17 Years Old in the United States

Jarmarkus Corkeith Watson

Research Title: Usage of Child Safety Restraints and Associated Risks

- * Residency to begin in July 2021
- *** Delta Omega Honor Society in Public Health
- **** December 2019 Graduate
- + M.P.H. Honor Graduate
- ++ Cum Laude
- +++ Magna Cum Laude
- ++++ Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science in Biomedical Research

Miracle Thomas

Thesis Title: The Angiogenic Effects of Exosomal Delivery of miRNA-31 on a Mouse Myocardial Infarction Model

Research Advisor: Dong Liu, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, Cardiovascular Research Institute

Master of Science in Biotechnology

****Sherilyn Cathy Ashly Francis

****Letisha Janae Mathis

****Julian Ikenna Onyekwere

Marvin LeRoy Thompson III

Master of Science in Clinical Research

Alyssa Alexandria Cobbs

Dissertation Title: Lipid-Induced Extracellular Vesicles and their Role in Kidney Disease Progression

Research Advisor: Xueying Zhao, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Physiology

Erin J. Wallace

Project Title: The Correlation Between Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Depressive Symptoms in African American Women Ages 18-24.

Mentor: Kisha Holden, PhD, M.S.C.R, Professor, Interim Director, Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Shakeria Latrell Cohen, PhD

Project Title: The Association Between Objective and Perceived Food Access on Self-Reported CVD in Blacks Residing in Urban Atlanta, GA

Mentors: Herman Taylor, MD, MPH, Professor, Cardiovascular Research Center; Peter Baltrus, PhD, Professor, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine

Jammie Mack Hopkins, DrPH

Project Title: Assessing the Feasibility of Implementing Physical Activity Systems Change within a Minority Serving Medical Practice

Mentor: Felipe Lobelo, MD, MPH, FAHA, Associate Professor, Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

Master of Science in Medical Sciences

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Dissertation Title: Therapeutic Effects of Emodin in Colon Cancer

Research Advisor: Shailesh Singh, PhD

Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology Cancer Health Disparities Institute

Crystal Chari Cole Lipsey

Dissertation Title: Combating Obesity-Related Cancer Outcomes with Leptin Antagonists

Research Advisor: Reuben Gonzalez, PhD

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******Jeronay King Thomas**

Dissertation Title: The Role of CCR9-CCL25 Axis in Breast Cancer Disparities

Research Advisor: Shailesh Singh, PhD

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Anne Michelle Ramsey

Dissertation Title: The Effect of Environmental Circadian Disruption on Vascular Disease

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Doctor of Medicine
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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HEALTH RIGHTS

HEALTH REQUIRES PEACEFUL AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COLLABORATION OF ALL PEOPLES

The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being. It is not a privilege for those with power, money, or social standing.

Health is more than the absence of disease, but includes prevention of illness, development of individual potential, a positive sense of physical, mental, and social well-being.

Health care should be based on dialogue and collaboration between citizens, professions, communities, and policy makers. Health service should be affordable, accessible, effective, efficient, and convenient.

Health begins with healthy development of the child and a positive family environment.

Health must be sustained by the active role of men and women in health and development. The role of women and their welfare must be recognized and addressed.

Health care for the elderly should preserve dignity, respect, and concern for a sustainable environment with balanced human populations growth and preservation of cultural diversity.

Health depends on availability to people of basic elements: Food, safe water, housing, education, productive employment, protection from pollution, and prevention of social alienation.

Health depends on protection from exploitation without distinction of race, religion, political- belief, economic or social condition.

OATH: WE as people concerned about health improvement in the world do hereby commit ourselves to advocacy and action to promote the health rights of all human beings.

A SCIENTIST'S PLEDGE

I accept this opportunity to follow the difficult and rewarding path of biomedical science and clinical research.

I will endeavor to honor all those who have contributed to this opportunity by always working to the utmost of my abilities and by increasing those abilities when possible.

I will strive to advance fundamental knowledge about all living things.

I pledge to use my energy, intellect and education to enhance the lives of all mankind, understanding that often the greatest strides are made through efforts to assist the dispossessed and underprivileged in our world.

I will carefully consider and remain mindful of the ethical implications of my work.

I will never use my gifts and skills to intentionally harm any individual, or group.

In planning and carrying out my work, I will treat this planet and all its life forms with honor and respect.

I will honor and respect the efforts of my teachers, taking great care always to give credit where credit is due and always humbly understanding that all that I see, I see by standing on the shoulders of the many scientists who have gone before me.

I will also honor and respect my students and all who rely on that which I have learned, striving to truthfully and openly disclose all my methods, findings, and conclusions

So long as I adhere to this pledge, may I have continued success in the field of biomedical science and clinical research.

THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

The Oath of Hippocrates was demanded of the young physician of ancient Greece as he was about to enter his profession. The following is a modern version of the original.

I solemnly swear that as a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, according to my ability and judgment, I will keep the following oath:

I will consider dear to me those who have taught me this art and will teach the art to all those who qualify as students;

I will follow that method of treatment which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous;

I will preserve the purity of my life and my art. In every house where I come, I will enter only for the good of my patients, keeping myself from all intentional ill doing and seduction;

All that may come to my knowledge in the exercise of my profession, which ought not to be spread abroad, I will keep secret and will never reveal;

If I keep this oath faithfully, may I enjoy my life and practice my art, respected by all people and in all times; but if I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.

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“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Francis Scott Key

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

James Weldon Johnson

**Lift Every voice and sing
‘Til the 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 sea.
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 ‘til victory is won.**

“SOAR”
(To the Highest Place of Dreams)”

Terry Peters

Voice

Sol - emn - ly, we are poised to pur - sue our jour - ney to that

6 pri - vi - leged place. Hum - bly, we will ans - wer to our

12 call as we walk through these hall - owed halls of hope. For with our

17 hearts willed to serve by com - mit - ment and with our minds built to

22 solve mys - ter - ies, though we seem bound for one end - less des - ti - na -

28 tion, yet we will bold - ly spread our wings as we soar

34 to the high - est place of dreams. 9

48 Proud - ly, we will stand for - e - ver tall, as we face the giants of

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life then watch them fall. _____ Brave - ly, we will fight to end-

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ure, as we seek some earth - ly cure for all man - kind. For as we

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stand on the shoul - ders of o - thers, _____ whom all have graced this no-ble

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place from a - ges past, _____ we know with God on our side we can

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bold - ly take our strides, as we soar _____ to the high - est place of dreams. _____

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_____ As we soar _____ to the high - est place of dreams. _____ As we soar _____

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_____ to the high - est place of dreams. Soar! _____

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More - house soar! _____

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The banner and flag show the Morehouse School of Medicine logo. The original logo was designed in 1976 by artists David and Delores Cato of D’Cato of Atlanta, Ga. The mace is carried by the Mace Bearer in the procession and is the medieval symbol of the office and the authority of the president. The head is made from sterling silver and gold, and the shaft carved from Australian Rosewood. Morehouse School of Medicine’s original logo forms the head. The names of the presidents of the institution will be carved in the silver sleeves of the shaft, depicting the continuity of institutional leadership over the years. The mace was designed and crafted by Mr. Richard Mafong of Georgia State University and presented as a gift to the school by Dr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Ritota of South Orange, N.J.

The academic dress worn by those in the procession includes the cap, gown, and hood. The cap, made of black serve or broadcloth, is worn by holders of all degrees, but the cap of the doctor may be of velvet. Gowns are usually black, but the color is determined by the university from which the highest degree was obtained. The doctor’s gown is round, has bell sleeves, and is faced down in front and barred on the sleeves with black velvet. Doctors’ hoods are in the full shape with a rounded base. Their hoods are four-feet long and have a five-inch silk, satin, or velvet border on the outside. The border represents the faculty from which the wearer has received his/her degree. The color of the border representing medicine is green. Throughout the United States, there has not been a change in the standard colors which represent the disciplines. The color facing the hood, whether it is black or colored, indicates the following:

Kelly Green:	Medicine
Science Gold:	Science
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Lilac:	Dentistry
Scarlet:	Theology
Purple:	Law
Olive:	Pharmacy
Lemon:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Drab:	Business
Citron:	Social Work
Salmon Pink:	Public Health

Each hood is lined with silk in colors representative of the institution granting the degree. The colors for Morehouse School of Medicine are blue and ivory.



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