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Educating the Next Generation of Leaders in Public Health, Biomedical Sciences, and Health Care
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Saturday, May 18, 2024
Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
President and CEO, Morehouse School of Medicine
Presiding

Prelude .................................................. “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Fred Bock

Call to Order .............................................. John Patrickson, PhD
Grand Marshal
Professor and Vice Chair
Department of Neurobiology

“Processional .............................................. “War March of the Priests”
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Invocation ............................................................................. Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP
Chaplain
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine
Senior Pastor, First Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

National Anthem ................................................... “The Star Spangled Banner”
Performed by Morehouse College Glee Club
Words by Francis Scott Key

Hymn .......................................................... “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Performed by Morehouse College Glee Club
Words by James Weldon Johnson
Music by John Rosamond Johnson

The Occasion ..................................................... Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
President and CEO
Morehouse School of Medicine
Greetings ...................................................... Arthur R. Collins  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Morehouse School of Medicine

Class Remarks ................................................. Sonya Randolph  
SGA President, MD Class of 2024

Introduction of the Speaker ......................... Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH  
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean

Commencement Address ................................. Anthony “Tony” Welters  
CINQCARE Inc. Founder, Chairman, and CEO,  
Executive Chairman of BlackIvy Group and  
Trustee Emeritus of Morehouse School of Medicine

* The audience is requested to remain seated at this time. We request that you remain seated during the processional and recessional so we may all see the graduates. The audience is requested not to come forward to take pictures during the Commencement Ceremony. The school’s photographer will take individual photos of the graduates during the awarding of degrees.

+ You may enter the amphitheater at this time.
CONFERRING OF DEGREES

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
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Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH
Executive Vice President for
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INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HEALTH RIGHTS

Stephanie Miles-Richardson, DVM, PhD
Associate Dean,
Graduate Education in Public Health
Director, Master of Public Health Program
Professor, Department of Public Health Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
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Executive Vice President for
Health Affairs and Dean

Pangela Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C
Assistant Dean, Department Chair,
Founding Program Director
Physician Assistant Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
NEUROSCIENCE ................................. Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY .......................... Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
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Health Affairs and Dean

A SCIENTIST’S PLEDGE ............................... Danita Eatman-Daniels, PhD
Associate Dean,
Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences
Associate Professor,
Department of Medical Education
Department of Pharmacology/Toxicology

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE ...................... Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
President and CEO
Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH
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OATH OF HIPPocrates ............................. Martha L. Elks, MD, PhD, FACP, FACE
Senior Associate Dean, Educational Affairs
Professor of Medical Education
Professor of Medicine

ALUMNI INDUCTION ................................. Frank Jones, MD, ’91
President, Morehouse School of Medicine
National Alumni Association

CHARGE TO THE CLASS ............................ Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG
President and CEO
Morehouse School of Medicine

THE MOREHOUSE SCHOOL
OF MEDICINE HYMN .............................. “SOAR”
Morehouse College Glee Club
Words and Music by Jerry E. Peters

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

*RECESSIONAL ............................... “Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1”
Composed by Sir Edward Elgar

POSTLUDE ............................... “Jesus Shall Reign”
Words and Music by Keith Gentry
Performed by David E. Oliver D.M.A
Marshals
Jasmine Agnew, DHPE, MTS, MHIIM, RHIA, CAHIMS
Elaine Archie-Booker, EdD, MS, RN, ICPS
Christye Brown, PhD, MPH, MBA
Eboni Dotson, PhD
Rita Finley, PhD
Jaleesa Garth, PhD
Sarah Greene, PhD
Janice Herbert-Carter, MD, MGA, FACP
Khadeja J. Johnson, MD, FACP
Amy Lovejoy Mork, PhD
Joel Okoli, MD, MPH, FACS
Kimberly Redding, MD, MPH
Kareen Russell-Randall, PhD
Shereitte C. Stokes IV, PhD, MPH, MIAD
Sheila Young-Mercado, MD

Organist
David E. Oliver, DMA
Morehouse College
**Overview**

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) located in Atlanta, Georgia, 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 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

**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 to achieve health justice.*
Anthony Welters is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of CINQ Care Inc., a physician-led, community-based ambulatory care delivery system that delivers whole person care in the home, whenever possible, to Black and Brown communities.

Mr. Welters currently serves as Executive Chairman of the Black Ivy Group, LLC. Black Ivy builds and grows commercial enterprises in Sub-Saharan Africa, including logistics and infrastructure solutions and businesses that serve the growing consumer class. He is also Co-Founder and Chairman of Somatus, Inc., a leading provider of value-based kidney solutions to payors, health systems, and other organizations seeking alternatives to traditional fee for service dialysis.

An industry veteran for over four decades, Mr. Welters founded AmeriChoice in 1989. When the successful health care company was acquired by UnitedHealth Group in 2002, Mr. Welters joined UHG serving as Senior Adviser to the Office of the CEO, Executive Vice President and Member of the Office of the CEO, retiring in 2016. He also led UHG’s Public and Senior Markets Group.

Mr. Welters currently serves on the public boards of The Carlyle Group, Loews Corporation, and Gilead Sciences, Inc. Mr. Welters previously served as a director West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. from 1997 to 2016 and C.R. Bard, Inc. from 1999 to 2017. He is Trustee Emeritus of the Morehouse School of Medicine Board of Trustees, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the New York University School of Law, as well as Vice Chairman of the Board of New York University, a Trustee of NYU Langone Medical Center, Vice Chair of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and a founding member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Mr. Welters is a graduate of Manhattanville College and received his law degree from New York University School of Law.
Members of the Class of 2024

Graduate Education in Public Health
Master Of Public Health

Fauzia Ahmed
Research Title: Implicit Bias Effects on Black Maternal Mortality in Kansas

Kelechukwu Anyanwu***
Research Title: Using a Reproductive Life Plan tool to Promote Preconception Health among Underserved Populations by Healthcare Professionals in Georgia Public Health Clinics

Askari Bumphus
Research Title: Combating the Determinants of Major Depressive Disorder in Adolescents

Nadiyah Bunzy
Research Title: Sociodemographic Disparities in Self-Reported History of Physical Abuse among US Adults Aged 18 and older

Zakirah Abdul-Hameed***
Research Title: Identifying and Reducing Barriers to Breastfeeding among Black Women in the United States with the Ultimate Goal of Reducing Their Risk of Reproductive Cancers

Davianna Griffin
Research Title: Lack of Social Support and Postpartum Depression Among African American Women in the United States

Chasitee Hatcher
Research Title: Accessibility to Maternal Healthcare in Rural Georgia: Helping Our Mothers Advocacy Plan

Eric Mimms
Research Title: Faith in Motion: Managing Hypertension with Purpose

Elijah Richardson***
Research Title: Walkability Factors Associated with Self-Reported Cancer Diagnosis among Adults aged 18 years and older in the United States

Catherine Ledezma Rondon
Research Title: A Microaggression Simulation to Decrease Negative Birth Outcomes Among Black Women In the United States

Ty’Shonna Sims
Research Title: Is a Big Sister Little Sister Mentorship Program Effective in Reducing Incarceration Rates Among Low-income African American Women in North Carolina?.

Monique Terrell
Research Title: Community based intervention to improve mental health among adults diagnosed with sickle cell disease in Fulton County

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++ Cum Laude Honors
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Savannah Turner
Research Title: Policy advocacy plan to strengthen behavioral health services and support for African American Mothers in Atlanta, GA

Christina Wilkerson
Research Title: The Association between the Frequency of Self-Reported Alcohol Consumption and Rheumatoid Arthritis in Adults Aged 18 years and Older in the United States

Meshack Williams
Research Title: Collective Trauma and Mental Health among HBCU Students

Fre’Asia Young
Research Title: The Prevalence of Autism and Spectrum-Like Disorders in Marginalized Communities with Two or More Environmental Hazards

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Olinese Augustin
Alexis Gamble
Jessica Lyster
Rachel M. Thomas
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Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences

Master of Science in Biomedical Research

BreAnna Hudson
Thesis Title: Nuclear Factor Kappa Transactivates FOSL1 Transcriptional Factor to Promote Glioma Cells Proliferation and Invasion
Research Advisor: Mingli Liu, MD, PhD, MSCR
Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry and Immunology

Tameyah Mathis-Perry
Thesis Title: The Impact of Cortisol on Placental Function and Immunity
Research Advisor: Erica L. Johnson, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Awa Sore
Thesis Title: Determining The Role of Sleep on Chlamydial Pathogenesis
Research Advisor: Yusuf Omosun, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology
Master of Science in Clinical Research

Jade Avery
Dissertation Title: Interplay Between Serum and Glucocorticoid-Inducible Kinase-1 and Mitochondrial Calcium Uniporter in Obesity-related Cardiometabolic Dysfunction
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Dissertation Title: Role of miR-451a and let-7i-5p - loaded extracellular vesicles in inflammation, Plasmodium growth and malaria pathogenesis
Research Advisor: Adel Driss, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology

Melvin Echols, MD
Project Title: Development of a Nove Risk Assessment Incorporating Clinical, Social, and Transition Factors to Inform the Management of Hypertensive Heart Failure in African Americans
Research Advisor: Elizabeth Ofili, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology

Master of Science in Health Informatics

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Christopher Fearon
Donna Howell
Ivory Jones
Sonya Muller
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Master of Science in Medical Sciences

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Kiera Chevalier
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Kiara Cross
Clinton Emeh
Talayha Farrow
Tyler Fullwood
Destiny Gordon
Jillian Harris
Maya Hill
Kourtney King
Haley Maxwell

Master of Science in Neuroscience

Praise Idowu
Thesis Title: Isolating Specific Gene Expression in Retinal Cells in using Single-Cell RNA Sequencing
Research Advisor: Robert Meller, D.Phil BSc
Professor, Department of Neurobiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology Neuroscience Institute

Karly Mondaizie
Thesis Title: Investigating the Effect of Increased Temperature on Mitochondrial Function and Neurotoxicity Markers in Co-Exposure to Fluoride and Lead
Research Advisor: Kennie Shepherd, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Neuroscience Institute

Joseph Walker
Thesis Title: The Effects of Cigarette Smoke and HIV-1 Factors on the Integrity and Permeability of Blood-Brain Barrier Endothelial Cells
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Urbana, IL

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General Surgery
Baylor College Medical Houston
Houston, TX

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University Miami/Jackson Health System
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Hinsdale, IL

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Morehouse School of Medicine  
Atlanta, GA

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General Surgery  
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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.
I PLEDGE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES WITH
HONESTY AND DEDICATION:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare
and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence,
nonmaleficence and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of
practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always
to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping
abreast of advances in medicine.

I will work with other members of the health care team to provide
compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an
improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.
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 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.
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.
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, Georgia. 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, New Jersey.

The academic dress worn by those in the procession includes the cap, gown, and hood. The cap, made of black serge 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 Public
- Salmon Pink: Health
- Sage Green: Physician Assistant

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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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.

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and accurate listing of graduates and
academic honors as of May 10, 2024.
Please accept our sincere apologies if we
have committed an error or omission.
“SOAR”
(To the Highest Place of Dreams)

Jerry Peters

Solemnly, we are poised to pursue our journey to that privileged place. Humbly, we will answer to our call as we walk through these hallowed halls of hope. For with our hearts willed to serve by commitment and with our minds built to solve mysteries, though we seem bound for one endless destination, yet we will boldly spread our wings as we soar to the highest place of dreams.

Proudly, we will stand forever tall, as we face the giants of...
life then watch them fall. Bravely, we will fight to endure, as we seek some earthly cure for all mankind. For as we stand on the shoulders of others, whom all have graced this noble place from ages past, we know with God on our side we can boldly take our strides, as we soar to the highest place of dreams.

As we soar to the highest place of dreams. As we soar to the highest place of dreams. Soar!

Morehouse soar!
Congratulations
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