The One Hundred Ninth
Annual Baccalaureate
Commencement Convocation

The Eighth Day of August
Two Thousand and Twenty
Ten O’clock in the Morning

On The Mall
(front of the Solomon B. Jackson, Jr. Administration Building)
Commencement Speaker

Ms. Dinasia C.M. Nathan
Student Government Association President 2019-2020

Dinasia Christine Marie Nathan is a Class of 2020 graduate and the 2019-2020 Student Government Association (SGA) President at Morris College. Ms. Nathan is only the fifth female in the college’s history to hold the position and the first in nine years to be elected. She is the first degree candidate to deliver the Commencement address in the institution’s 112-year history.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Ms. Nathan is the daughter of Diana and Raymond Millner and Jonathan Thompson. She has one sister, Danielle Thompson, and one brother, Donell Thompson. Ms. Nathan received her high school diploma in June 2015 from Westwood High School in Blythewood, South Carolina.

Ms. Nathan has been an honor student since her arrival at Morris College in 2016. A criminal justice major, she plans to work at a law firm after graduation and pursue a master’s degree in sociology. She also desires to start a leadership program for youth in the future. Ms. Nathan is passionate about helping people, especially those in her community, and about investing in the lives of future generations.

Throughout her undergraduate experience, Ms. Nathan has remained actively involved on campus. Prior to becoming SGA President, she was elected to serve as SGA Secretary in 2018. Ms. Nathan is a proud member of the Pi Theta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., serving as Chapter President for the 2018-2019 academic year. She is also a Student Leader and Student Representative on the Morris College Appeals Committee. Other affiliations include the Morris College Baptist Student Union and the Criminal Justice Club. Ms. Nathan is also dedicated to and passionate about community service, serving as a volunteer for various organizations and initiatives such as the American Red Cross, Rubye J. Johnson Head Start Program, and the March of Dimes.

In her spare time, Ms. Nathan likes to indulge in photography, listen to music, and spend quality time with her family and friends. Her life’s motto is, “If you wait until things are perfect, you will never be ready. The time to take action is now.”
ALMA MATER

Morris our College dear
With hearts all filled with cheer
We come to thee.
Throughout life’s checkered ways
Thy name we’ll ever praise,
Teacher of youthful ways
All hail to thee.

When from our homes we came
To own thy lofty name
Breathe courage free,
Parents and teachers dear
Calmed by the lack of fear,
Pay homage through the years
All hail to thee.

Composed by
Ms. Ida Y. Pullens, 1924
ORDER OF THE EXERCISE
Presiding: Dr. Leroy Staggers, President of the College

PRELUDE
Mr. Herbert J. Johnson
Assistant Professor of Music
Director of Morris College Chorale and Gospel Choir

INVOCATION AND SCRIPTURE
Dr. Charles M. Pee
College Minister and Assistant Professor of Religion

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
Dr. Leroy Staggers
President

GREETINGS
The Honorable J. David Weeks
Chairman, Morris College Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
Dr. Leroy Staggers

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Ms. Dinasia C.M. Nathan
Class of 2020
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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Dr. Jacob E. Butler, Jr.
Interim Academic Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Dr. Leroy Staggers

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE MORRIS COLLEGE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Mrs. Ruth M. Pendergrass
President, Morris College National Alumni Association

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS

BENEDICTION
Dr. Charles M. Pee
The following is a list of candidates for degrees prepared by the Office of Enrollment Management and Records, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. Receipt of diploma by the student does provide documented evidence of graduation.

**CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES**
Candidates for degrees will be presented by Dr. Jacob E. Butler, Jr., Interim Academic Dean

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Throughout his adult life, Reno “Russell” Boyd has adhered to the motto of his alma mater: “Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve.” The moving force behind his more than thirty-five years of being actively involved with the Morris College National Alumni Association (MCNAA) has been drive and determination. His participation and support continues to play a vital role in its renewal and transformation as a viable fundraising organization for Morris College.

Mr. Boyd, a native of Hopkins, South Carolina, is a 1969 graduate of Morris College, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics Education. Following two years of service in the United States Army, he taught mathematics for three years at Andrew Jackson High School in Kershaw, South Carolina, before deciding to enter private industry. He distinguished himself as a leader and a hard worker in the field of business.

In 1974, he accepted employment with the Monroe Calculator Company in Lexington, South Carolina as a Personnel Assistant and Production Supervisor. In February 1976, Mr. Boyd joined Michelin North America, Inc. of Greenville, South Carolina, where he retired after thirty-eight years of service in various management positions. He served his final eight years as Facility Manager of Michelin North America's On-Vehicle Test Facility - Laurens Proving Grounds located near Laurens, South Carolina. During his time with Michelin, his incredible tenacity elevated him through the ranks from First Line Supervisor to the senior manager level.

A former president (1994-2002), active life member, and current treasurer of the MCNAA, Mr. Boyd is the recipient of numerous awards, citations, and recognitions. Among them is the Morris College National Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, National Alumni Council /UNCF Outstanding Alumnus, and presidential citations from Morris College and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Mr. Boyd initiated and chaired the Annual Alumni Breakfast for more than ten years. The event recognized alumni in their various fields of endeavor. He is also one of the original members to initiate the MCNAA Hall of Fame. He previously served as MCNAA treasurer (1986-1994) and Alumni Representative to the Morris College Board of Trustees.

A member of the Mauldin Civitan Club and the Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church in Mauldin, South Carolina, Mr. Boyd is married to Brenda G. Gambrell of Anderson, South Carolina. They are the proud parents of a blended family of five children and ten grandchildren.

In recognition of his unwavering commitment to the Morris College National Alumni Association and his unrelenting efforts in helping Morris College students through his community, civic, religious, and fraternal involvements, Morris College is proud to bestow upon Reno “Russell” Boyd the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia worn by faculty, staff, and platform guests are generally recognized as representing bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. The baccalaureate degree, called the bachelor’s degree, takes its name from the medieval practice of bachelors wearing a garland of bayberries. The master’s degree is the equivalent of a license to teach and sometimes is followed by the phrase Licentia docendi. The doctoral degree is a title of respect and recognition of great learning. When earned through study, as are the Doctor of Philosophy, the Doctor of Education, and others, the doctoral degree indicates advanced study and independent research in a specialized field of learning. Honorary degrees are granted for meritorious service and for distinction in public or private endeavor.

The gown for the bachelor’s degree is distinguished by long pointed sleeves hanging nearly to the knees. The master’s gown has long closed sleeves, with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom and slits for the arms near the middle of the sleeves. The doctoral gown is faced with a broad strip of velvet and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve.

The color of the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree is earned or granted. The colors are as follows: Arts, white; Business, drab or sapphire blue; Economics, copper; Education, light blue; Fine Arts, brown; Library Science, lemon; Music, pink; Philosophy, dark blue; Physical Education, sage green; Science, gold-yellow; Social Work, citron; and Psychology, gold. Each hood is lined with silk in the colors of the institution that granted the degree.

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar black mortar board. A black tassel or one of color signifying the field of specialization, hanging to the left of the face, is appropriate for all degrees. Those holding doctoral degrees may wear a soft velvet cap and a tassel that is in whole or in part made of gold thread.
** IMPORTANT DATES **

Freshman Orientation Begins
August 15, 2020

Classes Begin
August 19, 2020
** NOTES **