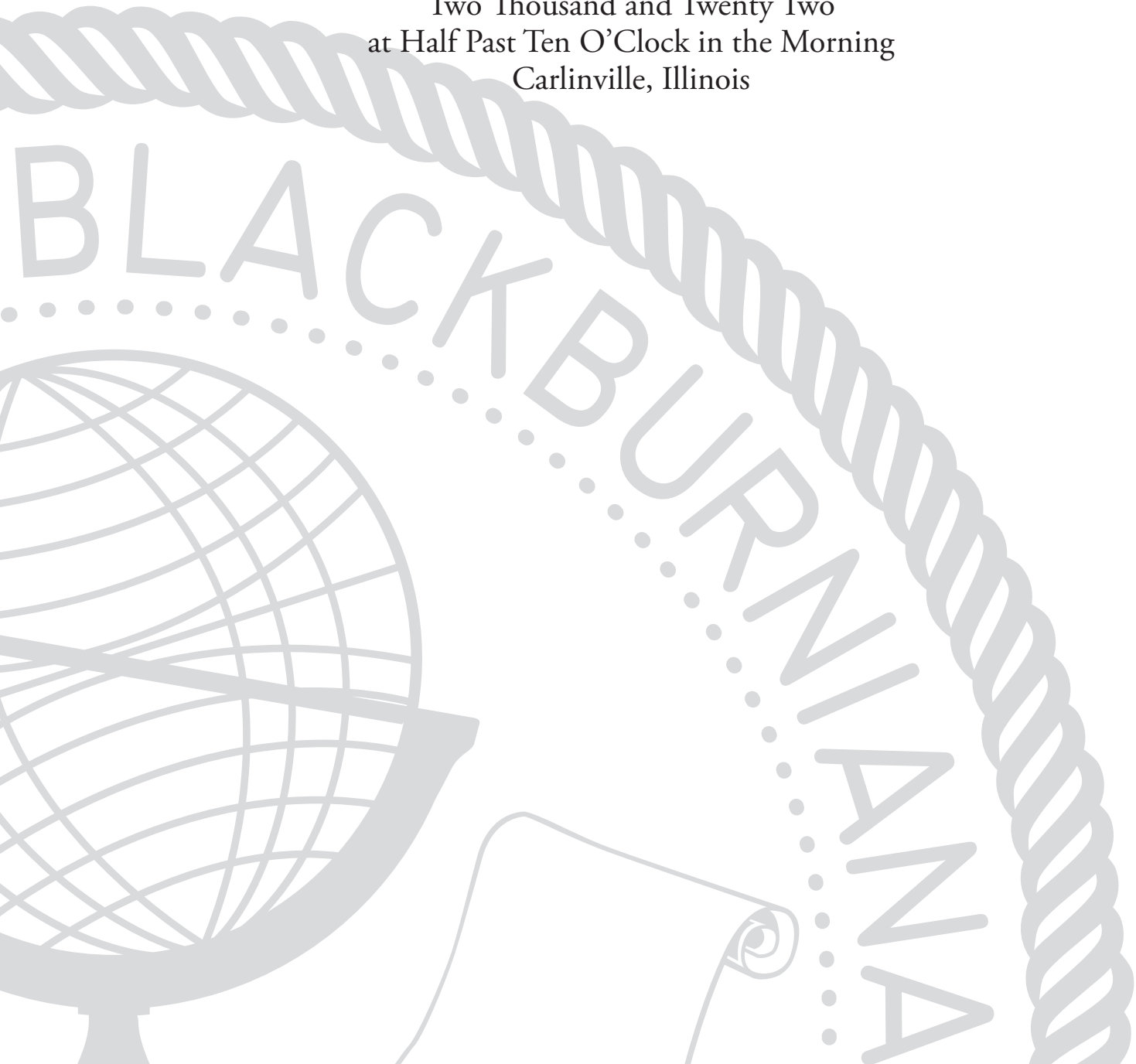


Blackburn^{COLLEGE}

One Hundred Fifty Third

COMMENCEMENT

The Fourteenth Day of May
Two Thousand and Twenty Two
at Half Past Ten O'Clock in the Morning
Carlinville, Illinois



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Jerome E. Adams	James Faust '64	Cress Maddox	Jennifer Shelby
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President

Mark L. Biermann, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

Marshals

James Bray, B.A., Ph.D., College Marshal
Zachary Wieland '22, B.A. Student Marshal

Speakers/Presenters/Conductor

Tom Gayner, Keynote Speaker
Karla McCain, B.A., Ph.D., Provost
Lisa Black-Gomez '81, B.A., Ph.D., Alumni Board President
Jody Sturgeon, B.S., Dean of Students
Joseph Welch, B.A., Ph.D., Visiting Professor of Music

Beginnings

Blackburn College was founded in 1837 by the Reverend Gideon Blackburn, D.D. (1772-1838), a Presbyterian minister. Chartered in 1857 as Blackburn Theological Seminary, the institution was incorporated in 1869 as The Blackburn University. Blackburn College enjoys covenant relationships with the Presbytery of Great Rivers, the Synod of Lincoln Trails of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the Carlinville Federated Church. The first commencement was held in June 1870 for a class of one woman and six men.

Order of Procession

The Mace
The Colors
The Banner
The Student Marshal
The Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts
The Choir
The Faculty
Administrative Officers and Dignitaries
The Trustees
The President

The Standards

The chief device of the Banner is the College Seal, hand embroidered. The seven squares that pierce the strap band of the fanon recall the Liberal Arts of university education in the Middle Ages—The Trivium: Grammar, Rhetoric, and Dialectic, and the more advanced Quadrivium: Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, and Music—broad studies that are the piers for much of what is taught in universities and colleges today. The three bands that complete the Banner stand for the fundamental virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The Mace

In keeping with the general custom, the authority of the President of Blackburn College, the service of former Presidents, Acting Presidents, and Principals, and the allegiance of the College to the cause of liberty in scholarship and learning are represented by a Mace. Here the Emblem is a shaft of black walnut wood fitted with bronze cast in the College Foundry. The head of the Mace carries engraved on its facets the Seal, and the names and the tenures of those who have governed the College since 1859, the first year of instruction. The foot bears the names and familiar badge of the College, The Beaver, *Castor canadensis*. The Mace is borne by the College Marshal at the head of College processions.

About Our Special Guest



Thomas "Tom" Gayner is Co-Chief Executive Officer of Markel Corporation, a diverse financial holding company including insurance, reinsurance, and investment operations around the world. Markel is listed on the Fortune 500 and is headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, with 61 offices in 16 countries.

Tom joined Markel in 1990 and oversees all investing activities. He is also responsible for Markel Ventures, a wholly owned subsidiary which acquires controlling interests in manufacturing, technology, and service companies.

Prior to Markel, Tom served as Vice President of Davenport & Company LLC of Virginia and as a certified public accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Tom serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Davis Series Mutual Funds and on the boards of the Graham Holdings, Cable One, and Markel. He is a member of the Investment Advisory Committee of the Virginia Retirement System.

Tom is a graduate of the University of Virginia and The Lawrenceville School.

The 153rd Commencement of Blackburn College

Order of Commencement

Dr. Mark L. Biermann
President of the College
Presiding

Dr. James Bray
College Marshal

**Processional March*

Trumpet Voluntary
The Metropolitan Brass Quintet

Jeremiah Clark

**National Anthem*

Star Spangled Banner
Blackburn College Choir
(audience participation)

Francis Scott Key

**Hymn*

The Blackburn College Hymn
(words on back page)

Lowe-Forbes

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Mark L. Biermann

The Commencement Address

Mr. Tom Gayner

Presentations

Presenter

Academic Awards

Academic Departmental Awards

Dr. Karla McCain

Senators Vince and Deanna Demuzio Education and Leadership Awards

Senior Student Leadership Recognition

Ms. Jody Sturgeon

Alumni Association Awards

Dr. Lisa Black-Gomez '81

Alumni Board President

Acknowledgment of the Senior Representatives to the Alumni Board

Outstanding Graduate Award

Conferring of Bachelor of Arts Degrees

Dr. Mark L. Biermann

Dr. Karla McCain

Moving of Tassels and Charge to the Class of 2022

Dr. Mark L. Biermann

College Choir

And Wherever You Go
Blackburn College Choir

Douglas & Wagner

**Retiring Procession*

Pomp and Circumstance
The Metropolitan Brass Quintet

arr. Sir Edward Elgar

* Members of the audience standing

CLASS OF 2022

Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Renae Hermansen Elizabeth Gertrude Ivey Brianna Nicole Milich	Emily Anne Fleck, Valedictorian Jenalyn Reyes, Salutatorian Courtney Lynn Ohlrogge Quentin Rollo Parmenter Claire Elizabeth Reinhart	Jasmine Sanchez Kenneth M.C. Schaad Rayanne Faye Rose Thompson
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Magna Cum Laude

Kasey Renae Bean Hanna Erin Box Sydney C. Cania Emma Lauryn Hall	Karlee Cierra Herman Michaela Anne Higginbotham David Lopez Gonzalez Morgan Nicole Lopez Zobrist	Blake A. Meyer Cheyenne Francis Ungerer Emily Anne Vinyard Zachary Michael Wieland
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Cum Laude

Paige Anspaugh Haley Ann Atchley Hannah Marie Bergdorf Christian Stephen Curtner	Ryleigh Morgan Gibbel Alexandro Miguel Giron Sydney Denise Justice Green Lucy Patricia Magnussen	Timothy Allan Marston Emily Faith Moran Andrea Pearl Norman Megan Jean Strang
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Bachelor of Arts

Brianna Lee Acheson Chemistry- General Track	Monserrat Borman Castro Biology- General Track	Derek Michael Dickerson Sport Management
Mikel Eric Adams Computer Science- Cybersecurity Track	Hanna Erin Box Sport Management	Miguel Dominguez Justice Administration
Stephanie Lashae Aldridge Business with Management Emphasis	Kendall Marie Burleyson Elementary Education	Karlee Dorr Accounting
Kariem Jamil Ali Business Management	Vincent Joseph Burritt Justice Administration	Jocelyn Irene Drummond Biology- General Track
Paige Anspaugh Graphic Arts	Justice Le'Shay Burse Business with Management Emphasis and Marketing Emphasis	Jenna Rose Dudra Biology- General Track
Haley Ann Atchley • Psychology	Sydney C. Cania Psychology	Avery Creed Dugan • Communications
Kionté Jacquiel Baker Computer Science- Cybersecurity Track	Jade Maureen Coady Graphic Design	Robert Matthew Dunn Physical Education with K-12 Certification
Kevin Prince Balaba Graphic Arts	Timothy Michael Conner Theatre	Blaine Andrew Dunning Sport Management
Kasey Renae Bean Psychology	Mihkyelle Neico Cooper • Justice Administration	Nigel Tyrique Ferrell Sport Management
Brian Donald Bedenbender History	Christian Stephen Curtner Justice Administration	Emily Anne Fleck* > Psychology
Hannah Marie Bergdorf Theatre	Taliyah Tamaría Davis Justice Administration	Callista Nicole Francis Business with Management Emphasis
Noah James Blakley Justice Administration	Diwas Dhital Biology- Pre-Medical and Other Health Professions Track	Jared Michael Gansz Communications

Ryleigh Morgan Gibbel Theatre / Creative Writing	Demonyia Myie Lewis Graphic Arts	Claire Elizabeth Reinhart > Elementary Education
Alexandro Miguel Giron Justice Administration	David Lopez Gonzalez Sport Management	Jenalyn Reyes* > Creative Writing
Sydney Denise Justice Green Middle Grades Education	Morgan Nicole Lopez Zobrist Biology- General Track	Kacie Lynn Rodriguez Justice Administration
Emma Lauryn Hall • > Creative Writing	Gabrianna Renee Lucas Biology- Molecular Track	Nicholas Daniel Russell Business Management
Jeffrey Randal Hendricks Sport Management	Lucy Patricia Magnussen Psychology	Jasmine Sanchez* > Biology- Pre-Medical and Other Health Professions Track
Karlee Cierra Herman • * Psychology	Timothy Allan Marston > Elementary Education	Kenneth M.C. Schaad* > Computer Science- Game Design and Development Track
El Renae Hermansen* > Creative Writing	Evan Roger McCarthy Biology- General Track	Madelynn Belle Sneed Biology- Environmental Track
Michaela Anne Higginbotham > Agricultural Business / Biology - Environmental Track	Blake A. Meyer Political Science	Javon Mykel Stovall • Communications
Michael Evan Thomas Hoff Computer Science- Game Design and Development Track	Brianna Nicole Milich* > Elementary Education	Megan Jean Strang Biology- Pre-Medical and Other Health Professions Track
Erynn Holden Graphic Arts	Emily Faith Moran Psychology	Rayanne Faye Rose Thompson* > Elementary Education
Elizabeth Gertrude Ivey* Psychology	Kamala Nepal Biology- General Track	Cheyenne Francis Ungerer Creative Writing
Kelsey Marie Jachino* Molecular Biology / Medical Laboratory Science	Caleb A. Newell Justice Administration / Psychology	Emily Anne Vinyard > Elementary Education
Andrew David Jackson Business with Management Emphasis	Andrea Pearl Norman Justice Administration	Thomas Joseph White Physical Education with K-12 Certification
Nicholas Johnson Political Science	Courtney Lynn Ohlrogge • > Business with Human Resource Management Emphasis	Zachary Michael Wieland > Secondary Mathematics Education
Lucas Ronald Kasinger Computer Science- General Track	Quentin Rollo Parmenter* > Biology- Pre-Medical and Other Health Professions Track	Erica Lucinda Wood Biology- General Track
Ramsey Michael Allen Kerley Computer Science- Cybersecurity Track	Chloe Ann Peterson Biology- General Track	Brendan A. Zeller Sport Management
Bryson Geoffrey Kirby Physical Education with K-12 Certification	Tyler John Pilcher Business with Accounting Emphasis	
	Trevor James Platt Business Management	

*Inclusion of name in this program does not constitute evidence of graduation.
Degree conferral and honors are verified by an official transcript.*

* Members of Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society
• Manager in the Work Program

> Department Honors—Awarded to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.8 or above on a 4.0 scale in their major field of study and 3.5 in all courses.

**Graduates wearing Blackburn College hoods have been inducted into Alpha Chi,
the national academic honor society open to students ranked in the top 10 percent of their class.*

The Blackburn College Hymn

Lowe-Forbes

*Blackburn, Blackburn, Alma Mater
Unify these years of youth:
Fix on us thy three-fold blessing –
Friendship, work, and will to Truth.*

*Blackburn, now thy sons and daughters,
Pledging heart and hand and mind,
Join themselves to thy first calling,
One For Christ and all Mankind.*

Academic Dress

Academic dress is the formal dress of the brotherhood of learning, a community begun a thousand years ago. The attire makes known a degree held by the wearer, the field of that degree, and the institution which granted the degree. These particulars are simply stated by the shape of the sleeve of the gown and by the colors of the hood.

The Bachelor sleeve is pointed. The Master sleeve is oblong. The Doctor sleeve, sometimes gathered at the wrist, is bell-shaped, and is barred. Another badge of the Doctorate is the cap with the tassel of gold.

The field of the degree is stated by the color of the neck cloth of the hood. In every land the neck cloth that is scarlet signifies Theology, the premier study, but the color signs of other fields vary from one academic jurisdiction to another.

Throughout the United States a degree in Agriculture is always represented by a neck cloth of the color maize, Architecture or Fine Arts by the color brown, Business or Commerce or Accountancy drab, Dentistry lilac, Economics copper, Education light blue, Engineering orange, Forestry russet, Home Economics maroon, Journalism crimson, Law purple, Liberal Arts white, Music pink, Pharmacy olive green, Philosophy and any field it embraces blue, Physical Education sage green, Public Administration or Foreign Service peacock blue, Public Health salmon pink, Science golden yellow, Social Work citron, Speech or Oratory silver gray, Veterinary Science gray.

In America the most frequently awarded honorary doctorates are Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) – Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.) – Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) – Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) – Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.) – Doctor of Music (D.Mus.) – and Doctor of Science (D.Sc.).

The degree of Master of Arts (M.A.), commonly an earned one, is given as an honor occasionally.

The institution which granted the degree, earned or *honoris causa*, is made known by the hue or hues of the lining of the hood; and in academic processions it is this heraldry which is the major brightness against the medieval black still used for the gown by most institutions in this country.

Abroad, much of the academic dress abides by earlier, more diverse and vivid forms.

Presidential Garb

The responsibility of the President is represented by a collar of office. The collar links are silver discs in silver oblongs and the pendant is an image of the College seal. The gown of scarlet is worn by the President on ceremonial occasions. The color, emblematic of theology, reminds us that the College had its beginning as a Theological Seminary.