# 2020

# Commencement Exercises

# DECEMBER CANDIDATES

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UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Presented Virtually

Ten O'Clock Friday Morning, December 11 Two Thousand Twenty

**DOCTORAL RECOGNITION CEREMONY** 

Presented Virtually

Three O'Clock Friday Afternoon, January 15 Two Thousand Twenty One



THE UNIVERSITY of North Carolina at Greensboro

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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro was established by legislative enactment on February 18, 1891, and opened its doors on October 5,1892.

The institution came into being as a direct result of the efforts of Dr. Charles Duncan McIver, on behalf of the education of women. The University owes much of its foundation to Dr. McIver, who became its first president and served until his death in 1906.

Since its founding, the institution has evolved along with its name, which has been changed several times: State Normal and Industrial School (1891-1897); State Normal and Industrial College (1897-1919); North Carolina College for Women (1919-1932); Woman's College of the University of North Carolina (1932-1963). In 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly changed the name to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the institution became co-educational by the same act.

In the fall of 1964, the first class of male students was admitted. Black women were admitted starting in 1956. In 1972 the General Assembly merged all state-supported institutions of higher education into the University of North Carolina System. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is a member of the 17-campus university system.

From a student body of 223 and a faculty of 15 in 1892, the University has grown to a student body of 19,764 students –19% of whom are graduate students – and a total faculty of 1,164. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro includes the following academic units: College of Arts and Sciences, Joseph M. Bryan School of Business and Economics, School of Education, School of Health and Human Sciences, Lloyd International Honors College, Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, School of Nursing, and College of Visual and Performing Arts. The University has more than 125 undergraduate majors and concentrations, and over 80 graduate programs offering more than 180 advanced degrees.

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#### THE UNIVERSITY FLAG

As the University has evolved from the State Normal and Industrial School in 1891 to University of North Carolina at Greensboro today, so has the University Flag. The flag bears the traditional colors of gold and white, which were first used in the commencement ceremony of 1894, as well as navy blue, which was added as the third color in 1987. In 2018, the University completed a brand refresh, updating its colors to include new shades of navy blue and gold and adopting grey as a fourth color. In 2020, a revision of the University Flag was completed to include official University colors. The December 2020 Commencement marks the debut of this new flag. The University Seal, depicting the likeness of Minerva, appears on both sides of the flag.

# THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY BELL

Following the commencement ceremony, the University Bell will ring in honor of the graduates. The University Bell sounded the opening of the State Normal and Industrial College (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro) on October 5, 1892. The Class of 1940, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of its graduation, commissioned the restoration of the University Bell, which is still used to mark significant University events.

#### C TRANSFER

#### Academic Regalia

The colors of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro are gold, white, and navy blue, with gold and white used in the hood.

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

# Program

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Prelude

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Michael Friedrich, May '20

> CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.

GREETINGS FROM THE UNCG BOARD OF TRUSTEES Betsy Oakley '69, Chair of the Board of Trustees

GREETINGS FROM THE UNCG ALUMNI LEADERSHIP BOARD Sherita Gatling '02 President of the Alumni Leadership Board

GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Hunter Martin, May '20 SGA President 2019-2020

**GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY** Dr. Anthony Chow, Faculty Senate Chair, Associate Professor of Library and Information Studies

GREETINGS FROM

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors

AND PRESENTATION OF

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD Terry Hutchens, UNC Board of Governors

Recipient: Dr. Carmen Sotomayor, Professor, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES Rhiannon Giddens, Doctor of Letters Emmylou Harris, Doctor of Letters

> GREETINGS FROM THE CLASS OF 2020 Jurne Smith, May '20 Casey Johnson, December '20

Authorization for the Conferring of Degrees Betsy Oakley '69

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Presentation of Graduate Degree Candidates Dr. Kelly Burke, Vice Provost and Dean for Graduate Education

Presentation of Undergraduate Degree Candidates Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Jim Coleman

Presentation of Beyond Academics Candidates Provost Jim Coleman

TASSEL TURNING CEREMONY Terrence Rollins, December '20

CONCLUDING REMARKS Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.

SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER

RINGING OF THE UNIVERSITY BELL Alison Csaji, August '20

# HONORARY DEGREES

# RHIANNON GIDDENS DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Giddens is a Grammy-award-winning singer, songwriter, and performing artist and the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship.

An internationally-known musician and songwriter who first gained success as the lead singer, violinist, and banjo player of the old-time, country, and blues band the Carolina Chocolate Drops. She graduated from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, received her Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where she studied opera, and briefly studied at the graduate level at UNC Greensboro's College of Visual and Performing Arts. Beyond her formal musical training, she studied with some of the last of the old-time African American musicians and spent time in West Africa learning from musicians who played instruments that preceded the development of the banjo in the United States.

In addition to her work with the Carolina Chocolate Drops, with whom she recorded two albums, *Genuine Negro Jig* (2010) and *Leaving Eden* (2012), Giddens released two solo albums: *Tomorrow Is My Turn* (2015) and *Freedom Highway* (2017). She has performed at national and international festivals and venues, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the White House, the Spoleto Festival, the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the Chicago Blues Festival, the Aarhus Festival (Denmark), and the National Folk Festival in North Carolina. She is currently working on a number of projects, including a ballet, a musical on the black community preceding and following the Wilmington Riot of 1898, and another piece on the life of the 19th-century Senegambian enslaved Muslim Omar Ibn Said who lived in Fayetteville, and an album with Italian Jazz musician Francesco Turrisi.

As the MacArthur Foundation notes, "In her recordings and live performances, Giddens has mined the history of the African American string band tradition, introducing new audiences to the black banjoists and fiddlers whose influences have been left out of popular narratives of the lineage of folk and country music... [She] trained as an opera singer before returning to North Carolina to immerse herself in traditional American roots music through study of archival recordings and the mentorship of the octogenarian fiddler Joe Thompson. Having honed her skills on the fiddle and 5-string banjo, she co-founded with two other bandmates the Carolina Chocolate Drops in order to share this tradition with a new generation of listeners." Her original compositions span the experiences of African Americans from slavery to the present. She has drawn inspiration from slave narratives, early twentieth-century songwriters such as Mississippi John Hurt, and even a rap about police violence written by her nephew, Justin Harrington.

Notably, Harrington will star as Bess in Greensboro Opera's production of The *Gershwins' Porgy & Bess* in 2020. The performance will take place at the Steven Tanger Center for the Performing Arts in Greensboro.

# HONORARY DEGREES

# EMMYLOU HARRIS DOCTOR OF LETTERS

A 14-time Grammy Award recipient, Emmylou Harris' contribution as a singer and songwriter spans four decades. The iconic and highly influential Americana artist has recorded more than 25 albums and has lent her talents to recordings by many fellow artists. In recognition of her remarkable career, Harris was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2008 and earned a Grammy Lifetime Achievement award in 2018.

Harris' childhood was spent primarily in North Carolina and Woodbridge, Virginia, where she was the valedictorian of her class. In the fall of 1965, she began her freshman year at UNC Greensboro on a drama scholarship. While at the University she appeared in Shakespeare's "The Tempest" as well as other productions.

Harris began a music career playing solo and duo gigs at the Red Door on Tate Street, in UNCG's Elliott Hall, and at other venues before eventually leaving college to pursue a music career. In New York City, she worked as a waitress while continuing to perform in Greenwich Village coffeehouses. After a brief marriage, she moved to Clarksville, Maryland. It was during this time that Gram Parsons of the Flying Burrito Brothers invited Harris to collaborate on his first solo album. Their harmonies on songs such as "We'll Sweep out the Ashes in the Morning" have become the stuff of legend. In the ensuing years, Harris collaborated with artists on multiple albums, including Bob Dylan's "Desire." In 1975, she released "Pieces of the Sky," which brought respect as a solo country performer. In 1976, she released "Elite Hotel," which drove her to country music stardom. The success of her 1992 live album "At the Ryman" is credited with helping preserve the grand old Ryman Auditorium as a treasured music venue.

Harris has recorded 26 studio albums, 3 live albums, and 11 compilation albums. In addition to her Grammy awards, she has won three country music awards and has been nominated for 24. Harris has more than 70 soundtrack credits, including her work on the album for the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

In addition to her achievements as a musician, Harris has a long history of philanthropy. She is a women's rights activist who has worked with Sarah McLachlan as part of Lilith Fair – which has raised over \$10 million in charity. She is a strong animal rights activist and founded her own shelter called Bonaparte's Retreat. Concerned about the long-term hazards of unexploded anti-personnel devices left behind after wars, she played a key role in the Concerts for a Landmine Free World. Harris has also been a strong supporter of the LGBTQ community; her advocacy for LGBTQ rights has manifested in many performances in Pride parades throughout the United States. She has also served on the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences since 2011.

# Specialist in Education

# DEGREE

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"Laxity: An Investigation into the Current Use of External Knee Support Devices and Future Benefit of a Dynamic Knee Sleeve in Injury Prevention" Project Adviser: Sandra Shultz

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Disciplinary Honors in Drama "Designing The School of Theater's Fall Mainstage Production, Marisol" Project Adviser: Deborah Bell

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