



AVERETT
UNIVERSITY
— SINCE 1859 —

Founders' Day

One Hundred Sixty-Second Session
Violet T. Frith Fine Arts Center
March 11, 2021

Processional	"Promenade" by Amy Marcy Beach <i>Dr. Anne Lewis, piano</i> <i>Professor of Music</i>
Welcome and Invocation	Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Fulop <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success</i>
Introduction to Founders' Day	Dr. Tiffany M. Franks <i>President</i>
Averett Singers Selection	"Change" arr. by Mark Brymer
Introduction of Speakers	Mrs. Melissa Wohlstein <i>Vice President of Philanthropy</i>
Reflections from Graduates:	Dr. James Allred '97 Dr. Angela Hairston '85 Ms. Adrian Nester '01,'03
Charge to Students	Zamyiah Mangum '22 <i>Junior Class President</i>
Alma Mater	Dr. Gary Tucker '85 <i>Professor of Mathematics & Division Chair</i>
Benediction	Rev. Skyler Daniel <i>University Chaplain</i>
Recessional	"Scherzo" by Clara Wieck Schumann

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Alma Mater

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Proudly now we sing,
Faithful to thy name forever,
Let our praises ring.

O, dear Averett, we are thankful
As we sing to thee,
For honor, friendship, and real wisdom,
Thou dost hold the key.

Averett University
Memories dear we'll hold
We'll remember now and ever,
Our dear blue and gold.

Academic Regalia

The faculty's academic robes and hoods, worn for special occasions such as this, indicate the degrees they have earned and the universities where they earned them. Professors have worn distinctive regalia since medieval times.

The gowns are designed to rate the highest degree earned by the wearer (Bachelor, Master, or Doctor), and the hoods have particular colors for the specific degrees and universities. The lining notes the official color, or colors, of the college or university conferring the degree (Averett's colors are blue and gold). The color of the edging (two, three, and four inches for the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctor's respectively) shows the discipline to which the degree pertains, for example: Arts - white; Business - drab; Education - light blue; Fine Arts - brown; Law - purple; Music - pink; Nursing - apricot; Philosophy - dark blue; Physical Education - sage green; Science - golden yellow; Social Work - citron; Theology - scarlet. In recent years, many universities have incorporated the university's colors into academic robes and hoods.

The University mace is carried by Dr. Jennifer Hughes, Associate Professor of English and Department Chair, Language Literature and Culture and the 2019-2020 Faculty Member of the Year.

The international flags on display represent many of the international students whom we are proud to have at Averett University.

Recognition of Faculty and Staff Years of Service

15 Years +

Susan Rowland*	2002
Christopher Hanks*	2003
Charles Harris	2004
Brian Turner*	2004
Linda Lemery*	2005
Wanda Haynes	2005
Travis Williams*	2005
Sheila Smithers	2005
Virginia Henderson*	2006
Cheryl Dalton	2006

20 Years +

Deborah Hylar*	1997
Marion Breen	1997
Donna Gourley	1998
Kevin Harden	1998
Susan Osborne*	1998
Laura Hartman	1998
Carl Bradsher	2000
Angela Bowers	2000
Diane Gosney*	2001
Joel Nester*	2001

25 Years +

Marietta Sanford*	1992
Brenda Williams	1992
Susan Huckstep*	1992
Alice Obenchain-Leeson*	1993
Jackie Finney*	1994
David Rosenberg	1995
Richard Breen*	1996

30 Years +

Peggy Wright*	1987
Anne Lewis	1987
Barbara Kushubar*	1987
Janet Roberson*	1987
Patricia Bowman	1989
Gary Tucker*	1991
Danny Miller*	1991

40 Years +

Laura Meder*	1977
Kathleen Tune*	1979
Steven Lemery	1981

50 Years +

Robert Marsh	1969
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*Averett Alumnus

Alumni Speakers



Dr. James Allred '97 (BS, Biology/Chemistry) is a cardiac electrophysiologist specializing in implantation of cardiac devices and catheter ablation. He is actively involved in clinical research and works to bring the newest cardiac technologies to the N.C.-Triad.

Allred is an international speaker and consultant on remote monitoring of cardiac devices. He is co-founder and CEO of CV Remote Solutions, partnering with academic centers across the country to provide remote health care. He earned his doctoral degree at the Medical College of Virginia, and completed his residency at Duke University and fellowship at University of Alabama-Birmingham.

He lives with his wife, Tracey ('96), and their four children in Greensboro, N.C.

Dr. Angela Hairston '85 (BS, Mathematics/Management) is the superintendent for Danville Public Schools. Beginning her career as a teacher in Halifax County and in Virginia Beach, she returned to Danville to teach math at George Washington High School, later serving as the first principal of Westwood Middle School. She served at two of the largest school districts in Georgia as director of human resources, principal, and superintendent.

In 2018, Hairston was selected to participate in the prestigious and nationally recognized Broad Superintendents Academy. Hairston earned her master's degree in secondary school administration from Hampton University, and a doctorate from Virginia Tech.

She lives with her husband, Ronald ('84), in Danville. They have five children with spouses and one grandson.



Adrian Nester '01, '03 (BA, English; M.Ed.) is a 20-year educator with Pittsylvania County Schools. She currently serves as the English department chair, Interact sponsor and newspaper advisor at Tunstall High School.

Nester was named Virginia's 2019 High School Teacher of Excellence by the National Council of Teachers of English. Her writing has been published in the "Virginia English Journal" and on educational websites including AP Lit Help, Teach Living Poets and Edutopia.

She lives with her husband, Joel ('00, '12), and their two children in Danville.

