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1912-

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Unit Date

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English

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Existence and Location of Copies

With few exceptions, digitized versions of the programs are available from 1933-present. In 2022, complete programs were only published online. Order of ceremony cards were printed and distributed during the ceremony, with QR codes directing readers to the longer booklet online.

Description of Subordinate Components

Programs

Unit ID RG029.01

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/1907

Unit Date 1912-

Scope and Contents

Commencement programs document the names, conferred degrees, and academic honors for graduating students, and also list featured speakers and other ceremonial events.

Commencement exercises first began at the Fredericksburg State Normal and Industrial School (now the University of Mary Washington) in 1912, continuing into the present through many institutional name changes and the addition of graduate programs.

Existence and Location of Copies

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First Annual Commencement

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Special Collections may not have the necessary playback devices to view the material on VHS or audiocassette.

MWC Graduation**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2014**Unit Date** 1984**Audio [1000637515]** 5 (box)**Extent** 1 Cassettes**MWC Commencement****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2015**Unit Date** 1991**Moving Images [1000637515]** 5 (box)**Extent** 2 Cassettes**Graduation****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2016**Unit Date** 1993**Moving Images [1000637515]** 5 (box)**Extent** 1 Cassettes**MWC Commencement Ceremony****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2017**Unit Date** 1995**Moving Images [1000637515]** 5 (box)**Extent** 1 Cassettes

MWC Commencement Ceremony

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2018

Unit Date 1996

Moving Images [1000637515] 5 (box)

Extent 1 Cassettes

MWC Commencement Ceremony

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2019

Unit Date 1997

Moving Images [1000637515] 5 (box)

Extent 1 Cassettes

Existence and Location of Copies

DVD access copy available.

MWC Commencement Ceremony

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2020

Unit Date 1999

Moving Images [1000637515] 5 (box)

Extent 4 Cassettes

Existence and Location of Copies

Recording spans 2 tapes. Archives has 2 copies of each tape.

MWC Commencement Ceremony

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2021

Unit Date 2000

Moving Images [1000637516] 6 (box)

Extent 2 Video CassetteRecording spans 2 tapes.

Existence and Location of Copies

DVD access copies also available.

MWC Commencement Ceremony

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2022

Unit Date 2002

Moving Images [1000637516] 6 (box)

Extent 1 Video Cassette

Speakers

Unit ID RG029.03

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2288

Unit Date 1953-2006

Creator Radhakrishnan, S. (Sarvepalli), 1888-1975

Creator Chandler, Alvin Duke, 1902-1987

Creator Parkinson, Burney Lynch, 1887-1972

Creator Lord, Mary Pillsbury, 1904-1978

Creator Simpson, Grellet C., 1909-1997

Creator Almond, J. Lindsay (James Lindsay), 1898-1986

Creator Woodard, Prince B.

Creator Davis, Harwell Goodwin, 1882-1977

Scope and Contents

This series features copies of speeches delivered at commencement ceremonies.

Harwell Davis, "The Greatest Hour"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2299

Unit Date June 1951

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Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Commencement Address

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2289

Unit Date June 1, 1953

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

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Alvin Duke Chandler, "The Place of Women in the World Today"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2290

Unit Date May 30, 1955

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Burney Lynch Parkinson, "A Challenge to Active Citizenship and a Continuing Personal Growth"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2291

Unit Date June 3, 1957

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Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, "The World Around Us"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2292

Unit Date June 2, 1958

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

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J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., Commencement Address

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2294

Unit Date June 4, 1961

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

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Grellet Simpson, "The Fire's Centre"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2293

Unit Date June 4, 1961

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Prince B. Woodard, "Self-Inspection"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2295

Unit Date May 17, 1975

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1985 Commencement ceremony procedure**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2296**Unit Date** 1985**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Gerald L. Bailes, Commencement Address****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2297**Unit Date** May 10, 1986**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Marion Blakey, "Silence is Golden"****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2298**Unit Date** May 13, 2006**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Baccalaureate Sermons****Unit ID** RG029.04**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2302**Unit Date** 1936-1977**Scope and Contents**

This series includes copies of individual sermons and programs from Baccalaureate Sermons delivered to graduating classes. Evidence suggests that an official Baccalaureate Sermon as part of commencement exercises ended around the late 1960s-early 1970s, but individual campus religious groups may have continued the practice.

Service program**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2303**Unit Date** May 31, 1936**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Service program****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2304**Unit Date** May 28, 1936**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Frederick Olert, "The Christian Obligation of Privilege"****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2305**Unit Date** June 2, 1957**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Service program****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/2306**Unit Date** June 1, 1958**Mixed Materials [1000657455]** 7 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)

Rev. Mary Ely Lyman, "Ambassadors of the Spirit"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2307

Unit Date May 31, 1959

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Rabbi Ariel Goldberg, "Time and the Task"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2308

Unit Date May 29, 1960

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Rev. Charles S. Webster, "Expect Great Things!"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2309

Unit Date June 4, 1961

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Sister Kathleen Tuohey, Baccalaureate Address

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2310

Unit Date April 7, 1977

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Paper Ephemera

Unit ID RG029.05

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2311

Unit Date 1919-

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Scope and Contents

This series includes paper memorabilia from commencement ceremonies over the years. Materials include invitations, announcements, tickets, newspaper clippings, calendars of events, rosters, and a congratulatory letter to the class of 1967 from President Lyndon Johnson.

Photographs

Unit ID RG029.06

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2312

Unit Date 1930-2003

Scope and Contents

This series features photographs from commencement ceremonies beginning in the 1930s.

Existence and Location of Copies

All images in this collection (with the exception of the framed photograph in Box 7b) are digitized and available in the Centennial Image Collection on UMW's Digital Collection page.

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Unit Date 1930s-1980s

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Stafford Campus (previously James Monroe Center)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2314

Unit Date 2003

Mixed Materials [1000657455] 7 (box)

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Framed photograph

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2315

Unit Date [1940s]

Mixed Materials [1000657453] 7b (box)

Diplomas

Unit ID RG029.07

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/2316

Unit Date 1919-1981

Mixed Materials [1000657454] 8 (box)

Scope and Contents

This series features diplomas from the college's earliest days through the 1980s, showcasing many of the name changes over the years.