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Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School

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COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF JUNE
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE



PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School, where our mission is to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

LBC | Capital was founded in 1933 by Dr. Henry Heydt. The year 1933 is considered by some to be the worst of the Great Depression. Yet, Dr. Heydt did not let the difficulties of his circumstances keep him from doing what God called him to do. In the words of Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, "It was the best of times and it was the worst of times." Looking back to LBC | Capital's beginnings, I like to

think, "That is our heritage, that is the stock we come from, that is the God we serve."

I thought of Dr. Heydt and the difficulties he surmounted as we faced the challenges that will forever be associated with the 2020-2021 year — a global pandemic, racial unrest, and political turmoil. In many respects, this year could be called "the worst of times." Our nation has seen unemployment spikes, heard tragic stories of suffering, and experienced varying degrees of pain, loss, and disappointment on a personal level.

So how can we say it is also the best of times? Because the God we serve is the same yesterday, today, and forever! We are seeing LBC | Capital faculty work tirelessly to provide meaningful learning in remote delivery, staff go above and beyond to serve students with efficiency and joy, students support one another in community, and the Classes of 2020 and 2021 finish strong in the face of great difficulty.

Today, we celebrate these graduates and all they have accomplished. We celebrate the friendships that have been formed, skills that have been developed, and life transformation that has occurred. We celebrate God's faithful work in their lives, equipping them for good works and conforming them to the image of His Son. Knowing that God truly is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we send them on the next phase of their journey with Christ in full confidence.

Expectantly,

Thomas L. Kiedis, PhD, DMIn

LBC | Capital President

WELCOME FROM THE SITE DIRECTOR



Today, we honor and celebrate your loved ones, and our beloved graduates, in a combined ceremony of individuals who have completed degree requirements in Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020 or Spring 2021. A few will complete degree requirements in Summer 2021. The commencement for the class of 2019-2020 was postponed twice, and it was cancelled this past November due to restrictions on indoor events with rising cases of the coronavirus.

To the Classes of 2019 and 2020: We just want to thank you for your patience and your perseverance. Many of

you stuck in there and did not give up on the notion of this day arriving. We know that most of you did not want to postpone the graduation for a year, but God had another plan for us! A couple of you have even completed both an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree at LBC between Fall 2019 and Spring 2021! Congratulations to you all. Thank you for your faith and diligence. We are ecstatic that we can now celebrate with you and the others who make up these combined graduating classes. We truly understand the scripture that states "This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!"

This day marks what our President Emeritus, Dr. Peter Teague, has called our "pay day!" Commencement is "pay day" for students because they have literally invested significant sums of money into their education with us, long hours of study and toil, as well as sacrifices of their time and energy to get to this day. It is the faculty and staff members' pay day because we pour into them our time—hours of preparation and teaching, advising, fellowshipping, and prayer. As a bonus, we see their growth firsthand. When we see them successfully complete their degrees and move on to the next stage of their lives, we know that we have fulfilled the mission of Lancaster Bible College to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ in the Church and Society.

We get to see it pay off, and pay off it has! We have at least 10% of our graduating class pursuing graduate education! Some of these graduates are currently in master's programs and several others will begin master's programs in Fall 2021. Our graduates are being accepted into great programs, including our own Capital Seminary & Graduate School and other schools such as Dallas Theological Seminary, Lutheran Theological Seminary and Drexel University.

In closing, I just want to say that it is very appropriate that our commencement date coincides with Juneteenth, the day that the very last slaves were freed, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. Our ancestors may have never even imagined a day that their descendants would attend and graduate from high school, much less attain undergraduate degrees and even pursue post-graduate education! We have "come a mighty long way" as a nation, and we are seeing the fruit of this progress in the lives of our students. Over these last few years, our graduates have lovingly labored, both academically and spiritually. They are no longer looking to a day in the future when they would graduate—they have completed the work, met the requirements, and now they continue their lives of impactful service to the world! We are so godly proud of each of our graduates! We pray that God will continue to bless, direct, and establish the works of their hands!

Sincerely,

Tanya Solomon, PhD

Sanja Solomon

Philadelphia Site Director & Dean



THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday June 19, 2021 | 10:00 am Deliverance Evangelistic Church in Philadelphia

Prelude Pastor Michael Weatherbe, MAM '16

Alumnus

Academic Processional

*Invocation Pastor Mark Novales, MDiv

City Reach Church

Welcoming Remarks Thomas L. Kiedis, PhD, DMin

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Lift Every Voice & Sing Alumna

Student Speaker Daniel Givens, BS '20

Scripture Reading Rev. Ronald Jones, MDiv

Isaiah 40:1-8 NIV Adjunct Professor, Bible & Theology

Introduction of Speaker Rev. Zachary Ritvalsky, MAR

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Charge to the Graduates

How the Snail Reached the Ark!

Special Music Ms. Neal & Pastor Weatherbe

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Academic Recessional

Please remain seated during the recessional.

^{*}The audience will please stand.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Thomas L. Kiedis, PhD, DMin President Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School



Dr. Thomas L. Kiedis was named LBC | Capital's sixth president on February 1, 2020, after 10 years of service as the Senior Pastor at Spanish River Church in Boca Raton, Florida. Kiedis started at Spanish River Church in 2007 as director of leadership development, served in a dual role for two years and became senior pastor in 2009. Prior to Spanish River Church, Kiedis served as Dean of the Chapel and Assistant Professor of Ministry at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Kiedis earned his Bachelor of Science from Crichton College, Master of Arts in Religious Education from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminar and Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Prior to serving as president of LBC | Capital, Kiedis served as an adjunct professor at Capital Seminary & Graduate School, teaching leadership development at both the Boca Raton and Washington, D.C. locations. He loves to help leaders maximize and multiply their lives and leadership.

He and his wife, Shannan, have been married since 1980 and have six adult children (all married) and 22 grandchildren. They enjoy reading, family time and traveling, and Shannan graciously puts up with his love of hot rods.



Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast, by thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
Where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts drunk with the
wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

arr. James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamund Johnson CCLI #775578



HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENT

Celestine Joanna Wynn, MEd



Celestine Joanna Wynn is the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Lenwood William Harris, Sr. and the late Gloria Katherine Harris. She was born in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from the Philadelphia Public School System. She went on to graduate from Manna Bible Institute, Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts and a teaching certification in Secondary Education and Cheyney State University with a Master of Education in Adult Continuing Education and Administration. She also did further study toward a doctorate in Higher Education Administration at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and was inducted into Who's Who in American Higher Education in 1989.

Anyone who knows Celestine knows that she is a born teacher. Many who know her say that teaching is part of her DNA. She has taught in both sacred and secular settings—in both elementary and secondary education, since 1972. She was a literacy tutor and trainer, a community educator, an Academic Advisor for twenty-five plus years in the New Jersey State College and University System before retiring in 2013, and most importantly, as a part-time English Instructor in two evangelical Bible Colleges (Geneva College 1985-2009 and Lancaster Bible College 2012-2020). She retired after a combined total of thirty-five years of service in Christian Education from Lancaster Bible College in June 2020.

Celestine has been married to her soul mate—Rev. Richard Wynn, Sr. for fifty-three years. They work together in pastoral/teaching ministry at Crossway Bible Fellowship Church and Burning Bush Bible Institute in Upper Darby, PA. They are the parents of three adult children: Richard Jr., Rodney, and Renee; grandparents of seven grandchildren; great-grandparents of three; and godparents of two adult children. Celestine also mentored one student who now teaches Bible and Theology at Lancaster Bible College. Celestine believes, "It is never too late to be what you might have been" (George Elliot). With this as one of her mantras, she plans to keep educating and mentoring inquiring minds as God gives her strength.



IN MEMORY OF RALPH PETTIFORD

June 14, 1955—April 3, 2020



Ralph Stanley Pettiford was born June 14, 1955 in Philadelphia, PA. He was the youngest of five children born to Corrine and Robert Pettiford. Ralph was preceded in death by his siblings: Geraldine, Robert, Carolyn and Linda.

Ralph retired from the United States Marine Corps and served as an associate minister at the 46th Street Baptist Church under the tutelage of the presiding Pastor, Reverend Theophilus Wright before his passing.

Ralph was a proud student at Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School. He began with a major in Human Services, and a minor in Biblical Studies. Now realizing his goals were closer than he thought, with the help of his favorite professors, Dr. Solomon, Dr. Wright, Professor Wynn, Professor Ritvalsky, Dr. Chiles, and so many others, God was answering our prayers.

He also had a wonderful relationship with his classmates: Crystal Blue, Dorothy Brown, Milton Pollard, Steven Yeiah, Charles LaRue and others.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and loved nothing more than seeing his family. He had lots of grandchildren and they were his pride and joy!

Ralph was loud, gregarious, caring, loving, and most importantly, a God-fearing man.

So with the help of God, our Pastor Theophilus Wright, and Lancaster Bible College, his dream has come to fruition and he is now an official Minister. Thank you, God!

In memory of Ralph's life, we present this posthumous Bachelor of Science in Human Services degree to his wife, Vickie. Our prayers continue to be with the Pettiford family.



IN MEMORY OF LANETTA RILES

April 10, 1962—November 25, 2018



LaNetta Riles was born to the late Arnell Moss and late David R. Riles, Sr. in Newark, New Jersey. She was affectionately known as "Netta" and "Letty" by family and friends.

LaNetta received her formal education through the Newark Public School System, where she graduated from University High School in 1980. In 2017, LaNetta earned her Associates' degree in Human Services from Lancaster Bible College.

While a proud Newark native, LaNetta called Philadelphia home for the past thirty years. LaNetta accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior in the early nineties. She became an ordained teacher on June 29, 2008. Later, LaNetta would accept the call on her life and become an ordained elder in 2016. LaNetta faithfully served at her church home, Move of God Ministries. During her time there, she joyously participated in various groups and further developed her relationship with Christ.

With a heart committed to God, LaNetta served His people in love and humility. LaNetta possessed a deep rooted belief to do EVERYTHING in love. She compassionately extended a helping hand anywhere that she could. Certainly, LaNetta's first ministry was her family. She adored her four daughters, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. One of her favorite pastimes included spending time with her family. LaNetta also enjoyed listening to gospel music, walking, reading, and recently discovered a love for yoga.

LaNetta's bright smile and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In memory of LaNetta's life, we present this posthumous Bachelor of Science in Human Services degree to her family. Our prayers continue to be with the Riles family.



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The graduates who are unable to attend this Commencement will graduate in absentia and their names will not be read. This program does not constitute the official record of Lancaster Bible College's 2020 and 2021 graduates, though the listing was as accurate as possible at the time of publication. The official record of graduates is kept in the Registrar's Office.



COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

ADULT EDUCATION CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AWARD

A cash award to the Adult Education Philadelphia graduate who has evidenced outstanding academic achievement, spiritual maturity, and involvement in ministry.

ALLY CENTER SCHOLAR AWARD

A cash award to the graduate who evidences outstanding academic, spiritual, and social progress; who has been served by the Ally Center and holds a 2.5 GPA or above along with completing 30 credits as a full-time student.

SERVANT LEADER AWARD

A cash award that recognizes the Student Council graduate who has a servant's heart, displays exceptional leadership with colleagues in the Church and community, and perseveres in accomplishing the work of Christ even through challenges, to impact the community for Christ.



HONORS

ACADEMIC HONORS

- ***Summa Cum Laude (GPA of 3.90—4.00), indicated by the gold stole worn by the graduate.
- **Magna Cum Laude (GPA of 3.75—3:89), indicated by the white stole worn by the graduate
- *Cum Laude (GPA of 3.50—3.74), indicated by the red stole worn by the graduate.

DELTA EPSILON CHI HONOR SOCIETY AWARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Certificates to the graduates who have evidenced academic scholarship, approved Christian character, and Christian leadership ability.



MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION

The red, white and blue cords are worn by graduates who are either veterans or active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces in recognition of their sacrificial service.

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Navy

Marvin Daniels



ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia of gown and hood are believed to have had their beginnings at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The hoods are a carryover from the times when the clergy who operated the universities wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter or to collect alms when worn as shoulder capes.

While originating from medieval times, academic attire has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any trappings of rank or social standing underneath. Gowns are usually designed with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree; and full bell double sleeves for the doctor's degree. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming. For the doctor's degree, the gown has velvet edging down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve in the color representative of the academic major or degree.

Most gowns are the traditional black; a different colored gown worn by a faculty member indicates the color of the college or university from which the faculty member graduated.

Academic caps in North America are usually the mortarboard style for all degrees. The cap for the doctor's degree may be made of velvet and may have a gold tassel instead of the color usually worn to represent the academic discipline. In place of the mortarboard, some North American colleges and universities have adopted the European style cap, which is called a tam.



PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

A medallion or seal of office worn by the head of an educational institution is a practice that also dates to the Middle Ages. In those times, a seal was used to mark documents as official. Wearing the seal eventually became a symbol of authority. The presidential medallion of Lancaster Bible College is a cast of the College Seal, incorporating a Conestoga wagon, an open Bible, and the College verse, 1 Peter 1:25, "The Word of the Lord endures forever." The Conestoga wagon reflects the historical heritage of Lancaster County, and represents sending forth spiritual pioneers and laborers from LBC. Behind the Conestoga wagon is the open Bible, signifying that the foundation of Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School is the Word of God, as also indicated by the College verse.



SERVANT'S TOWEL

Since 1933, servant leadership has been the culture of Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School. The mission of LBC is to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society. Christ was the ultimate example of servanthood, as God Incarnate willingly humbled himself by taking the form of a man.

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took not only the bread and the cup as lasting symbols of His self-giving love, but also a servant's towel. He stepped down from the seat of honor, took off His outer clothing, put a towel around His waist and washed His disciples' feet. In so doing, He offered them a profound and radically counter-culture demonstration of the very heart of God. The joy-filled life in which He invites His followers to participate involves taking up the towel with Him.

The servant's towel is more than a symbol at Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School. It is a tangible expression of our mission, reminding each graduate that everything they have accomplished and will accomplish comes by participating in the servant ministry of Jesus Christ.

The servant's towel is reminiscent of the emphasis placed, throughout students' LBC experience, on serving one another in love. Today, our graduates receive not only academic degrees, but also towels as they embark on a new phase of their servant ministry to the Church and society. The servant's towel contains a printed reminder of Jesus' ministry to His disciples. Our prayer is that our graduates will accept the challenge to follow Christ's example of servant leadership.



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The scarlet trustee gowns are emblazoned with scarlet facing panels and rouge sleeves trimmed in white braid. The hood features the satin red and white colors of Lancaster Bible College. The scarlet, velvet, and eight-sided doctoral tam is a departure from the usual mortarboard and is similar to those used by certain European universities and by some other American institutions to denote trustee rankings. These gowns add to the significance of this occasion and represent the dedication and support of the Board of Trustees of Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary and Graduate School.

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