

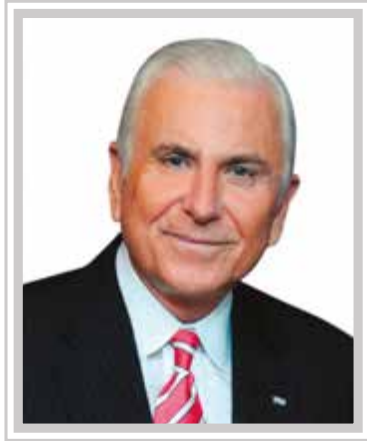


HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
The Premier Life Skills University®

Graduation Ceremony

Friday, the seventh of May, two thousand and twenty-one
Ten o'clock in the morning
Innovation Corridor

HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, USA



There are few milestones in life more significant than the one we gather to celebrate this day. This is truly an extraordinary event in the lives of our graduates... one which opens the doors to a world of promising opportunities. In the years ahead, the choices these graduates make will guide their footsteps and determine their destiny. Join with the HPU family today in wishing our new alumni a life filled with both success and significance.

College graduation is also a milestone for the families of our students. You have invested many years focusing on nurturing your student's soul and nourishing their mind. In every way—emotionally, spiritually, psychologically, financially—you have supported and encouraged them. Now, you celebrate their achievement with deserved pride. Thank you for being such caring family members.

Since the day your student arrived on campus, they have become more knowledgeable, more enlightened, more savvy about the world around them and more confident in their own abilities. They are now armed with the values, skills and tools to build a life of distinction. This is, after all, the Premier Life Skills University. And we are a God, family and country institution. Today, our graduates leave this university transformed—prepared not only for the world as it is, but for the world as it is going to be.

The dedicated faculty and staff of our university have planted seeds of greatness in the minds and hearts of our graduates. We send them into the world with hopeful prayers that each one will find and follow their own path to noble stewardship and meaningful commitment.

Congratulations and God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nido Qubein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nido R. Qubein

President

nqubein@highpoint.edu

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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President Nido R. Qubein, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL (Audience Stands)

Pomp and Circumstance Edward Elgar
Marche Pontificale..... Charles Gounod
Military March.....Ludwig van Beethoven

PRESENTATION of COLORS (Audience Stands) High Point University ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM (Audience Stands) Chamber Singers

INVOCATION Dr. Tawannah G. Allen
Associate Professor of Educational Leadership

GREETINGS from the CLASS OF 2020 Ms. Murphy DiRosa
Class of 2020

PRESENTATION of the MEREDITH CLARK SLANE DISTINGUISHED
TEACHING-SERVICE AWARD and the RIDENHOUR SCHOLARLY and
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD..... Dr. Nido R. Qubein, *President*
Dr. Daniel E. Erb, *Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

RECOGNITION of RETIRING FACULTY Dr. Daniel E. Erb

INTRODUCTION of SPEAKER..... Dr. Nido R. Qubein

WORDS for COMMENCEMENT Mrs. Cynthia “Cynt” Marshall

DEAN EMERITUS of the DAVID R. HAYWORTH COLLEGE of ARTS
and SCIENCES AWARDED to DR. CAROLE B. STONEKING..... Dr. Nido R. Qubein

CONFERRAL of HONORARY DEGREE of DOCTOR of HUMANE LETTERS
AND PROVOST EMERITUS UPON DR. DENNIS G. CARROLL..... Dr. Nido R. Qubein

PRESENTATION of DEGREE CANDIDATES..... Dr. Daniel E. Erb

AWARDING of DEGREES..... Dr. Nido R. Qubein

PATRIOTIC MUSIC and SPECIAL PRESENTATION
America the Beautiful..... Dr. Marc A. Foster
Chair, Department of Music and Director of Choral Activities

RECESSIONAL (Audience Stands)

Marche Pontificale..... Charles Gounod
Military March.....Ludwig van Beethoven

TO APPRECIATE THE FUTURE, ONE MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST



High Point University has come a long way since the Methodist Protestant Church, which is now part of The United Methodist Church, first became active in educational pursuits in North Carolina in the middle of the 19th century. At the turn of the century, The Reverend Joseph F. McCulloch of Greensboro began working to make the vision of a church-related college a reality. He labored for nearly a quarter-century before finding success.

The Annual Conference finally voted to proceed in 1921. Shortly afterward, it accepted an offer from the City of High Point to contribute 60 acres of land and \$100,000 to the project. The campus of High Point College consisted of three partially completed buildings, nine faculty members and 122 students. Classes began in September 1924, even as the finishing touches were still being added to the original buildings.

The atmosphere of confidence ended abruptly with the Great Depression. For many years, the struggle to survive was severe. Faculty salaries were in major decline, while students occasionally paid tuition in chickens, pigs and vegetables. In 1934, the College underwent bankruptcy and reorganization in an effort to reduce its indebtedness. Slowly the situation began to improve. By the end of the decade, library and gymnasium facilities had been added and an athletic stadium was constructed. Financial stability ultimately returned with the liquidation of the debt in 1945.

The postwar decades brought renewed prosperity and rapid growth. Under the influences of the G.I. Bill and the “baby boom” of the 1940s and 1950s, enrollment tripled. The College’s programs received full regional accreditation in 1951.

On October 9, 1991, the name of High Point College was changed to High Point University.

In January 2005, Dr. Nido Qubein was elected the university’s seventh president, and within days he announced an ambitious fundraising effort which he himself would chair. Twenty-nine days later, \$20 million had been committed. To date, \$400 million has been given by generous donors.

A transformational academic and campus development plan began in earnest. The plan ended with astonishing results. The general education curriculum was totally re-conceptualized to reflect 21st century knowledge and trends, while remaining centered on a liberal arts focus. Six new schools were created (Art and Design, Communication, Pharmacy, Health Sciences, Engineering and Undergraduate Sciences). Opportunities for study abroad, service learning, internships and undergraduate research were expanded in order to ensure experiential opportunities for all students. The number of faculty members tripled, and the university was approved to offer doctoral programs.

Campus size has tripled from 91 to more than 460 acres; enrollment has increased from 1,450 traditional undergraduate students to 5,600 total undergraduate and graduate students today; and the employee population increased from 380 to more than 1,700. The annual economic impact of the university is \$765 million, and faculty, staff and students donate 110,000 hours of service to the community each year.

HPU has been moving up in the ranks in national college and university lists, including being ranked No. 1 by *U.S. News and World Report* for Best Regional Colleges in the South, No. 1 for Most Innovative Regional Colleges in the South, Best Value and Top 50 in the Nation for First-Year Experiences. The Princeton Review named HPU in the 2021 edition of “The Best 386 Colleges” in the nation, as well as No. 1 Best Dorms, No. 9 Most Beautiful Campus, No. 19 Best Career Services and No. 19 Most Active Student Government Association, Great School for Communication Majors and a Great School for Business/Finance Majors.

GRADUATION CEREMONY TRADITIONS



THE PROCESSIONAL

Led by the Faculty Marshal and the mace-bearer, the processional includes the bagpipe and drum core, banner-bearers, President, platform party, officers of the university, faculty and graduates.

THE PROCESSIONAL MACE

The Processional officially commences as the Faculty Marshal and mace-bearer wave the mace to announce the arrival of the line of march. Developed originally as a weapon of war, the mace now serves as a symbol of the university as an official body of scholars. The High Point University mace was designed in 1965 by assistant professor of art, Raiford Porter. Carved from pecan wood, the top of the mace reveals the lamp of learning. The Office of the Provost, located in Roberts Hall, proudly displays the mace throughout the year.

THE ACADEMIC BANNERS

The Academic Banners each represent the academic units of High Point University: The Norcross Graduate School; David R. Hayworth College of Arts and Sciences; Nido R. Qubein School of Communication; Wanek School of Natural Sciences; Earl N. Phillips School of Business; School of Art and Design; Stout School of Education; Webb School of Engineering; Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy; and Congdon School of Health Sciences. The colors of the banners reflect the historical association of the respective disciplines. Banners were first used at the university during the 2005-2006 academic year.

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THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

Precedent for academic apparel dates to the 12th century, when medieval European townspeople identified their positions in life by the clothing they wore. As students of the medieval universities organized into guilds, they followed the custom and developed distinctive costumes for bachelors (apprentices), masters (teachers), and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate study). Because the clergy comprised most of the educated class, the cloak and the mantle, worn by religious dignitaries in processions, probably became the model for academic regalia.

In 1895, representatives from American universities and colleges standardized an intercollegiate code based on Oxford University's costume. This code has changed little since its adoption.

The untrimmed bachelor's and master's gowns are distinguished by the pointed sleeves on the bachelor's attire and the oblong sleeves on the master's. Sleeves of the doctoral degree gown are long and flowing with three velvet bars on each. The university president's sleeves have four bars on each sleeve. Faced with velvet, the doctoral gowns' color schemes differ according to school and degree. Most gowns are black, but there are some exceptions: those with degrees from High Point University, royal purple; Columbia University are authorized to wear blue gowns; Dartmouth College, green; Harvard, Cornell and others, red.

The head covering of the academic costume may be either the transitional mortar board or the velvet tam. Tassels for bachelor's and master's degree caps signify the field of study, while gold bullion distinguishes the doctoral cap.

The most informative part of the regalia is the academic hood, worn around the neck. The width of its velvet trimming designates the level of degree; the color heralds the major field of study and the lining identifies the institution that granted the degree.

FACULTY MARSHALS

The Faculty Marshals and Junior Marshals together arrange the official ceremonies of High Point University. They establish the proper line of march and direct other activities consistent with their duties. The Faculty Marshals in these functions each carry a High Point University mace as a symbol of the authority of the position.

CHIEF FACULTY MARSHAL

Dr. Jenny Fuselier, *Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences*

FACULTY MARSHALS

Dr. Comfort Boateng, *Assistant Professor, Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Dr. Veronica Segarra, *Interim Chair and Assistant Professor, Department of Biology*

Dr. Bryan Vescio, *Chair and Professor, Department of English*

JUNIOR MARSHALS

The Junior Marshals serve as banner-bearers and escorts for all lines of march during Commencement. The top 38 students in the junior class are selected to be Junior Marshals.

Antonio M. Arcona	Alexis M. Labelle
Emily G. Beck-Aden	Caitlin A. Lewis
Leslie D. Bosse	*Alexander W. Malyszko
Tabitha M. Brandel	William J. Mathias
Elizabeth Cabrera	Sarah A. McLellan
Tate M. Coleman	Maya A. Moss
CeAnna N. Cummings	Kinsley B. Parsons
Amirah F. Darnaby	Amanda L. Pennucci
Samantha K. Dunn	Sofia A. Pinzauti
*Charles W. Edwards	Ashleigh L. Purvis
Julia G. Edwards	Anthony M. Quagliata
Jordyn D. Fells	Reece D. Sicat
*Emily R. Guettler	*Courtney L. Smith
Henry D. Heydinger	Donnie C. Spell
Allen M. Kay	Quinn C. Van Popering
Hannah L. Kennedy	*Dakota B. Tameling
Michael R. Kennedy	*Victoria A. Tumilty
*Sophia N. Kestner	*Kelly H. Wiles
*Sarah N. Kunkle	Josiah D. Williams

**Chief Junior Marshal*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



MRS. CYNTH MARSHALL

Cynthia “Cynt” Marshall is CEO of the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks. When Mark Cuban, owner of the team, recruited her in 2018, she became the first Black female CEO in the history of the NBA.

Her career is a true picture of success and significance. She began at AT&T in 1981 and held a variety of positions in network engineering, operations, external and legislative affairs. Always striving to build collaborative work environments, “Cynt” was tapped as the president of AT&T North Carolina before completing a 36-year career as senior vice president for AT&T nationally.

She is a values-based leader who has received many awards and distinctions including being named by the Network Journal as one of the 25 Most Influential Women in Business. She’s been selected four times as one of the “50 Most Powerful Women in Corporate America” by Black

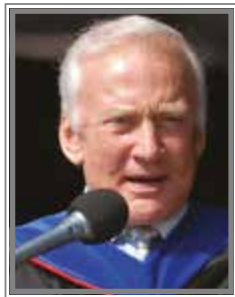
Enterprise magazine and named to Ebony magazine’s “Power 100” list. For her efforts on behalf of the people of North Carolina, Cynt received the 2013 prestigious Leadership North Carolina Governor’s Award, which honors just one citizen each year for lifetime achievements.

In 2019, Cynt joined High Point University as Sports Executive in Residence. In her role, she regularly visits campus to mentor students. She has also welcomed HPU students to the Dallas Mavericks headquarters for a special externship program.

Cynt graduated from the University of California-Berkeley with degrees in Business Administration and Human Resources Management and holds four honorary doctorate degrees. She has chaired a variety of nonprofit boards and is currently on the board of Dallas CASA, Dallas Regional Chamber, Texas Women’s Foundation and a member of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC).

The fourth of six children, Cynt grew up in Richmond, California, and lives in the Dallas area. She and her husband, Kenneth Marshall, have four adult children (one of whom is an HPU alumnus).

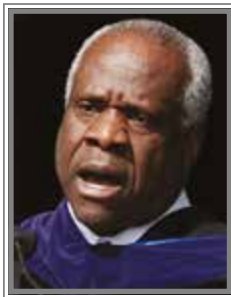
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Buzz Aldrin
Astronaut



Laura Bush
Former First Lady



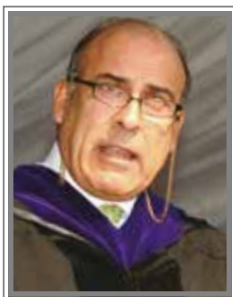
Clarence Thomas
U.S. Supreme Court Justice



Her Majesty
Queen Noor of Jordan



Condoleezza Rice
66th Secretary of State



Muhtar Kent
Chairman & CEO
The Coca Cola Company



Steve Wozniak
Co-Founder
Apple Computer, Inc.



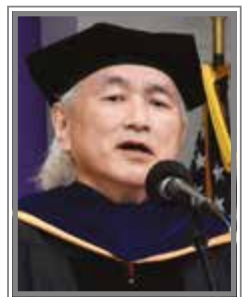
Colin Powell
USA (Ret.), Former
Secretary of State



Wolf Blitzer
CNN’s Lead Political
Anchor



Josh Groban
Internationally
Acclaimed Singer,
Songwriter and Actor



Michio Kaku
Famed Physicist
and Co-Founder of
String Field Theory

HPU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



High Point University's Alumni Association fosters lifelong support of the university and allows graduates to participate in activities and services that connect them to a global network of more than 27,000 members. Through participation in social events, class reunions and career development programs sponsored by the Association, HPU alumni receive unprecedented access to resources and colleagues who will continue to inspire them throughout their journey in life. The Association is led by the HPU Alumni Board of Directors and supported by the Office of Alumni Engagement. To learn more about the HPU Alumni Association, please visit engage.highpoint.edu/alumni or contact Bradley Taylor, '13, Director of Alumni Engagement, at 336-841-9548.

TIPS FOR ENJOYING COMMENCEMENT



- 🌀 The entire Graduation Ceremony will be broadcast live at www.highpoint.edu/live.
- 🌀 Please cooperate as HPU employs heightened security measures due to the renown of the Commencement speaker and additional health and safety measures due to the global pandemic. Guests may be inconvenienced with additional security checks.
- 🌀 Thank you for being considerate during the ceremony. Please be respectful of this formal occasion and refrain from loud talking and other noises.
- 🌀 Please observe the rope barricades and closed areas. Guests are asked to honor requests made by Junior Marshals.
- 🌀 Webb Conference Center and Stout School of Education are closed during the Graduation Ceremony.
- 🌀 Diplomas will be mailed to Graduates in mid May.
- 🌀 Restrooms are available at Congdon Hall.
- 🌀 Coffee and food will be available outside of Congdon Hall at the International Avenue Fountain circle.
- 🌀 A photographer from Lifetouch is on site to take photographs of each candidate for graduation at their special moment of recognition. Graduates can locate their photos online at <https://events.lifetouch.com/highpoint> one to two weeks following the ceremony. Graduates can reach the Customer Service Department by calling 800-505-9496.
- 🌀 Photographing candidates for graduation during the Graduation Ceremony is permissible. The platform area is restricted and may not be used for photographs. Please be respectful of boundaries; they have been put in place to prevent injury.
- 🌀 First aid service is available during the Graduation Ceremony. Anyone in need of assistance should contact uniformed officers or visit the Information/Security Station located outside of Congdon Hall. Security can be reached at 336-841-9111.

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY FACTS

- ❧ The traditional undergraduate program has grown from 1,450 in 2005 to a record high of 5,600 students today. Nearly 95 percent of the traditional undergraduate students live on campus.
- ❧ HPU is recognized by the John Templeton Foundation in its list of Colleges that Encourage Character Development. The foundation highlights HPU's emphasis on character development as an integral part of the undergraduate experience, including 110,000 hours of service contributed annually by the HPU family.
- ❧ The Princeton Review named HPU in the 2021 edition of "The Best 386 Colleges" in the nation, as well as No. 1 Best Dorms, No. 9 Most Beautiful Campus, No. 19 Best Career Services, No. 19 Most Active Student Government Association, a Great School for Communication Majors and a Great School for Business/Finance Majors.
- ❧ The Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy graduated its inaugural class in 2020 and is the Piedmont Triad's only School of Pharmacy. The Congdon School of Health Sciences graduated the first cohort for physician assistant studies in 2017 and graduated the first physical therapy doctoral cohort in 2020. The state-of-the-art, 224,000-square-foot Congdon Hall opened in fall 2017 to house these two academic schools, which serve the cornerstone of medical innovation on campus.
- ❧ Graduates from the Class of 2020 achieved phenomenal success in their four years. They have commenced careers at major companies such as Bloomberg, Amazon, Oracle, Ernst and Young, and Capitol Hill campaign teams, and they have continued onto impressive medical, law and other professional schools.
- ❧ HPU offers 60 undergraduate majors, 63 undergraduate minors and 14 graduate degree programs.
- ❧ HPU is a member of NCAA Division I athletics and has 16 varsity sports – eight men's and eight women's – as well as 34 club sports.
- ❧ Tubby Smith, an NCAA Championship winning coach and HPU alumnus, led the men's basketball team to a winning record and a bye in the Big South Tournament in his first season back at his alma mater.
- ❧ 97% of HPU graduates begin careers or continue their education within six months of graduation.
- ❧ Several major projects are on the horizon at HPU. This fall, the university will open the Nido and Mariana Qubein Arena, Conference Center and Hotel. The arena will seat 4,500 people and will be home to the men's and women's basketball teams. The conference center will seat 2,500 individuals and have the ability to be subdivided into smaller venues with lighting, sound and video for state-of-the-art presentations.
- ❧ The Wanek School of Natural Sciences, supported by a \$10 million gift, opened in 2019 along with the Culp Planetarium located inside the facility. The school supports majors in physics, chemistry, biology, biochemistry and neuroscience.
- ❧ The Caine Conservatory opened in 2020 and houses a wide variety of plants and botanical research space, study space and the university's newest eatery, the Butterfly Cafe. It also represents completion of HPU's Innovation Corridor, a \$250 million investment in STEM programs and facilities.
- ❧ HPU established the Webb School of Engineering. The new academic school houses HPU's existing computer science major with three concentrations: cybersecurity, software and systems, and visual computing. New majors have also been added in computer and electrical engineering.
- ❧ HPU has been recognized with the 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education award, formerly known as Tree Campus USA®, marking the 12th consecutive year the university has received this designation.
- ❧ Through HPU's annual Business Plan Competition, students are awarded thousands of dollars in start-up funds for innovative concepts. Not only do students win venture capital, but they also benefit from the network of entrepreneur judges who offer feedback and assistance as HPU students develop solid plans. The competition has awarded thousands of dollars to student-entrepreneurs since its launch in 2011.
- ❧ HPU's In-Residence program connects students with global innovators. Apple Co-Founder Steve Wozniak serves as Innovator in Residence; Netflix Co-Founder Marc Randolph serves as Entrepreneur in Residence; ABC News' Byron Pitts serves as Journalist in Residence; Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynt Marshall serves as Sports Executive in Residence; and retired Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan serves as Sports Reporter in Residence. *View a complete list at www.highpoint.edu/innovators.*



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in an inspiring environment
with caring people.®



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