



2020

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, May 2

Invocation | Reverend James Charles Elder, Jr. | First Baptist Church Pastor, Columbus, GA

Welcome | William D. Underwood | President, Mercer University

Greetings from the School | Jean Rawlings Sumner, MD, FACP | Dean, MUSM

Introduction of Notable Georgians | D. Scott Davis, PhD | Provost, Mercer University

Notable Georgians Video

Special Awards | Jean Rawlings Sumner, MD, FACP

Conferring of the Degrees | William D. Underwood

*Master of Family Therapy, Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences,
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences, Doctor of Medicine*

Presentation of the Graduates | Campus Deans and Program Chairs

Hippocratic Oath | Bonzo K. Reddick, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Military and Special Programs Recognition | Jean Rawlings Sumner, MD, FACP

Alumni Welcome | Jennifer Tarbutton, MD | Macon Board of Governors Chair, MUSM '01

Here I Am, Lord | 2018 Performance by Rina Lucas Accompanied by Arshak Sirunyan

Benediction | Reverend James Charles Elder, Jr.

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Led by **Bonzo K. Reddick, MD, MPH, FAAFP**

*I do solemnly swear and affirm in front of my faculty and colleagues
as witnesses that I will keep this Oath and this contract:*

To hold those who taught me this art dear, and to freely teach this art, to those who wish to learn it. I will impart knowledge of the art to my own students.

I will use scientific foundations, which will benefit my patients according to my greatest ability and judgement, and I will knowingly do no harm or injustice to them. I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity.

The health of my patient will be my first consideration. I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked, nor will I advise such a plan. I will not knowingly prescribe any drug that would do harm.

Into whatever homes or institutions I go, I will enter them for the benefit of the sick, avoiding any voluntary act of impropriety or corruption.

Whatever I see or hear in the lives of my patients, whether in connection with my professional practice or not, which ought not to be spoken of outside, I will keep in absolute confidence, as considering all such things to be private. I will respect the secrets which are confided in me, even after the patient has died.

I will not permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, party politics or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient.

So long as I maintain this Oath faithfully and without corruption, may it be granted to me to partake of life fully and the practice of my art, gaining the respect of all people for all time. However, should I transgress this Oath and violate it, may the opposite be my fate.

May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.
