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SATURDAY, MAY 6

2023

*Commencement*

CEREMONY

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# THE ORDER OF CEREMONY

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Presiding: Philip A. Greenwald

Processional*	<b>"Pomp and Circumstance"</b> <i>Elgar</i>
Welcome	<b>President Philip A. Greenwald</b>
Invocation*	<b>Rev. Todd Watson</b>
Opening Hymn*	<b>"Firm Foundation"</b> <i>Pastor Josh Edington</i>
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	<b>Dr. Randall Spence</b>
Special Presentation	<b>President Philip A. Greenwald, Dr. Randall Spence, and Chancellor Dr. John Fozard</b>
Special Music	<b>"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"</b> <i>Pastor Josh Edington</i>
Introduction of Speaker	<b>President Philip A. Greenwald</b>
Commencement Address	<b>Peter Greer, President and CEO of HOPE International</b>
Distinguished Recognitions	<b>Dr. Sharon Lease, VPAA</b>
Conferring of Degrees	<b>Dr. Sharon Lease, VPAA</b>
Presentation of Graduates	<b>Dr. Sharon Lease, VPAA</b>
Closing Hymn*	<b>"The Commission"</b> <i>Pastor Josh Edington</i>
Benediction*	<b>Rev. Andrew Rehbein '05</b>

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*\*audience stands*

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# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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## Peter Greer

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Peter Greer is the President and CEO of HOPE International, a global Christ-centered economic development organization serving throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Prior to joining HOPE, Peter worked internationally as a microfinance adviser in Cambodia and Zimbabwe and as managing director for Urwego Bank in Rwanda. He received a B.S. in international business from Messiah University and an MPP in political and economic development from Harvard's Kennedy School.

Peter's favorite part of his job is spending time with the entrepreneurs HOPE serves—whether harvesting coffee with farmers in Rwanda, dancing alongside savings groups in Haiti, or visiting the greenhouses of entrepreneurs in Ukraine.

As an advocate for the Church's role in missions and alleviating extreme poverty, Peter has co-authored 15 books, including *Mission Drift* (selected as a 2015 Book Award Winner from Christianity Today), *Rooting for Rivals* (selected as a 2019 Leadership Resource of the Year in Outreach magazine), *The Spiritual Danger of Doing Good* (selected as one of the top 40 books on poverty by WORLD magazine), *Created to Flourish* (which his mom reviewed with five stars and a smiley face emoji), and the recently released *The Gift of Disillusionment*.

More important than his leadership at HOPE is his role as husband to Laurel and dad to Keith, Liliana, Myles, and London. While his sports loyalties remain in New England, Peter and his family live in Lancaster, PA.



# DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITIONS

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Students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program and who meet the following guidelines qualify to receive commencement honors.

## Academic Distinction \*

CGPA of 4.0 and 60 MACU resident credit hours or more

Graduates walking with Academic Distinction  
are distinguished by a medal.

## Summa Cum Laude †

CGPA of 3.9-4.0

Graduates achieving the honor of Summa Cum  
Laude are distinguished by gold cords.

## Magna Cum Laude ††

CGPA of 3.75-3.89

Graduates achieving the honor of Magna Cum Laude  
are distinguished by silver and gold cords.

## Cum Laude †††

CGPA of 3.55-3.74

Graduates achieving the honor of Cum Laude are  
distinguished by red and gold cords.

## Veterans ‡

Our veteran students will be distinguished by a red, white, and blue  
cord to represent their sacrifice for the United States of America.

# FIRM FOUNDATION

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Austin Davis/Chandler Moore/Cody Carnes

Christ is my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now?

He won't

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would He fail now?

He won't  
He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail

He won't  
He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail

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When everything around me is shaken  
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He won't fail  
He won't fail

He won't  
He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You  
I'm gonna make it through

Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You  
I'm gonna make it through

I'm gonna make it through  
I'm standing strong on You

I'm gonna make it through  
My house is built on You

Christ is my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now?

He won't  
He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail

He won't  
He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail

No, He won't

# ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND

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Edward Mote

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
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# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## Master of Arts in Leadership

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### Leadership

Ana Esquivel Salinas  
Kory Goodrich  
Esdras Hernandez  
Kyle Highfill  
Anna Kernes  
Julie Marquez ‡  
Humberto Martuscelli  
James Miller ‡  
Kevin Moreau ‡  
Hanna Gray  
Letonya Peachlyn  
Iris Rojas  
Sydni Salvato  
Kristin Thomas  
Anna-Kate Weichel-Owens  
Ted Williams ‡  
Sydney Wycoff  
Armando Zacateco Rivera  
Christine Zamora

### Leadership, Business Management Emphasis

Veronica Garcia  
Stephanie Heller

Gina Johnson  
Emily Lathrop  
Kyleigh Leverich  
Justin Werner

### Leadership, Higher Education Emphasis

Heather Barrett  
Caleb Schirmer

### Leadership, Ministry Leadership Emphasis

Stephen Hargrove  
Audrey Harmon  
Jeff Henson  
Coty Nguyen  
Annette Pullen  
Kimberlee Reed  
Lea Wright

### Leadership, Public Administration Emphasis

Crystal Debritto  
Michelle Gather  
Jonathan Goforth  
Diana Hernandez Quezada  
Whitney Outon

## Master of Business Administration

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### Master of Business Administration

Porscha Barron  
Juan Cediel Cervantes  
Alexandra Clark  
Tracy Crist  
Royal Davis  
Antonio Dorsey  
Jalessia Ganther  
Andres Gonzalez  
Danny Hamilton ‡  
Joshua James ‡  
DeTroy Jarrett ‡  
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Kelsey Kendall  
Krystal Killman-Rogers  
Charles Ross  
Ryan Smith  
Rachel Tapps

Aneli Thomsen  
Julia Thornton  
Amber Wadley  
Charlotte Wetselline  
Tyler Worsham  
David Yarnell

### MBA, CPA Accounting Emphasis

Karrie Constable  
Ollie Duncan  
Larry Fancher  
Jessica Granados  
Morgan Hymel  
Maggie Johnston  
Melissa Madden  
Matthew Reeves  
Michael Womack



## Master of Business Administration, cont.

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### MBA, Healthcare Management Emphasis

Stephanie Blazer  
Tara Bodine  
Sherri Dirickson  
Stephany Lee

### MBA, Human Resource Management Emphasis

Lori Boyd  
Koesha Brown  
Taylor Hampton  
Quanesha Johnson ‡  
Ashten Kremer  
McVallery Robert  
Karen Thorne

### MBA, International Business Emphasis

Arcangel Soto

### MBA, Management Accounting Emphasis

Victoria McCall  
Maegan Plunk  
Amanda Riley

## Master of Education

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### Curriculum and Instruction

Christina Baker  
Chelo Boyd-Gerber  
Sarah Dry  
Lacey England  
Kristen Friend  
Rebeka Jeffcoats  
Amanda Martinez  
Carley Renbarger  
Melissa White

### Educational Leadership and Administration

Cinthea Comer  
David Duncan  
Uzziah Harris

## Master of Science in Counseling

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### Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling Emphasis

Eric Leckie  
Laurel Limke  
Dorothy Reynolds  
Kristina Wood

LaDarius Lenard  
Jacob Newton  
Elizabeth Schuyler  
Linda Smith  
Evonne Todd  
Ruben Townsend ‡  
Janet Triplitt

### Applied Behavioral Science Counseling Emphasis

Anthony Bailey  
Rebecca Bandy  
Nataly Barillas  
Christofer Caselton  
Amel Christopher  
Rodney Collier ‡  
Clayton Griffith  
Kathleen Hauck  
Paula Howard  
Maryjane Justice

### Clinical Mental Health Counseling Emphasis

Amy Adwalpalker  
Hannah Ailey  
Jennifer Asher  
Jeremy Barnes  
Madison Boyd  
Kelli Brown  
Michelle Burnett  
Misty Case  
Valerie Chaput  
Jacqueline Coates

## Master of Science in Counseling, cont.

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### Clinical Mental Health Counseling Emphasis, cont.

Omari Cole  
Ashley Colwell  
Michaela Current  
Demetrice De Lion  
Sanda Dowell  
Danielle Draper  
Tiffany Dyer  
Racquel Fields  
Del Ford ‡  
Wesley Gilder  
Tia Goosby  
Eric Green ‡  
Sarah Harper  
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Allegra Kelling  
Joseph Kolo  
Tera Lester  
Caitlin Lohrenz  
Cassie Mahan  
Michelle Malagon  
Amy Marsh  
Aaron Matthews  
Janette Maxwell  
John McGuire  
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Tauna Moback  
Hannah Moeller  
Andrea Morgan  
Marla Murray

Malorie Newell  
Crystal Normand  
LaQuitta Onyejiaka  
Sean Pitt ‡  
Cassandra Portwood-Blurton  
Deontre Price  
Diana Randleman  
Rachel Reid  
Emily Robinson  
Rachel Rose  
Krystal Shephard-Marlow  
Rachel Sinclair  
Brandy Sockey  
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Paula Souza  
Rylee Stallings  
Casey Szczublewski  
Sherri Tasker  
Vincent Tennyson  
Kennedy Terry  
Dawn Thern  
Staci Thurston  
Clifford Tucker  
Tina Turner  
Kalyn Wells  
Angela Wilbourn

### Marital, Couples & Family Counseling/Therapy Emphasis

Mary Armitage  
Hadley Cabler  
Alicia Loud  
Laura Mann  
Jennifer Marler  
Coetta Peterson  
Kristalynn Traylor

## Bachelor of Arts

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### Early Childhood Education

Dixie Anderson †††  
Meagan Aynes  
Michelle Bonewitz  
Kalyn Bray

### Elementary Education

Rylie Donnelly †  
Jayce Fallon †††  
Adrienne Phillips  
Kandice Roberts

## Bachelor of Arts, cont.

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### English: Literary and Cultural Studies

Meredith Davis †  
Sahara Hans

### Secondary Education

Kassi Martin †  
Grant Roberts

## Bachelor of Business Administration

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### Accounting and Ethics

Alexis Alexander Okine  
Velia Borbonio †††  
Erika Castro  
Megan Chavez †  
Christina Eagle  
Brenda Grimsley †  
Lacretia Jemison  
Jenny Juvera  
Chelsea Kay ††  
Brook McDonald  
Jahaira Medina  
Karolyn Mitchell  
Amanda Penney ††  
Marshella Powell  
Wesley Preston ‡  
Uviwe Qasha †  
Lacey Ritter  
Lisa Shortnacy  
Destinee Skaggs †††  
Wanda Smelley  
Steven Stutzman  
Tricia Turner †††  
Riley Walker ††  
Emily Welch

Marli Greaves †  
Amanda Greenwood ‡  
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Britt Hammons  
James Jackson  
Hope Jones  
Anna Kash  
Jeffrey Krausse  
Isaiah Leon †  
Gloria Lopez  
Angela McLemore  
Tamara Merrick ††  
Mikala Muskrat  
Alex Nye ‡  
Abra Rafford  
Andrea Ramirez  
Brandon Reese  
Chase Rhodes ‡  
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Tyson Thompson †‡  
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Norah Washington  
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### Business Administration and Ethics

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Tammie Baxter  
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Jose Castillo  
Heather Davis  
Janet Davis Rickerd  
Joel De Godois Bronstrup †  
George De La Paz  
Alyssa Fields  
Fabian Forisch \*†  
Mason Gonzalez  
Caleb Gore †††  
Jacob Graham  
Spencer Grayson ††‡

### Business Administration and Ethics, Communication Concentration

Jeremi Abonnel

### Business Administration and Ethics, Data Analytics Concentration

Mateus Domingues Pasquantonio  
Zalek Sharp

### Business Administration and Ethics, Digital Marketing Concentration

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Bruno Sperandio de Queiroz †  
Sven van den Oever ††

## Bachelor of Business Administration, cont.

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### Business Administration and Ethics, Healthcare Management Concentration

Cameron Phillips

### Business Administration and Ethics, Management Information Systems Concentration

Brandon Ramirez ‡

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Austin Cooper  
Caden Harris †  
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Ryan Reed  
Zane Robeaux †††  
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Alex Tan

## Bachelor of Science

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### Biology

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### Christian Ministries

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Jacob Kelch  
Lindsey McGee  
Gina McKean †  
Brandon Milligan  
Alexis Sanchez  
Lucas Townsend †††  
Clarence Tyler ‡  
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Michael Young

### Communication, Media, and Ethics

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Reese Cusiter  
Brittany Johnson  
Cloie Mitchell ††  
Dana Price  
Amber Stafford

### Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics

Pebbles Birney †

### Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics, Psychology Concentration

Erica Thomas †††

### Criminal Justice and Ethics

Dillon Caso †  
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Austin Mitchell †  
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### Cybersecurity

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### Data Analytics

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### Digital Marketing

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### Healthcare Management and Ethics

Stephanie Abbott †††  
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## Bachelor of Science, cont.

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### Healthcare Management and Ethics, cont.

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Danielle Girvin  
Janette Gonzalez †††  
Kristi Hall  
Morgan Hays †††  
Siera James ‡  
Deneice Johnson  
Chandra Lawson  
Yajaira Long †  
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Conner Murphy  
Alexandria Rodgers  
Priscella Seeds  
Lindsey Taylor  
Ashley Wansick

### Interdisciplinary Studies

Darla Baltrush  
China Bandy †††  
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Ryan Durning ‡  
Taryn Gunter  
Lindsay Hernandez  
Christie Hibbard  
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Walker Karber †  
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Brittany Pendergrass  
Stephanie Russell  
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Alanna Smith

### Management and Ethics, Management Information System Concentration

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### Mathematics/Business Administration Multidisciplinary

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Kylee Hale  
Staci Heidelberg ‡  
Rebecca Hensley  
Rushell Herrera ††

## Bachelor of Science, cont.

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### Psychology, cont.

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Christina Jackson  
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Whitney Jones  
Cameron Martin  
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Karston McConnell ††  
Kalli McSperitt ††  
Amber Mihm  
Rose Miller  
Chaffany Morales  
Michele Mottern †‡  
Jacqueline Nguyen †††  
Dean Oliver ††  
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Reagan Robertson  
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Breanna Sebourn  
Brandi Shearer †  
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Kaitlyn Smith  
Marie Spiller-Cravens  
Kanasa Spybuck-Masquas  
Brook Stacy  
Stanley Sullivan  
Brenda Terrazas  
Laila Thompson  
Amber Valdez \*†  
Robert Wallain  
Nichole West  
Desirae White ‡

### Psychology/Ministry Leadership Multidisciplinary

Brittney Hamilton  
Cailey Parsells ††

## Associate in Arts

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### General Studies

Joseph Bagby  
Cody Baker  
Julian Bolden  
Jennifer Carter  
Valerie Carter  
Amanda Cross  
Lakresha Culberson  
Kenzee Danielson  
Ashley Danner  
Naphlia Farquharson ‡  
Whitney Fielder  
Hailey Fincher  
Paula Garlett  
Bobbie Goettman  
Daniel Grant  
Brady Gray ‡  
Emily Harris ‡  
Jessica Kreger  
Ethereal LaFleur  
Ashlee McDonald-Dow

Kelly Pedroza  
Heather Raines  
Crystal Rowe  
Rebecca Saxon  
Peter Sosenko  
Taylor Stagner  
Makayla Stricker  
Bradley Watkins

### General Studies, Pre-Nursing

Annie Cadabona  
Zac Cochran  
Jennifer Davich  
Jayme Davis  
Herbert Hardman ‡  
Taqiya Melvin  
Cynthia Mize  
Laneesha Parker  
Brandi Richmond  
Lorena Soto  
Staci Thompson

## Associate in Science

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### Network Management & Security

Travis O'Daniel ‡  
Ian Randall

# THE COMMISSION

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Blake Neesmith/Carter Frodge/Logan Cain/Madison Cain/Taylor Cain

See my hands and look at my feet  
It's okay if it's hard to believe  
I have faith that you will do greater things  
It's my time to go, but before I leave

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you  
I've conquered death and I hold the keys  
Where I go you will go too someday  
But there's much to do here before you leave so

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the

End of the journey  
The end of the road  
My spirit is with you  
Wherever you go  
You have a purpose  
And I have a plan  
I'll make you this promise  
I'll come back again  
But until then

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end



In September of 1953, in the city of Houston, Texas, Dr. Max Gaulke laid the foundation for what would become the school we proudly call Mid-America Christian University (MACU) today.

Originally established as South Texas Bible Institute, the name was changed to Gulf Coast Bible College in 1955 as the school sought accreditation. The University's second President, Dr. John Conley, oversaw the school's move from Houston to Oklahoma City to accommodate its growth. After making the move in 1985, the school was renamed Mid-America Bible College. MBC's leadership continued to lead the institute toward a brighter future under the guidance of its third President, Dr. Forrest Robinson. Under the leadership of Dr. John Fozard, the University's fourth President, enrollment growth and new degree programs triggered the final name change of our beloved alma mater to Mid-America Christian University in 2003.

From our humble beginnings to the continued legacy that is being led by our fifth President, Philip A. Greenwald, MACU is proudly celebrating 70 years of ministry and mission in Christian higher education. We have graduates around the world serving as pastors, business leaders, doctors, teachers, and more, continuing in our mission every day. Each one of you is an important part of MACU's past and its future. Know that as you graduate today, and become a part of the newest group of MACU Alumni, you are now a part of that legacy.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating our 70th Anniversary in the coming months. There will be many exciting events taking place, including Homecoming! This year's Homecoming activities will be held Nov. 2-4, and the theme is "There's No Place Like Home." MACU's Homecoming is presented by the MACU Alumni Association. For more information and ways to be involved, please visit our Homecoming website.



[www.macu.edu/homecoming](http://www.macu.edu/homecoming)