



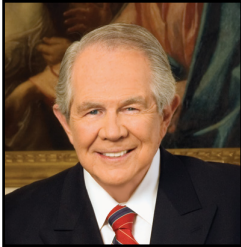
ROBERTSON SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONING SERVICE



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

2020 Commissioning Address

DR. M.G. "PAT" ROBERTSON



Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson is founder, chancellor and CEO of Regent University. Robertson has achieved national and international recognition as a religious broadcaster, philanthropist, educator, religious leader, businessman and prolific author. In addition to his significant role at Regent, he is the founder and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) Inc., and founder of International Family Entertainment Inc., Operation Blessing International, American Center for Law and Justice, The Flying Hospital Inc., and several other organizations and broadcast entities.

Robertson is the son of Gladys Churchill Robertson and A. Willis Robertson, who served for 34 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. He entered Washington and Lee University in 1946, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1948, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. After graduating magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University in 1950, Robertson served as assistant adjutant of the First Marine Division in combat in Korea and was promoted to first lieutenant upon his return to the states in 1952. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Yale University Law School in 1955 and a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary in 1959.

Honors for his humanitarian efforts include:

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017 - 25th Silver Anniversary Movieguide Awards
Winston Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013 - Faith & Freedom Coalition
Hampton Roads Business Hall of Fame, 2009
New York Theological Seminary Distinction in Ministry Award, 2009
The State of Israel Friendship Award, 2002 - Zionist Organization of America, Chicago
Cross of Nails Award for his work with The Flying Hospital, 2000
Defender of Israel Award, 1994 - Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign
One of America's 100 Cultural Elite, 1992 - *Newsweek* Magazine
Christian Broadcaster of the Year, 1989 - National Religious Broadcasters
Man of the Year, 1988 - Students for America
Humanitarian of the Year, 1982 - Food for the Hungry

Robertson is past president of the prestigious Council on National Policy. He has served on President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Victims of Crime, the Board of Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Robertson also founded and served on the Christian Coalition of America.

He and his wife, Dede, have four children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A Message from the Dean

Dear Students,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and alumni of the Robertson School of Government, congratulations on earning the title of 'master' of the academic discipline of government, national security studies, or public administration!

As you reflect upon your time at Regent University, I pray that you would recognize that God was working in every part of your life, even the part that is happening during this pandemic. The Holy Spirit's work in us is depicted in our University logo by the lamp (learning) and the flame (spirit), and it signifies the Christian principle that you are a whole person where mind, body and spirit are linked.

The University crest rests under a crown, signifying that we serve Christ as King. You are called to lead and you are called to serve, and we know these opportunities come from our Lord. In the years to come, some of that service will be modest and unrecognized, while at other times you will lead before the public eye. In any circumstance, remember the admonition given to a great military general, "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Today we salute your achievement. We pray for divine direction in your affairs. May he constantly work on you, in you, and through you, to help you be the Christian leader who changes the world.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen D. Perry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Stephen D. Perry, Ph.D.

Interim Dean, Robertson School of Government

Commissioning Ceremony

We Are More Than Conquerors

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.”

Romans 8:37

Welcome	Dr. Stephen Perry, Interim Dean
Address from the Dean.....	Dr. Stephen Perry
Academic Award Recipients and Honor Society Inductees	Dr. Stephen Perry
Dean’s Faculty Award	Dr. Stephen Perry
Introduction of the Executive Vice President	Dr. Stephen Perry
Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño Executive Vice President, Regent University
Introduction of the Chancellor	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño
Chancellor’s Commissioning Address	Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson Founder, Chancellor & CEO, Regent University
Benediction.....	Dr. Stephen Perry

The Class of 2020

Joel Allen Aber ▲ ◆
Richard Anthony Adams
Deanna Alexander
Kokarea Barnes
Ebony Rivers Boyd
Christopher M. Brannen
Royall Elizabeth Lehman Bryan
Nykia Burke
David Wayne Campbell
Rhea A. Cardwell ✱
Shawn Lamonte Clarke
Kyle Perry Coffey
Debbie E. Cohen
Tawana L. Davis
Keeley Jeanette Daye ▲
Kylen Griffith Doubt
Joyce Eid
Sabrina Matera Ozorio Estrella ☆

Sydni Lynn Ewell
Reginald Farr ◆
Stephen Grey Ferguson
Jordan Flexman
Barbara Ford ◆
Jason Reynolds Fox ✱ ▲ ◆
Eric Scott Fugitt
Noriselda Cruz Garcia
Larry T. Grant ◆
Roy R. Johnson
April Nicole Jones
Elizabeth Kafer
Michael J. Kardoes
Raymond Baajen Konney
Elizabeth Lorraine Lenk
Brandie Laura Lovato
Omolara Matanmi
Janeen Lynn Mathies ◆

Megan Diane Neal
Ronnie L. Parker
Paul Robert Politi
Ari-yadel Dale Pyscher ◆
Robert Benjamin Franklin Rossow ✱ ◆
Nicole Marie Skala
Kellyanne Kristine Snoke
Kara Ann Sorenson
Amanda-Ann Morgan Sutherland
Patricia Taylor ▲
Marcus Wade Troutman
Benjamin Ward Turner
Hannah Catherine Waldemar
Andenum Amos Waquong
Jessie V. Zhang
Abigail Maryam Zarzar
Larisa M. Zawacki
Janina Zequeira-Perez

✱ 4.0 GPA

▲ Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society

◆ Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

☆ Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society

Graduate and Faculty Awards

Outstanding Leadership Award

For guiding and influencing others with exemplary character and commitment

Sabrina Matera Ozorio Estrella

Outstanding Service Award

For demonstrating a Christ-like model of lifestyle and service toward fellow students

Joel Allen Aber

Outstanding Research Award

For exemplary research, including focus, diligent inquiry, and a commitment to search for truth

Kylen Griffith Doubt

Outstanding Scholarship Awards

For earning the highest GPA in your academic program

Rhea A. Cardwell

Jason Reynolds Fox

Robert Benjamin Franklin Rossow

Outstanding Graduate Awards

For embodying the mission of the Robertson School of Government in leadership, service, and scholarship

Abigail Maryam Zarzar (MA)

Jason Reynolds Fox (MPA)

Dean's Faculty Award

For exemplary commitment to Regent University and the Robertson School of Government

Gary E. Roberts, Ph.D.

Program Directors' Charge to Graduates

Congratulations to all of the members of the class of 2020! You represent a diverse group of individuals – ranging in age from those in their twenties to those who are retired, representing all service branches as well as civilian contractors, first responders in fields like policing, and members of local governments. Together you all share a desire to serve your communities – protecting them from both traditional and new and evolving threats. I hope that now more than ever you will feel a new sense of preparedness and a renewed sense of purpose as you respond to threats in our rapidly changing world. I hope that your time at Regent has allowed you at least a few moments to pause and think about what your work represents and how it is really an extension of your mission and your mission field. My prayer for you is that you will emerge from this program strengthened and restored and that you will go forth to do great work, serving your fellow men and women with grace. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey!

Mary B. Manjikian, Ph.D., NSS Program Director, Associate Dean, Professor

Congratulations MPA graduates for finishing the race with excellence and being good and faithful servants. We are extremely proud of your individual and collective Christian character and accomplishments, and it is the great honor and privilege for the faculty and staff of the Robertson School of Government to have served with you during your studies. You are graduating at one of the most challenging times in recent US and world history, and your education and identity as servant leaders will be a vital element in your success and influence in promoting the Kingdom of Heaven and the greater public interest. As the darkness grows, the light of the Holy Spirit in your hearts will shine more brightly. As Esther was groomed by God to save her people for “a time such as this,” each of you are uniquely called and commissioned by Jesus Christ to bring hope and healing to a fearful and discouraged world. We pray an anointing of favor and protection over you and your family as you go forth and serve the Kingdom promoting the Great Commandment and Commission! Keep up your well doing for in due season you will reap a harvest if you don't weary. Galatians 6:9

Gary E. Roberts, Ph.D., MPA Program Director, Professor

Greetings in Christ Jesus. I pray that the Lord will be with you in these challenging times.

Even in the midst of the somber circumstances in which we find ourselves, we come together to celebrate your accomplishment in graduating from the Robertson School of Government. Now more than ever, our world needs the kinds of Christian leaders RSG trains. You are graduating in a time of political and social upheaval that is both unexpected and, in many ways, unprecedented.

My hope is that you'll take two lessons from your time here at RSG. First, that Christian leadership means love and service to our neighbors. Second, that a robust and rigorous commitment to a Christian world view will keep us grounded no matter the circumstances. As RSG graduates, you are equipped with this firm foundation, and the analytical tools that will allow you to apply these principles in whatever situation you find yourself. Please know that all of our faculty and staff will continue to hold you up in prayer, and that, as alumni, you will always be part of the RSG family.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you; May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Andrew J. Nolte, Ph.D., MA Program Director, Assistant Professor

Faculty of the Robertson School of Government

Stephen D. Perry, Ph.D.
The Honorable John D. Ashcroft, J.D.
The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, J.D.
Philip C. Bom, Ph.D.
Charles W. Dunn, Ph.D.
Joseph N. Kickasola, Ph.D.
Mary B. Manjikian, Ph.D.
Gary E. Roberts, Ph.D.
Elijah K. Agyapong, Ph.D.
Andrew J. Nolte, Ph.D.
Joshua A. Hastey, ABD
Eric D. Patterson, Ph.D.
Edwin C. Daley, D.P.A.
Samuel S. Gaston, M.P.A.
RADM Larry C. Baucom, (USN, ret.)

Interim Dean, Professor
Distinguished Professor
Distinguished Professor
Professor Emeritus
Professor Emeritus
Professor Emeritus
NSS Program Director, Associate Dean, Professor
MPA Program Director, Professor
Assistant Professor
MA Program Director, Assistant Professor
Special Adjunct Assistant Professor
Scholar-at-Large
Practitioner-in-Residence
Practitioner-in-Residence
Professional-in-Residence

Greetings from Alumni Relations

Welcome to the Regent University Alumni Association! Upon graduation you will join a community of over 26,000 alumni in all 50 states and across the world. As your Alumni Officers, we want to congratulate you on all of your accomplishments and invite you to stay in touch with us! Visit regentalumni.org today to create your alumni profile!! Although you may be completing your time as a student at Regent University, we hope you will always stay connected to your Regent family. You can follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/regentalumni, Instagram by searching @regentalumni, or LinkedIn at linkedin.com/regentalumni. Congratulations Class of 2020!

Alumni Officers, Ashley Weekley & Alora Tejadagar

Robertson School of Government

The Robertson School of Government (RSG) is unique in being a Christ-first graduate school dedicated to preparing Christian leaders to change the world.

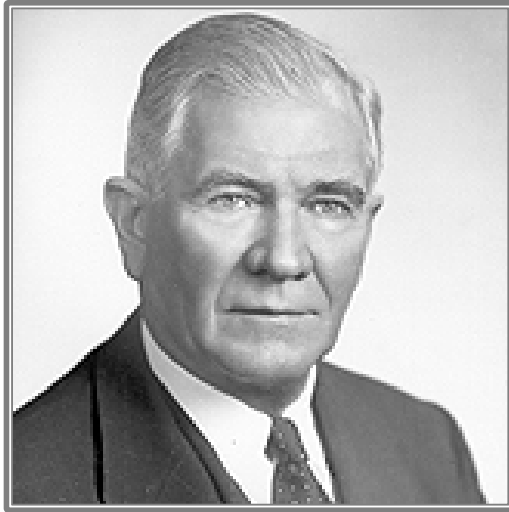
The Robertson School of Government advances the mission of the university by training leaders who desire to strengthen the ethical and moral foundation of Judeo-Christian principles in government and society: who are called to preserve individual freedom, representative democracy, and constitutional government.

Since 1983, over 1,200 RSG alumni have earned master's degrees in government, national security studies, and public administration. Our alumni include military personnel, civic leaders, diplomats, and elected officials in the U.S. and abroad.

The RSG distinctive is that our graduates understand that they lead in this world as servants of Christ. As Senator A. Willis Robertson once said, when addressing an audience near the place where English settlers landed here in Hampton Roads in 1607:

"The philosophy of ancient Greece was 'know thyself,' of ancient Rome, 'discipline thyself.' But, the philosophy of the Christian religion, upon which a new experiment is self-government was to be founded, was symbolized by the cross erected on this spot by the first settlers – 'give thyself.'" That is how Regent's alumni change the world.

Senator A. Willis Robertson



1887 – 1971

Senator A. Willis Robertson is the namesake of Regent University's Robertson School of Government. Robertson was a national figure who spent a lifetime serving his country, first as an Army officer in World War I and later representing Virginia for four decades as an elected U.S. congressman and senator. Robertson was a consistent political conservative who typically voted against the expansion of federal power, from deficit spending to a burgeoning federal bureaucracy. He sagely observed, "If that deficit continues to rise, foreign and domestic capital will flee from the U.S. dollar."

Robertson was a national leader in conservation, co-sponsoring the Pittman-Robertson Act (1937) that directed taxes from hunting rifles and ammunition to support state efforts at land and game preservation. To date, this has provided \$2 billion federal dollars for habitat preservation and an additional \$500 million in matching state funds. He was named "Outstanding Sportsman of America" by *Field and Stream* magazine in 1926.

"My father was a man of impeccable personal integrity, and he had a work ethic that was extraordinary. He never forgot the fact that he was a servant of the people, and the concerns of his constituents were foremost in his mind. I want the students at the Robertson School of Government to be endowed with that sense of personal integrity, hard work and service to their respective communities."

Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson, Founder, Chancellor & CEO, Regent University

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

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ROMANS 8:37

Mission & Vision

The mission of Regent University is to serve as a leading center of Christian thought and action, providing excellent education from a biblical perspective and global context in pivotal professions to equip Christian leaders to change the world.

The vision of Regent University is to be the most influential, Christian, transformational university in the world.



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