



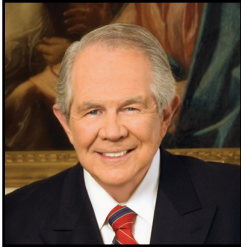
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION & THE ARTS COMMISSIONING SERVICE



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.

2020 Commissioning Service

Opening Prayer and Welcome	Dr. Peter Fraser Director, School of Communication & the Arts
Address from the Dean	Dr. Peter Fraser
Academic Award Recipients.....	Dr. Peter Fraser
Introduction of the Executive Vice President	Dr. Peter Fraser
Introduction of Chancellor	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño Executive Vice President, Regent University
Chancellor’s Commissioning Address	Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson Founder, Chancellor, and CEO, Regent University
Closing and Prayer	Dr. Peter Fraser

To commission someone is “to entrust, or to give authority” or “to appoint or assign to a task or function.” Within the context of our graduation, Commissioning is a sacred and holy time of worship, consecration, reflection, prayer and anointing.

Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COMMUNICATION

Timothy W. Abel

Dissertation: *Coping with Stress and Compassion Fatigue in the CBN Call Center*

Paola Albarran

Dissertation: *Culinary Literacy and Parasocial Relationships: The Role of Hispanic Celebrity Chefs in Promoting Healthy Lifestyles*

*Christina LaReen Bullock

Dissertation: *Identities on the Road: An Analysis of Women's Automotive Blog Narratives*

Katherine Maureen Clarke

Dissertation: *Engaging the Public in Public Education; A Multi-Case Study of School Governance and Stakeholder Engagement in High-Achieving School Districts*

Christopher Patrick Connelly

Dissertation: *Heard on the Hill: A Comparative Study of Competing Communicative Influences in Congressional Decision Making*

*Cristi A. Eschler-Freudenrich

Dissertation: *What Was Left on the Cutting Room Floor: Rhetorical Themes of Race in Oral Roberts' 1956 Crusade Sermons*

*Claudette Haddad

Dissertation: *The Disappearing IE: Families, Children and Robots in Japanese Anime*

Wesley William Hartley

Dissertation: *Solo, But Not Alone: Exploring the Communication Transactions Connecting Single-Pilot General Aviation Flight Operations to the Complex Socio-Technical Aviation System*

*Scott M. Hayes

Dissertation: *"Our Story:" Narrative Family Communication and Reminiscence Theatre, An Intergenerational Testimony Creation Model for Churches*

*Kelvin Kernard King

Dissertation: *Celebratory Gestures in Professional Football: From Fantasy to Reality*

*Bruce A. Kuiper

Dissertation: *Modal Citizens: Application of Dooyeweerd's Philosophy to Organizational Communication*

*Seth J. Pierce

Dissertation: *The Rhetorrectional Situation: Towards a Theory of Spectral Rhetoric*

Jordan Shakyra Powers

Dissertation: *Ghosts in the Margins: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Representation of Race and Women in Jane Austen Fan Fiction*

*Kenneth Darrell Rife

Dissertation: *Generation Z: A Study on Engaging Freshmen at a Christian University*

*Myrna Rochelle Roberts

Dissertation: *African American Cultural Identity Salience through the Communication Practices of Members of All-Black Towns in Oklahoma*

*Anna E. Robins

Dissertation: *Selfies, Snaps, and Stories: A Narrative Analysis of Moments Captured in Mobile Photos*

*David Lorenzo Shabazz

Dissertation: *An exploration of Viewers' Motivations and Social Interactions Before, During and After Watching the Super Bowl on Television*

*Pamela Sue Sherstad

Dissertation: *Exploring the Higher Education Listening Experiences of Generation Z*

*Celeste Bishop Stein

Dissertation: *The Future of the Newsroom in the Age of New Media: A Survey on Diffusion of Innovations in American Newsrooms*

Michelle Adora Tabbanor

Dissertation: *I Know You from Somewhere: A Study of Celebrities' Parasocial Relationships with Fans*

Robbyn Elizabeth Brooks Taylor

Dissertation: *Becoming Wonder Woman: Cosplay's Place in Communicating Female Identity*

*Mariely Valentin-Llopis

Dissertation: *Opportunities for Peace Journalism in Immigration Reporting: Comparative Content Analysis of American and Mexican Mainstream News Coverage of Central American Migrants in 2014*

Megan Cathleen Westhoff

Dissertation: *The Lifelong Theatre Experience as a Third Place: An Analysis of Dedicated Involvement in Community, Academic, and Professional Theatre*

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN ACTING

Jaquelyn Grace Refuerzo Alazas
Whitney Ann Bates
Stephen Robert Michael Bundy
Hanna Elizabeth Mitchell
Morgan Leigh Pettigrew
Kyle J. Sapienza
Cassidy Joy Watkinson
Brandon Lee Wetch

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CINEMA-TELEVISION

*Antonella Gloria DiTommaso

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN FILM- TELEVISION

Jarrold Paul Anderson
*Jasmine Maria Graham
*LaSharon Danuta Henderson
Joshua Christopher Jackson
Samuel Jeshuwa Jones
*Michael Price
Christine Elizabeth Quist
*Gabriella Anais Rodriguez
*Alicia Rodriguez-Acosta
*Kalley Beatrice Silva
Tiffany Joy Taylor
*Karis Mariam Thomas
Chelsea L. Voldase

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

Boston Nicole Arredondo
John Lynwood Ashby III
Tasha Azor
Natalie Evelina Baldassarre
*Paris Chanel Kay Bogle
*Elizabeth Kathryn Boswell
Alex C. Carlisle
Mary Clark
Cedric Elwyn Cooper
*John Cordero
Ashley Joelle Dillard

Perlecyia Glennette Dozier
Sarah Elizabeth Eberwein
Adam C. Erickson
*Catriona Freeman
*Jamie Gapinski
Tanisha Nichelle Golston
*Curtiss A. Hartley
Brittany Heck
*Mark Noah Kelsey
*Kaylee Lindgren
Tashika Charvelle Mangus-Anthony
*Mark Russell Joseph McRae
*Frances Ann Moore Corpier
*Charles E. Oliver
Virginia E. Paynter
*Elissa Perry
*Sean D. Phillips
Jasmine Nicole Piggie
*Denice Preseau
*Shaunda Bernice Richardson
*Alexis Shari Richmond
*Haley Rowley
Herbert Trelane Schlenker
*Alexxis Terrilee Schorr
Phillip Eric Shaw
Destany Faith Sherman
Kelvin Patrick Slaughter
*Erin Dae Strain

MASTER OF ARTS IN FILM-TELEVISION

*Gaqueta Rechell Alexander
Melanie V. Binion
*Demarcus A. Burnett
*Ashley Callahan
*Hana Solis Cortista
James M.C. Driscoll
*Brian D. Gannon
Joel Esparza Gomez
Troy Garner Harris
Teri Lynne Horsley
Amber Huckaby
Sharon Huff
*Chi R. Isom-Brown
*Keelay Moore James

*Phuoc Tan Mai
Victor Eric Mambu
*Rachel M. Mangan
*Nicole Alexis McHenry
*Monica Moore
*Deborah S. Richardson
Alaric Shaye Southall
Dana N. Stafford-Menefee
*Karen Stefano
*William Rashard Ward
*Susan Kaylee White

Robyn Olson
*Ruth E. Randall
*Andrea Randall-Luyties
Cody Riker
Chrisanna Jane Rogers
*Seth Bryant Sheffield
*Randi Lin Shetley
Karl Adam Smith
*Kayleigh Jade Smith
Cory Dean Squires
*Lisa Elaine Treger

MASTER OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM

*Terrisa E. Buford
*Yara Yesenia Enamorado
*Nicole Elizabeth Gamboni
*Peyton Hanners
Antonio Hebert
*Aimee Elizabeth Hudec
Darryl G. Orrell
*Christina Thomas Hill
Glenda L. Williams

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEATRE

*Serra R. Barrett
*Timothy Duane Bourn
*Ann Elizabeth Broda
*Gilda Gigi Caballero
Andrew Casey Davis
*Elizabeth Susan DeVault
*Allison Lauren Filomeno
*Erin Suzanne Foreman
Kristin L. Gagliardi
*Kensa Zubida Gilliam
*Jennifer Guerriero
*Vincent Phillip Herrera
*Luke Hoefer
*Zachary Kevin Kattwinkel
Nanette Riddle Kearn
Carolyn Little
*Olivia M. Hidalgo-Hardeman McDonald
Susan Muermann Nelson

*Designates December graduate

Faculty of the School of Communication & the Arts

Peter J. Fraser, Ph.D.	Director, Associate Professor, English & Communication Studies
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Kevin R. Crawford, Ph.D.	Visiting Assistant Professor, English & Communication Studies
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Barbara R. Harrington, Ph.D.	Associate Professor, Media & Visual Arts
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Peggy M. Southerland, B.A.	Professional-in-Residence, Chair, Media & Visual Arts/Performing Arts & Music
Nathan A. Tillett, MFA	Lecturer, Media & Visual Arts
Carrie K. White, Ph.D.	Associate Professor, English & Communication Studies
Vincent F. Williams, MFA	Associate Professor, Media & Visual Arts
David X. Xu, MFA	Associate Professor, Media & Visual Arts

Message from the Director

Congratulations graduates! It has been our joy to come alongside to help you develop as artists and communicators in service of Christ the Lord. This year ended differently than any of us imagined it would, but it has ended, and you have achieved your principle goal of attaining an advanced degree and preparing yourself for a new vocation.

So, the journey is now yours. The world will tell you that the path ahead should be toward success, security, and influence. We hope you follow a different way as result of your time at Regent, a way of excellence and perseverance, but shaped by our Lord's example of meekness, service, charity, and submission.

Dream big. Be great. Never make excuses. Enjoy every step. Just also be Christlike. Be different. The world will not understand you, but this old, wheezing world needs you.

And remember to come see us from time to time to tell your tale.

Peter Fraser, Ph.D.

Director

School of Communication & the Arts

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!

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“We Are More
Than Conquerors.”

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.