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Class of 2010 pumped up for life



Emory graduates are enthusiastic about starting a new adventure.

By CAROL CLARK

Emory's 165th Commencement began as a bright and breezy affair on May 10. The morning sparkled with the kind

ly sound of bagpipes. Then the platform party began its march to the podium. Tasseled heads swiveled as murmurs of "Arnie!" whisked through the crowd. All eyes focused on the iconic face of Commencement speaker, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

President Jim Wagner told the graduates. "To me, you are a class of 'bigness.' You seem to understand the value of belonging to something bigger than yourself. You have a deep sense of how education enables you to commit to the public good, as well as the private one that allows you to tack a diploma on your wall."

The Class of 2010, Wagner said, forged trust and understanding amid tumultuous events, from news of a mass shooting on the Virginia Tech campus, to the H1N1 flu epidemic and the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Oxford illuminates life's path

By MARY LOFTUS

For graduating sophomore Apraha Henry-Fisher, her two years at Oxford College meant trying new things: joining a social club, shaving her head. "My time here was really great and challenging, I enjoyed it a lot," said Henry-Fisher, who will be going on to Emory in the fall.

The Oxford College of Emory University Class of 2010 — 331 strong, in total — gathered May 8 under the shadow of Seney Hall to receive their Associate of Arts degrees.

Members of Oxford's Class of 1960, clad in gold robes, gathered as well to take part in the ceremony and mark the 50th anniversary of their own commencement.

"We give thanks for today, and gratitude for those who came before us," said Oxford College Chaplain Lyn Pace. "Their golden robes illuminate the path for the Class of 2010 . . . a life that bends toward justice and mercy."

Commencement speaker Dennis Liotta, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Chemistry at Emory, said his son, John Liotta '96Ox-'02C, developed at the college "a love of reading and writing that he has never lost."

"Oxford provides a nurturing environment where students learn how to learn, learn how to lead, and learn how to recognize the important things in life," Liotta said.

Liotta is the inventor of

of crystalline light that magnifies colors and spirits.

The 3,969 graduates took their places with measured decorum, backed by the state-

"Each class seems to forge a distinct identity for itself,"

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Alumni ceremonies are largest ever

By ERIC RANGUS

This year's Candlelight Crossover was perfect. Almost. The weather was pleasant, a record 130 alumni guests mingled in the parking lot ready to welcome the members of the Class of 2010 as they crossed the Houston Mill Bridge, symbolically stepping from the student world into the alumni one. All the refreshments were ready for the guests, and all the cameras were posted ready to record the festivities.

Just one thing went wrong.

There weren't enough candles to go around.

So many graduating seniors took part in the seven-year old tradition that after the contents for the first box of 750 candles were distributed, Emory staff had to scramble to fetch more. Which they did.

Eventually, every senior had his or her own candle for the walk, which took 30 minutes to complete, and at some 800-plus participants, was the largestever crossing.

The crossover was a spectacular way to kick off Emory Commencement Weekend, May 6-10, the five-day, campuswide celebration that culminates in the graduation of a new class. For the Emory Alumni Association it's a great opportunity to welcome more than 3,900 new alumni into the community.

While Emory Commencement Weekend is a celebration of the University's present and future (the Class of 2010), it also marks a return to campus for classes from the past.

The undergraduate Class of 1960, from Emory College, business and nursing, held its reunion over the weekend. Its members were inducted into Corpus Cordis Aureum, the EAA's alumni group from 50 years ago or earlier.

As with the Candlelight Crossover, the reunion for the Class of 1960 was a largest 50-year gathering ever, which led to the largest class — 97 inductees — of new Corpus Cordis Aureum members. "The Golden Corps of the Heart" now numbers more than 600.

And so the flame keeps burning.

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Commencement

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS 'Be hungry to make your mark'



In his keynote speech, Schwarzenegger stresses the importance of public service.

BY THE NUMBERS Total number of 2010

graduates: 3,906

Total number of degrees awarded: 3,969

Undergraduate degrees: 2,017

Graduate degrees: 1,417

Professional degrees: 522

Percent of male graduates: 42.7

Percent of female graduates: 57.3

States represented: 47

Countries represented: 76

Age of youngest graduate: 19

Age of oldest undergraduate:

Oldest degree recipient: 71 (Master of Public Health)

Military service veterans graduated: 21

Average GPA of Emory College graduates: 3.38

Percent of Emory College graduates with GPA of 3.5 or higher: **45.5**

Time of Arnold Schwarzenegger's Commencement address: 23 minutes, 32 seconds

Number of movie lines quoted in Commencement address: 5

Number of candles used in crossover ceremony: 1,000

Number of frames shot by University Photography: 2,758

*Registrar figures correct as of May 6. Other figures may be estimates.

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By ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER • Don't be afraid to fail

begin by I want to congratulating today's graduates. And that is all of you: the amazing men and women of Emory University's Class of 2010!

You are our nation's newest nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, ministers, artists, scientists, business leaders and the list goes on and on.

I was wondering what I should be talking about here today. So I sent my staff out and did a little survey here among some of the students. It was interesting: 17 percent want me to be inspirational. 23 percent want me to give practical advice. And 30 percent just want [your] money back for Jingle All the Way." The other 30 percent wanted me to say the following lines:

• Ignore the naysayers

• Stay hungry

Imagine you're 15 years old and you're in Austria and you say to people, 'I want to be the bodybuilding champion of the world.' Of course they say, 'but wait a minute, this is not an Austrian sport...' But I had it very clear in my vision and I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a bodybuilding champion. I started training one hour a day, two hours a day, three hours a day. By the time I was in military service, at age 18, I trained four to five hours a day. And I became the youngest Mr. Universe ever at the age name, Schwarzen-schnitzel or whatever your name is. That's never going to sell any tickets.'

But you know something? I didn't listen to them. I started working very hard, just like I did with bodybuilding. Five, six hours a day, I went to acting classes, speech classes, dialogue classes, accent removal classes...

And slowly everything started happening. All of those liabilities that they talked about started turning into assets...I went from one movie to the next and started making more and more money until I ended up becoming the highest-paid actor, with \$30 million for "Terminator III." ... This is why I try to tell ago. Because she changed the world by starting the Special Olympics movement. And she is a shining example of the chain reaction that begins simply by one person taking that simple step forward...

And I believe that we each have that same responsibility... to use our voice to serve and to make a difference. I take that responsibility really seriously.

And that it is why I ran for governor of the great state of California, because I knew that I could reach out to 38 million people. That is why it gives me such satisfaction today.

You all should go and be hungry for success, you should be hungry to make your mark,

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- Hasta la vista, baby.
- It's not a tumor. It's not a tumor at all.
- Crush your enemies. See them driven before you and hear the lamentation of their women.
- I'll be back. [Laughter.]

So now that we have that out of the way... I really want to talk to you about my rules for success. And about visualizing your dreams.

[These] are key principles that have brought me incredible success in several careers, from bodybuilding to acting and from public service to politics:

- Work like hell
- Trust yourself
- Break some rules

of 20. So much for 'it can't be done.'

And right after that, I went after my next goal, which was to come to America. ...So I immigrated here and kept training and training hours every day...

By the time I was finished with bodybuilding I won 13 world championship titles, more than anyone.

And then again I was hungry to move on, because you can't do bodybuilding for the rest of your life.... and I knew that it was acting that I wanted to get into.

But again I faced the same obstacles. I talked to agents and they said to me, 'you cannot.' And I said, 'I don't want to just become an actor, I want to be a leading man.' They said 'forget about it' and they laughed. 'I mean, with your accent, no one has become a leading man with your accent. And with your body, look at all those bumps sticking out... And your

you, anything and everything can be done if you can visualize it and if you believe in yourself.

I know that one of the reasons you invited me here today was to honor my commitment to public service. That is a great honor coming from a university that has distinguished itself through service.

I know that you're not just famous all over the country and all over the world because of the great education that you provide here, but also because of the extraordinary service of reaching out into the community and the state.

As a matter of fact, one my favorite things that you do here is host the Georgia Special Olympic games. What a great accomplishment — you have been doing this at this university for two decades.... And I want to thank you on behalf of my mother-in-law, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who started Special Olympics more than 40 years and you should be hungry to be seen and be heard and to have an effect out there....

Start with simple things, like coaching a school soccer team, or helping a child learn to read, or deliver meals to someone who is homebound.

Use your power and potential and make this nation, and this world, a better place. It worked for this immigrant who came over here to this country with \$20 in his pocket. And I guarantee it will work for you, too, the 2010 graduates of Emory University. I am proud of each and every one of you, of how far you've come. And I know you're going to make great, great contributions to this state and to the world.

This is an excerpt from Schwarzenegger's Arnold 2010 Commencement address at Emory. To watch the full address, visit www.emory.edu/ EMORY_REPORT.

KAY HINTON

DIPLOMA CEREMONIES



Nursing graduates are ready to make a difference.

KAY HINTON

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Dean Jan Love echoed the words of Jesus in the Great Commission in her remarks to Candler's 171 graduates, enjoining them to "Go," as Jesus commands his disciples in Matthew 28:16-20. "Go spread the good news of love, grace, hope, service, justice, sharing, and restored relationships....Go, even though you may feel like wavering even as you worship...Go...knowing you are equipped to lead and change the world," she said. Love recognized the Class of 2010 as Candler's largest graduating class in

recent history. In all, there were four master of theological studies/Juris Doctor, 20 master of theological studies, 133 master of divinity, and 14 master of theology degree recipients.

—Laurel Hanna

EMORY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

"We feel pride in your accomplishments," Dean Robert A. Paul told fresh graduates of Emory College, "and privileged to have participated in your education."

Paul, outgoing dean after nine years, presided over a ceremony at which 2,017 undergraduates — the oldest 59, the youngest 19 — received their diplomas,

with 45.5 percent of them earning a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or over.

Paul singled out for special notice the 184 students in the Honors Program, "a concentrated and rigorous program of academic inquiry," as well as all graduating members of Phi Beta Kappa.

—David Raney

Graduates gave the School of Law the largest class gift ever.

GARY W. MEEK

NELL HODGSON WOODRUFF SCHOOL OF NURSING

Global humanitarian and nurse practitioner Twilla Haynes '80N encouraged graduates of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing to carve out their own place in nursing history by serving others.

"The image of the nurse around the world is synonymous with helping the most vulnerable of individuals, families and communities," she said to 112 nursing graduates. "This is our commitment. It is part of our DNA code and our moral fiber to feed a starving child, to care for sick children, to educate moms, to support the elderly and those most fragile in our communities. Remember: get involved, stay active, and you will make a difference."

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The nursing school awarded 101 bachelor of science in nursing degrees, one dual-degree masters in nursing and public health, six masters of nursing, and four post-master's degrees.

—Jasmine Hoffman

ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Fighting for social justice is "something that you feel in your bones," Sarah Holewinksi told graduates of the Rollins School of Public Health.

"I can't stop war," said Holewinski, executive director of the Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict. "What I can do is use my knowledge to make things right. Genuine change comes from the sum of everything I do and everything you do."

The RSPH Class of 2010 included 317 master of public health, 11 master of sci-

recipients. Another 25 students received PhDs from the graduate school. Graduate Jean Cadet received the

James W. Alley Award for his work as a physician in Haiti, among other accomplishments. The award honors a graduating student, who in the eyes of faculty and students, provides the greatest service to disadvantaged populations during his/her career.

ence in public health, one master of sci-

ence in biostatistics, and 30 dual-degree

-Pam Auchmutey

GOIZUETA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Dean Larry Benveniste said to the Class of 2010, "Our community is special and we continually strive to live up to the ideals embodied by Roberto C. Goizueta. Based on your accomplishments at Goizueta, we know you will eagerly meet new challenges and take on leadership roles. We expect tremendous things from you."

welcomed the graduates into the Alumni Association. Olga C. de Goizueta, widow of Roberto C. Goizueta, congratulated

SCHOOL OF LAW

"We are leaders. When we see an issue or problem, we do something about it," Most Outstanding Third-Year Student Jason Esteves told the 260 law graduates. "These are difficult times, but that is when our class does its best." cover the possibilities of unplanned moments." During the Hooding and Diploma

Chip Gross, past president of the Goizueta Business School Alumni Board, and shook hands with each graduate.

The business school awarded 708 degrees: 294 BBAs, 206 Full-Time MBAs, 78 Evening MBAs, 36 Modular Executive MBAs, 82 Weekend Executive MBAs, and 12 PhDs.

-Nicole Golston

Most Outstanding Professor Frank S. Alexander spoke about the "gift of uncertainty," which "allows us to disCeremony, the Class of 2010 presented a check for \$107,025 to Dean David F. Partlett — the largest class gift in the school's history.

—Liz Chilla

JAMES T. LANEY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Laney Graduate School recognized the recipients of 118 master's degrees and 257 doctoral degrees. Around 200 of the newly minted PhDs participated in the traditional hooding ceremony at the Schwartz Center, and around 50 master's graduates were honored in a separate ceremony. Two programs honored their first graduates: Pawel Jurczyk received a PhD in computer science and informatics, and Ya-Lin Huang and Lydia Ogden received PhDs in health services research and health policy.

Dean Lisa A. Tedesco congratulated the graduates on their achievements, and urged them to take with them some of the spirit of Emory and a commitment to pursue knowledge that addresses the most important problems of our day.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The School of Medicine had a total of 127 graduates, including 11 MD/PHD, 16 MD/MPH, three MD/MS, one MD/ MBA, and seven cum laude graduates — the most the school has ever graduated.

Donald Berwick, head of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement who earlier in the day received an honorary doctor of science degree from Emory, keynoted the medical school ceremony. Berwick shared a story from his time as a medical student, about an invaluable lesson he learned in India from a young boy living on the streets. The graduates and their families and friends gave Berwick a standing ovation. Berwick has been nominated by President Obama to head the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

Health Professions

In the medical school's ceremony for allied health graduates, 80 students received degrees in the following programs: 15 in physician assistant; 42 in physical therapy; and 23 in medical imaging.

—Kay Torrance

OXFORD: Don't let others 'define your potential'



Oxford graduates step toward their next phase.

ANN BORDEN

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medicines taken by 94 percent of those with HIV in the United States, but his own path toward becoming an accomplished scientist and professor at a major research university was not always smooth.

The take-away lesson, he told Oxford graduates, is not to let others "define your potential. Only you can determine what you're capable of achieving."

As director of the Emory Institute for Drug Discovery and the Republic of South Africa Drug Discovery Training Program, Liotta told the crowd that through his work with HIV/AIDS he has learned that being a novice in a field can be an advantage, and that you can't sit back and wait for others to change the world. "Be proactive on an issue you are passionate about," he said. "And if, at some point, you find yourself wavering, think back to your time at Oxford and reset your compass." Dean of Campus Life Joe Moon presented the Eady Sophomore Service Award to Evan Clayton Dunn, an Oxford Bonner Leader who, among other activities, built Habitat for Humanity homes over spring break and chaired the sophomore class gift committee. Dunn, said Moon, "gets things done but never seeks recognition. The breadth and depth of this student's service is extraordinary."

After President Jim Wagner conferred the degrees, Oxford Dean Stephen Bowen concluded the ceremony by congratulating the new graduates of Emory's original campus, saying to them: "You are a part of Oxford, and Oxford is a part of you, and we are delighted that it is so."

Graduate Brittany Echols found her mother, Kimberly Robinson, in the crowd. "I can't really talk about it or I get emotional," said Echols, who is going on to Emory in the fall as a psychology major. "I am so glad this is where I spent my first two years."

JEFFERSON AWARD University citizen Byrd dedicated to Emory



Rudolph P. Byrd (left) is congratulated by President Wagner.

KAY HINTON

By KIM URQUHART

This year's Commencement ceremony was especially poignant for Rudolph P. Byrd. The Goodrich C. White Professor of American Studies learned that he was to receive the Thomas Jefferson Award just days before undergoing hip replacement surgery.

"President Wagner said to me, 'be prepared to walk across the stage at Commencement to receive your citation'," Byrd recalls. "And I said, 'I'll be there!""

The Jefferson is the University's premier award for significant service to the institution through personal activities, influence and leadership.

"I'm tremendously moved that my colleagues would honor me in this way," he says. "I accept this award on behalf of all of my colleagues and the sense of community that we seek to build together."

Since arriving at Emory in 1991 as director of African American studies, Byrd has been dedicated to the University's growth in academic achievement and as a caring community.

He is the founding director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies at Emory, focused on the modern civil rights movement. He has been a leading builder of Emory's research library collections, the acquisition of the Alice Walker Archive providing a notable ship and teaching as one activity, each informing the other.

Larger projects, like establishing the Johnson Institute, are about collaboration and purpose.

"My starting point is always: What can I do to enhance the intellectual life of the university? What can I do to bring greater national attention to the excellent work we are doing here? And while it may start with a vision that I have, at every point along the way I work with colleagues across the university."

With his vision, energy, dedication to teaching and scholarship, and commitment to excellence, Byrd has helped bring to Emory outstanding faculty, grants, symposia and academic collaborations in Atlanta and beyond.

Byrd's commitment to service includes key roles with the Alice Walker Literary Society, the National Advisory Board for the Morehouse College Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Collection and the United Negro College Fund/Andrew W. Mellon Programs.

A noted literary scholar, Byrd has penned and edited several books. Just published is "The World Has Changed: Conversations with Alice Walker," which Byrd notes is the first book drawn from the Alice Walker archives in its opening year at Emory.

"I believe that Emory is an institution where it is possible to have a positive impact on the intellectual life of the university," he says. "That is what has kept me here and motivated me to do my best work."

example.

Byrd says he approaches scholar-

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SCHOLAR/TEACHER AWARD Holifield says honor represents all teachers

By LESLIE KING

"Why are Americans so religious, and how did they get that way?" It's a big question E. Brooks Holifield's latest scholarship attempts to answer "by looking at religion in Europe and America from a comparative perspective during the past 300 years," said the Charles Howard Candler Professor of American Church History.

Holifield received the 2010 University Scholar/Teacher Award, selected by Emory faculty on behalf of the United Methodist Church Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

"I am especially grateful to my deans and colleagues at the School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion," says Holifield. "It has been a superb community in which to work, and it has offered consistent encouragement, good constructive criticism, and a sense of collegiality that fosters the desire to work just a little harder."

Known as a consummate scholar, Holifield has written seven single-author books, receiving Book of the Year by the American Academy of Parish Clergy, the Albert C. Outler Prize of the American Society of Church History, and Outstanding Book by University Press Books for Public and



E. Brooks Holified (left) accepts his honor from President Wagner.

Secondary School Libraries. His research focuses on patterns of change in American religious history.

Holifield's scholarship has earned him numerous academic awards and fellowships, including three National Endowment for the Humanities grants and two of the highest theological education grants, a Louisville Institute Fellowship and a Henry Luce Fellowship. His academic guild elected him president of the American Society of

Church History.

When students describe his teaching, they regularly use the words "brilliant" and "passionate." His colleagues also recognize him as a master teacher who is generous in mentoring doctoral students and junior faculty.

"No one person fully deserves this award, for Emory is filled with people who commit themselves to both teaching and writing at a level of excellence that often leaves me in awe,'

Holifield says. "I see my reception of the award as a symbolic gesture that represents that company of dedicated teachers and scholars, and I feel, of course, deeply honored to have been this year's symbolic representative.

"I am pleased, too, that Emory offers such an award and gives it such a prominent place in its commencement ceremony, for it embodies the values that a good university should always be seeking to realize.'

CUTTINO AWARD Stokes had winning link with mentor

By CAROL CLARK

When Darrell Stokes joined the Emory biology faculty 37 years ago, the medieval historian George Cuttino took him under his wing. "He was a wonderful person, and brought out the best in other people," Stokes recalls of his late friend and mentor. "He shepherded me through my early years here, getting me involved, and showing me that you could have



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Faculty Awards

WILLIAMS AWARD FOR **DISTINGUISHED TEACHING**

• Luther Smith Jr., professor of church and community

• Richard Doner, professor of political science

• James Nagy, professor of math and computer science

• Deborah Elise White, associate professor of English

• Consuelo L. Kertz, professor of accounting

• Charles A. Shanor, professor of law

• Penelope England, professor of physical education, Oxford

• Stanley Foster, professor of global health

• J. William Eley, professor of hematology and oncology

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Excellence in Teaching: Rex D. Matthews, associate professor in historical theology

Faculty Person of the Year: E. Brooks Holifield, professor of American church history

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Distinguished Advising Award: Susan Tamasi, senior lecturer in linguistics

GOIZUETA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Mark F. Adler Prize for **Excellence in Teaching:** Clifton Green, associate professor of finance

Donald R. Keough Award for Excellence: Staff: Lisa Dupre, program coordinator, Alumni Relations & Development; Faculty: Peter Roberts, associate professor of organization and management

Evening MBA Distinguished Core Educator Award: Kathryn Kadous, associate professor of accounting

Evening MBA Distinguished Elective Educator Award: Patrick Noonan, associate professor in information systems

Modular Executive MBA Distinguished Educator Award: Al Hartgraves, professor of accounting

Weekend MBA Distinguished Educator Award: Shehzad Mian, associate professor of finance

MBA Classic Faculty Award: Ray Hill, assistant professor in the practice of finance

MBA Junior Faculty Award: Ryan Hamilton, assistant professor

a research career and still be a great teacher. He helped me become a complete faculty member, and not just someone isolated in a lab."

That made winning the 2010 George P. Cuttino Award for Excellence in Mentoring all the sweeter for Stokes, professor and director of undergraduate studies for biology. For more than three decades, Stokes did groundbreaking research into the structural, biochemical and biophysical properties of muscles, always involving students in the work of his lab.

The spirit of the many happy discussions that Stokes had with Cuttino live on, in the conversations Stokes enjoys with his students. "My view is that students already know a lot," Stokes says. "My role as a mentor is to help them realize all that they know, and to discover who they really are. I guide them as they build a scaffold, a place to put all of their knowl-

Outgoing Dean Bobby Paul congratulates Darrell Stokes (left).

edge and choices, to see how it can all fit together."

His love of teaching also fills his spare time. During school breaks, Stokes travels to a village in Ecuador, where he volunteers in a program that encourages young kids to stay in school.

Mentoring has its costs, admits Stokes. "The price you pay is that you get attached. Students have power over you that you don't realize until it's time to separate," he says. "That makes Commencement bittersweet."

Just then, graduating senior Paul Evans popped in to see Stokes, cradling a puppy that he's just adopted from the pound. Evans introduces his

new dog, named Madden.

"If I ever need anything, I know that I can call Dr. Stokes," Evans says. "We'd both walk to the ends of the Earth for each other."

Madden rests with calm assurance next to Evans. Although just a puppy, he clearly senses his great luck at finding a true, lifelong friend.

of marketing

BBA Distinguished Educator Award: Mary Sevier, lecturer in accounting

ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Thomas F. Sellers Jr. Award: Aryeh Stein, associate professor of global health

Student Government Professor of the Year: Patrick Kilgo, senior associate in biostatistics and bioinformatics

SCHOOL OF LAW

Most Outstanding Professor: Frank Alexander, professor of law

Ben F. Johnson Teaching **Awards:** Peter Hay, L.Q.C. Lamar Professor of Law and Nathaniel E.

Gozansky, professor of law

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Evangeline Papageorge Teaching Award: Joyce Doyle, associate professor of medicine

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McMULLAN AWARD Seitz wins for engaged, exceptional scholarship



Scot Seitz accepts his award from Joanne Brzinski.

ANN BORDEN

By BEVERLY CLARK

Graduate Scot Seitz is the 2010 winner of the Lucius Lamar McMullan Award, one of Emory's highest student honors that also comes with \$20,000 no strings attached.

He was nominated by several administrators, staff and faculty for his exceptional scientific research and engaged scholarship, combined with a dedication to community building.

The award, endowed by Emory alumnus William L. Matheson in honor of his uncle.

The double major in biology and women's studies finished his degree last December with a near-perfect 3.99 GPA. He used his research background in

public health and epidemiology to write an honor's thesis examining disproportionate rates of HIV infection in African American women.

Seitz conducted research at the Rollins School of Public Health under the guidance of professors Christine Moe, director of the Emory Center for Global Safe Water, and Juan Leon, including a research project in Bolivia to study ecological sanitation, and has presented that research nationally and internationally.

Seitz will spend the next two years working for Teach For America in Atlanta then attend graduate school for a master's in public health and doctorate in epidemiology.

Five awarded honorary degrees



Also in the spotlight at Commencement was longtime civil rights leader Rev. Joseph Lowery, who received a doctor of divinity degree.

"Inspired by a radical message of love and freedom, peace and humility, you have devoted your life to building your beloved community," said President Jim Wagner in presenting Lowery with an honorary degree.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger; Institute for Healthcare Improvement President and CEO Donald M. Berwick; author Melissa Fay Greene; and former World Bank president James D. Wolfensohn were also presented with honorary degrees at Emory's 165th Commencement.

For more on the 2010 honorary degree recipients,

BRITTAIN AWARD Community building nets top honor for Kappus



Alex Kappus

Graduate and outgoing Student Government Association president Alex Kappus' record of outstanding scholarship, leadership and service that has netted him Emory's highest student honor: The Marion Luther Brittain Award.

The award, which also comes with \$5,000, honors a graduate who has demonstrated exemplary service to both the University and the greater community without expectation of recognition.

Next year, Kappus, a political science major with a Chinese minor, plans to attend the University of Georgia to pursue a master's degree in college student affairs administration. He hopes to eventually work in university administration, and serve as a mentor to students to help them engage in the classroom and connect that with the outside world.

"I initially came to Emory expecting that I would go to law school, but from my experiences here, I feel called to work in this field," Kappus says. "I'm happy that people pushed me to excel and reach my potential, and I hope to do the same in my career."

In addition to numerous volunteer activities through his fraternity Alpha Tau Omega and the Catholic Center at Emory, Kappus founded SYNERGY, focused on building community within Emory and beyond campus. He received an Emory Humanitarian Award for this and other work.

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From Oxford, a direct line to Emory's history

By CATHY WOOTEN

Commencement is a special moment for every graduate, but for one Emory senior who received her diploma May 10, the day was uniquely historic. Hena Chun '08Ox-'10C is the great-great granddaughter of Yun Ch'i-ho 1893C, a Korean who was Emory's first international student. Chun is the first of Yun's direct descendants to

graduate from Emory. Yun Ch'i-ho

run Chi-no came to Emory when it was located on the original campus in Oxford, Georgia. While studying in Shanghai, he had met Young J. Allen 1858C, a Methodist mis-



sionary who encouraged him to continue his studies at Emory.

After receiving his degree Yun returned to Shanghai and later to Korea, where he was an influential political leader and newspaper editor. His influence is still felt in Korea; the words of the Korean national anthem are from "Aegukga," a poem written by Yun.

Chun grew up in New Jersey, and when it came time to apply for college Emory was the only school in the South that she considered, because of her great-great grandfather's importance in its history — and Emory's influence on him. After



Two generations of graduates. KAY HINTON

deciding definitely to come to Emory, she also decided to begin her college career on the Oxford College campus, as the actual place where Yun had studied.

Chun received a degree in economics, with concentrations in financial economics and business policy. Following graduation and a bit of travel, she will be working in New York with a company in the fashion industry.

Of her time at Emory, Chun says, "It is a very proud accomplishment for me not only that I graduated from a university as prestigious as Emory, but also that I attended the same university as my great-great grandfather."

Chun and her family can also take pride that ground for the richly diverse graduating class of 2010 was initially broken by their important forebear.



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"It was on your watch," Wagner told the graduates, that Emory was one of only three universities to receive the Presidential Award for General Community Service — the highest federal honor a university can receive for its commitment to volunteering and civil engagement.

Schwarzenegger, who is famous for dreaming big, pumped up the graduates ANN BORDEN

out years before they were born.

He told the students to remember these key principles as they set off into the world: "Work like hell. Trust yourself. Break some rules. Don't be afraid to fail. Ignore the naysayers. And stay hungry."

Schwarzenegger described how in the midst of his growing career, he was asked to train a group of Special Olympians in weight lifting. One boy was afraid to bench press a weight, but by the end of the day, he did it. "He jumped up and gave a high five to everyone in the room," Schwarzenegger recalls. "When I saw that kid go from terror to self-confidence, that was the big winner for me. I was reaching out to someone who needed help." He acknowledged Emory for serving more than 20 years as the Georgia host for the Special Olympics, a program started by his mother-in-law, Eunice Shriver, that is now in 167 countries. "She is a shining example of the chain reaction that begins simply by one person taking that single step forward," he said. California governor, \mathbf{As} Schwarzenegger said he is proud of thinking big and making changes, including workers' compensation reform and helping to wake up the federal government to the dangers of climate change. "Use your power and potential to make this nation, and this world, a better place," Schwarzenegger said. "It worked for this immigrant who came over here to this country with \$20 in his pocket. And I guarantee it will work for you. too."

with humor and heartfelt advice.

"I was going to give a graduation speech in Arizona this weekend, but with my accent I was afraid they would deport me," he joked, referring to the controversial new immigration law in that state.

The Austrian native told the graduates how as a teenager he wanted to become a bodybuilding champion, but he was discouraged by naysayers. He worked hard, and became the youngest Mr. Universe ever at the age of 20. Then he came to America with empty pockets, but "full of dreams and full of desire," he said.

He wanted to be an actor — a leading man, no less — but once again, he was told that would be impossible, with his unusual looks and thick German accent. "I started working very hard, just like I did with bodybuilding," he said. And slowly, "all of those liabilities they talked about started turning into assets. Can you imagine 'I'll be back,' without my accent?" he asked.

Schwarzenegger's signature line from "The Terminator" resonated with the graduates, although the movie came





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